



CONSTITUTION

BY-LAWS

REGULATIONS

PROTECTED LISTS
AND
DRAFT RULES AND REGULATIONS

CODE OF DISCIPLINE

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MARITIME JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE
CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME

The organization shall be known as the "Maritime Junior Hockey League" hereinafter referred to as the "League".

ARTICLE II - AUTHORITY

- 2.1 The League, operating with the approval and under the authority and jurisdiction of the Hockey Nova Scotia, Hockey New Brunswick and PEIHA, shall be comprised of Junior "A" Hockey Clubs from the provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.
- 2.2 The League will, prior to the commencement of the regular season play, register with Hockey Nova Scotia, Hockey New Brunswick, or Hockey Prince Edward Island.

ARTICLE III – OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 The objectives of the Maritime Junior Hockey League are as follows:
- a) To foster and encourage the support of amateur Junior "A" hockey throughout Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island;
 - b) To sponsor and encourage clean hockey and to discourage unsportsmanlike tactics by either individual players or team officials;
 - c) To assist and promote the development of minor hockey and other junior hockey in its area of jurisdiction, as authorized by the governing branch and/or Hockey Canada;
 - d) To co-operate with educational institutions to ensure that hockey does not adversely interfere with a student's education;
 - e) To ensure that the basic human rights of all individuals are respected; and
 - f) To supervise and carry out hockey contests with the League and to eventually declare a League champion.
- 3.2 The MHL shall provide an elite Junior A hockey environment with a special emphasis of academics and athletic excellence.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

- 4.1 The League shall be comprised of bona fide teams within the boundaries of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

NAME OF MEMBER	TEAM NAME
3267389 Nova Scotia Ltd	Valley Junior "A" Wildcats
Amherst Junior "A" Hockey Club 1997	Amherst Jr. "A" Ramblers
3260405 Nova Scotia Limited	South Shore Lumberjacks
Tri-Star Junior A Hockey Limited	Yarmouth Junior A Mariners
Miramichi Junior Hockey Club Inc	Miramichi Timberwolves
Club de Hockey le Blizzard Inc	The Edmundston Blizzard
Weeks Hockey Organization	Pictou County Weeks Crushers Junior A Hockey Club
Campbellton Jr."A" Tigers Hockey Club	Campbellton Junior A Tigers
Powerplay Entertainment Inc	Summerside Western Capitals
Grand Falls Junior A Hockey Team Inc.	Grand Falls Rapids
Truro Junior "A" Bearcats Hockey Club	Truro Junior "A" Bearcats
Charlotte County Hockey Club Inc	St Stephen Aces

- 4.2 (a) All MHL Clubs shall have a 100 kilometre protective area of operation of their club.
- (b) No new expansion franchise or sale of an existing franchise can be proposed within an existing Club's protective area unless waived in writing by the existing member.

ARTICLE V - AMENDMENTS

- 5.1 The Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations may be amended or altered at the Annual Meeting or a Special Meeting of the Organization, and then only by two-thirds majority of the members present at the Annual or Special Meeting.
- 5.2 No amendments or alterations to the Constitution, By-Laws or Regulations shall be considered at the Annual or Special Meeting unless such amendments or alterations shall have been submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Maritime Junior Hockey League for at least three (3) weeks prior to the date of the Annual or Special Meeting, and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to submit a copy of the proposed amendment or alteration to each member of the Executive and to each team representative at least one (1) week prior to the date of the Annual or Special Meeting.
- 5.3 Amendments may be proposed by MHL Member Teams in good standing and members of the MHL League Executive.

ARTICLE VI - MISCELLANEOUS

- 6.1 Where any matter is not dealt with within the Constitution, By-Laws or Regulations of the Maritime Junior Hockey League, but is dealt with within the handbook of the governing branch, then provisions of the said handbook shall apply. Provided, however, that any matter not dealt within either the Constitution, By-Laws or Regulations or the governing branch or in the Hockey Canada handbook shall be dealt with at any League meeting by a majority vote of the participating members of the teams present at such League meeting, provided such matter(s) is not in conflict with the Constitution By-laws and Regulations of Hockey Canada, Hockey Nova Scotia, Hockey New Brunswick and Hockey Prince Edward Island.
- 6.2 The principal office of the Maritime Junior Hockey League shall be located in the municipality where the president resides or in such place as he may designate.

MARITIME JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE

BY-LAWS

BY-LAW 1 - GOVERNORS

1.1 BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The League shall be governed by a Board of Governors which will establish the policies of the League, and uphold the Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations, as provided herein.

1.2 APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNOR

- a) Each member shall appoint an individual as a Governor of the League and one alternate. A Coach, Coach/General Manager or a General Manager is not acceptable as Governor or as an Alternate Governor unless such Coach, Coach/General Manager or General Manager owns at least 50% of the shares of the member.
- b) Such appointment shall be in writing signed by the member and a true copy thereof shall be filed with the President of the League.
- c) Any member may at any time in writing revoke its Governor and appoint another Governor to represent it.

1.3 MEETINGS OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS

- a) The Board of Governors shall meet at least once per quarter year. The schedule for such meetings shall be made prior to July 1st each year
- b) Notice of such meetings shall be sent by E-Mail, facsimile, or by telephone to each Governor not less than seven (7) days before the meeting is to take place.
- c) At any and all meetings of members of the Board of Governors, unless otherwise stated, each member of the League shall be entitled to have present at such meeting two (2) representatives.
- d) In the event of a Governor or alternate being unable to attend a meeting, the member may appoint by a similar writing filed with the Chairman of the Board prior to the meeting, an alternate Governor to represent it at such a meeting with all the power of Governor.
- e) The Governor or his alternate shall, by reason of his appointment, be vested with the full power to represent the member and to bind it by his vote.

- f) A quorum for all meetings of the League shall be two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the League.
- g) If within thirty (30) minutes from the time appointed for meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the following week at the same time and place, and if at such adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within thirty (30) minutes from the time appointed for the meeting, the members present shall be a quorum.
- h) At all meetings of the League, representation of each member by its Governor or Alternate shall be compulsory. Failure to have representation, unless detained by car accident or weather, shall result in the Member being subject to a fine of five hundred (\$500) dollars.
- i) Except where otherwise required, all motions shall be decided by majority of votes with each member having one (1) vote. In the case of equality of votes the motion shall be defeated.
- j) All votes at any such meeting shall be taken by secret ballot if so demanded by any Governor present, but if the demand is not made the vote shall be taken in the usual way by assent or dissent.
- k) Abstention from voting by a member shall cause a fine of one hundred (\$100) dollars to be levied against the member.
- l) Voting by proxy shall not be permitted at any meeting of the Board of Governors or Committees
- m) The most recent Robert Rules of Order shall apply at all meetings of the League and its committees at which a jurisdictional dispute arises.

1.4 **DUTIES OF THE GOVERNORS**

- a) To elect the Chairman of the Board. The Chairman of the Board shall be elected on an annual basis.
- b) To approve, amend or alter the League's Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations.
- c) To approve League expansion by the admission of new team(s) and to set the Franchise fee applicable to new team(s) entering the League.
- d) To approve the League's divisions and the alignment of League teams within those divisions, the schedule and playoff format.

- e) To approve the expulsion of any team from the League, set any conditions, penalties of disciplinary action against such team or team(s) so expelled from the League.
- f) To hire a president and other employees as may from time to time be deemed necessary.
- g) To approve the League's Supplemental Code of Discipline and to make recommendations to the Branches for changes to the Branches Codes of Discipline as they relate to Junior "A" hockey. Proposed amendment procedure would be filing amendment(s) with the MHL President outlining details and endorsed by team signing authorities, with a copy sent to all team members two weeks previous to the annual meeting or special meeting called for that purpose.
- h) To administer League discipline against teams for violation of any provisions of the League Constitution, By-Laws, Regulations or Protected Lists.
- i) To designate an Executive Member to administer the League's disciplinary matters for the operation of Teams in the League and the conduct of team officials, players or club organizations during the year.
- j) To appoint a Director of Finance.
- k) A Member Team may request, in writing, the Chairman of the Board of Governors to establish a special committee to investigate player movements, tampering violations, recommended release procedures (if appropriate) and the amount of compensation and/or fine to be levied to the Board of Governors for its approval.
- l) To establish other committees as may, from time to time, be deemed necessary.
- m) To appoint an executive member to act as the Secretary for meetings of the Board of Governors.
- n) To appoint, at each annual meeting, an auditor or auditors to hold office until the next annual Meeting.
- o) To appoint a Management Committee whose members shall be the past Chairman, Chairman of the Board of Governors and Vice-Chairman. The President will sit as a non-voting member. The Management Committee shall report only to the Governors, and shall formulate and recommend policy and

procedures to the Governors for approval. All meetings of the Management Committee shall be chaired by the Chairman.

BY-LAW II - MANAGEMENT

- 2.1 The day to day operations of the of the Maritime Junior Hockey League shall be vested in the Executive Committee consisting of the President and appointed Vice-Presidents.
- 2.2 As an officer of the League Executive, each officer, except appointees, shall be elected for a two (2) year term at the Annual Meeting of the League by participating members of the teams present at the Annual Meeting in accordance with these By-Laws.
- 2.3 The Protest Committee of the League shall be the Executive Committee. The committee may appoint an independent person as an alternate.
- 2.4 The Appeals Committee shall consist of the Executive Committee. In the case of an appeal of a decision of an Executive member, the member shall not take part in the appeal hearing.
- 2.5 The League Audit Committee shall consist of three (3) people, two shall be members of the Board of Governors and the Director of Finance. The members of the Audit Committee shall be appointed the Annual Meeting.
- 2.6 The League Executive shall have the sole jurisdiction in the following matters:
 - a) Discipline
 - b) Interpretation of the Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations
 - c) Minor officials
 - d) The calling of League meetings as established by the By-Laws
 - e) The League schedule, and re-scheduling of regular League games
 - f) Playoff games
 - g) The conducting of all League meetings
 - h) The conducting of the annual draft
 - i) Any other areas which may from time to time be designated by the participating teams.

2.7 **General Managers Committee**

- a) The General Managers Committee shall consist of the League Executive and the General Managers or designate of each member team. The President or his designate Vice-President shall act as chairman of the committee.
- b) A quorum for the committee shall be two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the League.
- c) At all meetings of the committee, representation of each member by its General Manager or Alternate shall be compulsory. Failure to have representation, unless detained by car accident or weather, shall result in the Member being subject to a fine of five hundred (\$500) dollars.
- d) All motions shall be decided by majority of votes with each member team having one (1) vote. In the case of equality of votes the motion shall be defeated.
- e) The duties of the General Managers Committee shall include the following:
 - i) To uphold the polices of the League
 - ii) To make recommendations to the Board of Governors on the formulation and interpretation of the playing rules to be used in all league games
 - iii) To approve the league schedule
 - iv) To decide the league award winners
 - v) Other duties as may, from time to time, be designated by the Board of Governors.

BY-LAW III - DUTIES

3.1 DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT

The President shall report to the Management Committee and shall be charged with the management and supervision of the affairs and operations of the League including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following:

- a) shall have the power to fine, suspend or otherwise discipline any Member, Hockey Team, Coach, Player or other person prejudicial to the League participating in the League for unseemly conduct, or conduct off the ice, or for a breach of the League's Policies, Rules and Regulations, subject always to the right of Appeal as hereinafter provided;

- b) shall act as arbitrator in any dispute as to the ownership of Players between Members or between a Member and a team of any other League that may become affiliated with the League. Arbitration shall take place at the request of any Member or Player and shall include a complete investigation of the situation by the arbitrator;
- c) shall serve as a delegate of the League to the annual meetings of Hockey Nova Scotia or Hockey Canada or any meeting of either organization, or the meetings of committees or councils of either organization, or meetings of any other leagues or organization which may be deemed to be of importance to the operation of the League and shall be entitled to remuneration for expenses incurred in the exercise of such duties;
- d) shall perform the following secretarial functions:
 - i) keep or cause to be kept accurate minutes of all Member's Meetings and of all minutes of meetings of various committees appointed by Members and to ensure that these are circulated to all members on a timely basis;
 - ii) shall have care and custody of all official League records and papers; and
 - iii) shall prepare any such reports as may be ordered by the Members; and
 - iv) handle all correspondence, providing a timely and appropriate response or direct such correspondence to the appropriate person or committee;
- e) shall perform the following financial functions:
 - i) shall have the care and custody of the League corporate funds or securities;
 - ii) shall keep adequate and correct accounts of the League corporate funds, securities, corporate properties, and business transactions, including accounts of the League's assets and liabilities, receipts, disbursements, losses, capital, and surplus, in books which shall be the sole property of the League;
 - iii) shall deposit all monies and other valuable assets in the name of and to the credit of the League in such depositories as may be designated by the Board;
 - iv) shall disburse the League funds as may be ordered by the Board taking proper vouchers for such disbursements;
 - v) shall receive all dues, fines and assessments and shall make such payments as may be ordered by the Board;

- vi) prepare and mail out monthly invoices, and ensure payment of the same;
- vii) shall at each meeting of the Board along with the Director of Finance render to the Members a report of his receipts and disbursements;
- viii) shall, at the expiration of his term of office, account for and deliver to the Board all monies, books, papers and property received by him by virtue of his office and not previously turned over to him; and
- ix) shall annually along with the Director of Finance render to the Members a report of his receipts and disbursements as audited by the League's Auditor; and
- x) shall be required along with the Director of Finance to submit to the Management Committee a proposed budget for the forthcoming fiscal year, which shall be delivered to the Members along with notice of the Annual Meeting;
- f) shall secure the services of a statistician who shall perform the duties as prescribed by the Board from time to time, and shall supervise such statistician;
- g) shall liaise with the League Webmaster to see that the League Website is updated regularly;
- h) shall perform the following business development and marketing functions:
 - i. perform the League's marketing duties that align with the League's Marketing Policies and to liaise with all of the League's corporate partners, and to ensure the interests of both the League and the corporate partners in any promotional or sponsorship functions are adhered to by all Members;
 - ii. prospect for potential new opportunities for the League;
 - iii. cold call as appropriate within your market or geographic area to ensure a pipeline of opportunities for the League;
 - iv. meet potential clients by growing, maintaining, and leveraging the Maritime Junior Hockey League Brand;
 - v. Identify potential clients, and the decision makers within the client organization;

- vi. research and build relationships with corporate partners and sponsors; and
- vii. promote, grow and protect the Maritime Junior Hockey League brand and profile.
- i) shall supervise the public relations functions as prescribed by the Board from time to time;
- j) shall provide responses to media inquiries as necessary and as authorized by the Governors; and
- k) shall perform all other duties and functions, and exercise all other powers, as may be prescribed by the Management Committee of the Board of Governors from time to time.

3.2 DUTIES OF THE VICE – PRESIDENT(S)

- a) The Vice-President will, when required, act for the President under the terms of his office.
- b) Each Vice-President shall perform duties directed by the President or the Board of Governors.
- c) The Vice-Presidents shall be responsible to the President and the League as a whole for the carrying out of all rules and regulations and the enforcement of any decisions by the President and the Board of Governors.

3.3 Duties of the Director of Communications

- a) The Director of Communications, under the direction of the President, shall be responsible for gathering all information pertinent to the League operations and making same available to all news media.
- b) The Director of Communications shall be responsible for the guidance of operation of the individual team's publicity representatives as required upon approval of the President.
- c) The Director of Communications shall accept all prepared statements by the President or the Board of Governors for media releases as required.

- d) The Director of Communications shall, if directed by the President, hold one workshop prior to the start of regular season play for individual teams' publicity directors.
- e) The Director of Communications shall be responsible for the preparing and posting news stories on the League's website.

3.4 The Statistician, under the general supervision of the President, shall:

- a) Prepare League standings and statistics every week, beginning at the second week of the League schedule, distributing same to the media outlets who have been suggested by the member clubs, or who have indicated, to the Statistician, a desire to obtain this information.
- b) Advise the President of any action that, from the standpoint of statistics, should be taken to improve the image of the League, its member teams, officers, managers, coaches, players and of the Board of Governors.
- c) Verify that all players who have participated in League games are registered with the governing branch or the member branch in accordance with this constitution.
- d) Notify the President of team(s) failing to file reports as directed by the League. Fines for these violations will be established at the Annual Meeting.

3.5 The **Director of Finance**, shall report directly to the President, and be the Chair of the Finance Committee and in addition to the duties of the Finance Committee shall:

- a) be a member and chair of the Audit Committee;
- b) be a member of the Investment Fund Management Committee;
- c) be responsible for all aspects related to finance including communications, marketing plans and policies, licensing, MHL trademark management, inventory management, business planning, office management, technology and all aspects of financial to ensure the effective operation of the Maritime Junior Hockey League;
- d) be the Executive Committee's liaison and responsible for the monitoring of Office Staff;

- e) keep proper books of accounts;
- f) present along with the President to the Annual General Meeting and/or the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Maritime Junior Hockey League an Annual Report showing:
 - i. the unaudited results of the yearly operation of the Maritime Junior Hockey League including an annual budget;
 - ii. such other financial reports and matters as may appear to be of interest to the Maritime Junior Hockey League or that the Board of Governors of the Maritime Junior Hockey League may prescribe, including an annual budget;
- g) receive, in the name of the Maritime Junior Hockey League, all monies which shall be deposited in one or more chartered banks of the Maritime Junior Hockey League, and pay out of the funds of Maritime Junior Hockey League any costs, charges and expenses involved in the Administration and operation of the Maritime Junior Hockey League in accordance with the policies and guidelines as laid down from time to time;
- h) ensure the accounts of the Maritime Junior Hockey League are audited and reported upon annually by an auditor licensed pursuant to the Public Accountants Act, as may be appointed by the Board of Governors, as part of the cost of administration the Maritime Junior Hockey League;
- i) serve on committees as required by the Chairman of the Board or the President; and
- j) perform other duties as assigned by the Management Committee or President.

BY-LAW IV - MEMBERSHIP

- 4.1 Each participating member team shall have an executive to be known as the Team Executive, of not less than three (3) persons. Each team shall appoint a member as an alternate member of the Board of Governors. For the purpose of this By-Law, the team shall be deemed to be located in the area where it plays its home games.

- 4.2 Each participating team shall be entitled to have two (s) spokesmen at any League meeting, but only one (1) of these spokesmen from each team shall be entitled to vote at any League meeting. Prior to the commencement of any meeting, each team shall indicate to the Secretary who their voting representative shall be for that meeting.
- 4.3 The members shall maintain and operate a hockey team of the highest possible caliber for the purpose of engaging annually in a regular schedule of championship and playoff games with teams of the other members. Such annual regular schedule of games shall produce a minimum of twenty (20) games in the home rinks of each member.
- 4.4 Any person, firm, corporation or non-profit society of good repute and financial responsibility, and possessing the other requirements set forth herein, shall be eligible for membership in the League.
- 4.5 At the Annual General Meeting each member shall provide the President with a disclosure statement, in the form annexed hereto as Schedule "1", disclosing the exact nature of the ownership of such team parties' respective interests therein (whether share holders or not) and the manner in which such interests are held. If the owner of an interest is other than a natural person, then it shall disclose who are the parties thereto (whether shareholders or otherwise) until it is fully disclosed who the natural persons ultimately in the ownership of such a team and the extent thereto.
- 4.6 **ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS**
- a) The amount of the franchise fee for the League shall be One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand (\$125,000) Dollars.
- b) Applicants for membership in the League must file a letter of intent by January 1 of the year of the application accompanied by a certified cheque in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) payable to the league. If the application is rejected the Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) less reasonable expenses shall be refunded to the applicant. If the application is accepted and a franchise granted, the Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) shall be retained by the League and the applicant shall pay an amount of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) on the day that the application is accepted.
- c) The applicant shall pay an amount of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) on or before January 1st of the first season of membership.
- d) The applicant shall pay a final amount of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) on or before January 1st of the second season of membership.

- e) The affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members of the League shall be required for admission of a new member.
- f) Any fees due to the League shall be guaranteed to the League in a form acceptable to the League.
- g) Application for admission will only be considered and accepted provided that such application can show that there does already exist the nucleus for a good hockey club in the applicant's area.

4.7 In the case of dissolution of the League prior to or during any playing season, any team which is operating within the League for the first year shall not have any share in any of the disbursements of the League's assets.

4.8 **Certificate of Membership**

Each member shall be issued a Certificate of Membership signed by the President and Chairman of the League, certifying that the member is a member of the League and holds a franchise from the League to operate a hockey team in a designated location.

4.9 Any of the participating members teams may make written application to the President to alter any conditions of their operation at any time, providing the alteration, if approved by the League in writing, would not conflict with any of the provisions of the League's Constitution, By-laws or Regulations.

4.10 For the purpose of By-Law 4.9 the following shall be deemed to be conditions of the team's operation:

- a) Change of team's name
- b) Change of team's colors(s)
- c) Change of team's executive
- d) Change of location of home rink

- 4.11 A member may apply to the League to move its franchise permanently to another rink for home games under Section 4.9 at any time prior to, or during, the schedule. If the distance of such a move would be a distance of forty (40) kilometers or more, such move shall be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of all members at the Annual or Special Meeting called by the League Executive at which time the application is heard. If the distance of such a move would be a distance of less than forty (40) kilometers, such move shall be approved by the Board of Governors as stated in the By-Laws.

Transfer of membership

- 4.12 No membership may be sold, assigned, or otherwise transferred except:
- a) with the consent of two-thirds of all League members, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld;
 - b) upon the condition that the transferee will at all times be bound by and comply with all the terms, provisions of these By-laws and the rules and regulations of the League and;
 - c) upon the further condition that the transferee shall assume or guarantee to pay all debts, liabilities and obligations owed to the Branch, League, or any of its Members by the transferor member existing at the date of the transfer.
- 4.13 Transfer of membership shall not release the transferor of any of its debts, liabilities or obligations to the League existing at the date of transfer.
- 4.14 Upon the transfer of membership any and all interests of the transferor in and to any and all funds and any other assets of the League shall be vested in the transferee.

Transfer of interest in member teams

- 4.15 The transfer of any shares, through any means including the death of a shareholder, by an owner in a Corporation which owns directly or indirectly any interest in a member team shall be subject to approval of the Board of Governors as outlined in By-law 4.17.
- 4.16 No stockholder, partner or other person holding a controlling interest in a member, directly or indirectly, may transfer ownership of said interest, or ownership on any part of said interest, except with the consent of two-thirds of all League members.

- 4.17 The Board of Governors may refuse to accept a transfer of an interest in a member to any person seeking to become a stockholder, partner or other person holding an interest in a member, directly or indirectly should such person having direct or indirect ownership of an interest in any other member of the League or in any member of any other hockey league or for any reason that the Board of Governors feels would be in the best interest of the League. Such decision must be communicated in writing to such person or organization.

Vote on admission or transfer

- 4.18 The vote for admission of new members or for the transfer of a membership or for transfer of an interest of a member may be taken at any annual or special meeting of the Board of Governors of the League.

Leave of Absence

- 4.19 A leave of absence may be granted by the Board of Governors to any member team subject to the following conditions:
- a) The leave must be applied for by March 31 of the current playing season.
 - b) The leave must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the active league members.
 - c) Any leave of absence will be in effect for one year and may not be renewed for a second season.
 - d) A team not returning from a leave of absence will be considered disbanded and shall forfeit its franchise.
 - e) Notification to return to active status must be received by the President no later than March 31 of the year of the leave of absence.
 - f) League assessments totaling 70% of team assessments must be submitted when assessments are due for that playing season.
 - g) A team being granted a leave of absence may lay claim to six (6) players from their current Protected List which they may assign to other League members. In no case may the team assign more than two (2) players to any one team. These players must return to this team when the team returns to active status, or other arrangements are agreed to. The remaining players on their list will be distributed by means of a dispersal draft, and will no longer have any ties to the club being granted a leave of absence. The dispersal draft

shall be held prior to May 1st of the current season and shall be done in the reverse order of the previous season standings.

h) A team returning from a leave of absence shall select last in all drafts in the year of its return.

4.20 Any member granted a leave of absence shall forfeit its right to vote at league and Governor meetings while on leave but will have the right to attend all League meetings and to receive copies of all minutes, notices and correspondence which may be distributed to league members.

Voluntary Withdrawal

4.21 Any member of the League may withdraw from membership with consent of two-thirds (2/3) of all the members of the League either (a) by assigning its membership upon terms and conditions of Section 4.12 or (b) by tendering its written resignation to the President and surrendering its certificate of membership, making full payment of any and all dues or other debts owing to the League, and any and all debts owing to other members of the League and waiving, in writing, any claim to any and all funds and other assets of the League or its members.

Should the withdrawing member fail to comply with any of the above provisions, the League shall be entitled to retain as its sole property any and all fees, performance bonds, franchise fees or other League funds to which the member would otherwise be entitled.

Suspension or Expulsion of Membership

4.22 The membership of a Member may be suspended or terminated by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all members of the League, if the Member or its officials shall do or suffer any of the following:

- a) Willfully violate the provisions of these By-Laws or the Rules and Regulations of the League.
- b) Fail to comply with any directive or pay any dues or other indebtedness owing to the League within thirty (30) days after written notice from the League President.
- c) Disbands its team during the playing season, disbands its Team business organization or ceases its Team business.
- d) Fails to present its team at the time and place it is scheduled to play, provided that such game is duly scheduled in accordance with this constitution, unless

such non-appearance is caused by unavoidable accident in travel or conditions beyond the control of the Member or its Officers.

- e) Fail or refuse to fulfill its contractual obligations in such a way as to adversely affect the League or its members.
- f) Knowingly manipulates any promotion operated by the Member.
- g) Offers , agrees, conspires or attempts to lose any game participated in by its team, or fails to suspend immediately any officer, player or other employee who has been found to have offered, agreed, conspired, attempted to lose any such game or having an interest in any wager on any game in which a League team participates.

Suspension or Termination Procedure

4.23 The membership of a Member may be suspended **or** terminated on the occurrence of any of the events described in Section 4.22, hereof, by the following procedure:

- a) Any Governor of the League or the President may prefer charges that a member has violated a provision or provisions of Section 4.22. Said charges shall be made in writing and shall be filed with the League president who shall cause a copy thereof to be served by registered mail upon the member against whom such charges have been made.
- b) The member so charged shall, within ten (10) days after the receipt of such charges, file with the President its written answer thereto. The President shall thereupon transmit such charges and answers, if any, to the League Governors.
- c) If a majority of the League Governors, after an investigation, favors a hearing upon the charges, they shall direct the President to call a special League meeting to hear the charges, to be held not more than twenty one (21) days after the filing of the accused member's answer in the home city, town or community of the accused member. If, within fifteen (15) days after such answer is filed, a majority of the League Governors has not directed the President to call a meeting of the Governors to hear the charges, the said charges shall be dismissed.
- d) The Chairman of the Board shall preside at such a hearing.
- e) At the hearing, the Member so charged shall have the right to appear in person and to be represented by Counsel. Strict rules of evidence, as practiced in the courts, shall not apply and any relevant testimony and documentary evidence other than hearsay testimony submitted at the hearing shall be received and

considered. Either the complainant or the Member charged shall be entitled to an adjournment of not more than seven (7) days to enable it to present rebuttal evidence regarding matters of which it was not aware prior to the hearing and which were presented at the hearing.

- f) After duly considering all the evidence and arguments presented, the Governors shall vote upon whether the charges have been proven in whole or in part. A Governors' resolution shall be required to prove the charges in whole or in part, provided the Governors representing the Member or Members who preferred the charges as well as the Member charged are not entitled to vote.
- g) If the said charges be sustained, the Governors shall then consider the punishment to be handed out. The Governors may impose such punishment as shall be considered commensurate with the offence and injury and in addition, they may suspend the Member for such period of time as they see fit or they may expel the member from the League. The affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Governors shall be required for expulsion. Calculation of the two-thirds (2/3) majority for the purpose of this section shall be based on the entire membership including the Member charged.
- h) The decisions of the Board of Governors, made in accordance with the foregoing procedure shall be final and binding.

Dissolution

- 4.24 The league may be dissolved at any time by the Board of Governors with the consent of two-thirds (2/3) of all League Members. Upon dissolution the League assets shall be equally divided among the members except in the case of the provisions of Section 4.6.

BY-LAW V - MEETINGS

- 5.1 The Maritime Junior Hockey League shall hold its Annual Meeting before July 1st at a time and place to be determined by the Board of Governors.
- 5.2 The President shall, by January 15th, send out guidelines asking the member clubs to submit bids to host the next year's Annual Meeting and Draft weekend.
- Bid Presentations to host the next year's Annual General Meeting will be made at the current year's AGM with a decision announced in August.
- 5.3 The Chairman of the Board, or in his absence the Vice Chairman or a person appointed by the Board, shall preside over the Annual Meeting.
- 5.4 The President shall prior to July 1st develop a schedule of meetings of the General Managers to deal with matters such as scheduling, playoffs, draft, etc.

- 5.5 Prior to the start of the regular schedule, all coaches must attend a meeting to be brought up-to-date with changes to rules and regulations.
- 5.6 The President or the Chairman of the Board may schedule Conference Call meetings of the General Managers Committee or the Board of Governors respectively. The minutes of conference call meetings shall be approved at the next meeting of the General Managers Committee or the Board of Governors as the case may be.

BY-LAW VI - SPECIAL MEETINGS

- 6.1 Special meetings of the Board of Governors may be called by the Chairman of the Board at any time. A special meeting may also be called by an application to the Chairman by a majority of the participating member teams in writing, and when such application is received the Chairman shall call a Special Meeting.

BY-LAW VII - VOTING

- 7.1 Each participating member team shall be entitled to one voting representative at any meeting of the League.
- 7.2 All motions put at any League Meetings shall be carried only by a majority vote of the voting representatives present unless otherwise required by the Constitution.
- 7.3 An application made under the By-Laws and Regulations must be approved by the majority of participating member teams present at any League Meeting or in the event of an emergency, the Secretary is hereby empowered to make a telephone vote of the participating member teams provided that in the sole discretion of the League Executive, the application is of an emergency nature. Any such telephone vote must be confirmed and ratified at the first League Meeting following and taking of such telephone vote.

BY-LAW VIII - FEES

- 8.1 The annual dues for membership in the League shall be determined annually by the Board at the Annual Meeting. The dues so determined shall be payable at such time and in such manner as the Board determines each year.

Once the League has established the amount of the League fees and the schedule of payment of same, for any members not adhering to said payment schedule the following sanctions will be applied following a seven (7) day period of grace:

- a) Immediate reduction of Protected List by five (5) players.
- b) Loss of privilege of adding players, as well as trading or selling players.
- c) Loss of the right to vote on any League matter as well as the privilege of speaking to any matter at a League meeting.
- d) Loss of the right of Appeal on any League decision affecting their team.

Should payment of delinquent fees not be received in the League Office within thirty (30) days of due date, a meeting of the Management Committee will be convened by the Chairman of the Board of Governors in which further action will be discussed.

Requests for deferment of payments must be made to the Management Committee prior to the scheduled due date of said payment

- 8.2 A Member shall not be in good standing unless it has paid the Annual Membership Dues as determined by the Board pursuant to Article 8.1.

BY-LAW IX - PROTESTS AND APPEALS

- 9.1 Protests may be filed with the League Executive and shall be accompanied by a certified cheque for two hundred (\$200.00). Protests must be filed in accordance with the Hockey Canada or governing branch regulations (**see appendix C**). Under these regulations, the protest must be filed with the President, or his designate. The matter being protested shall be considered by the Protest Committee who shall hand down the decision after having investigated the protest thoroughly either by calling in witnesses or by requesting affidavit evidence or deal with the protest in any other manner that in their sole discretion will enable them to come to a proper decision.
- 9.2 No appeal to the League shall be made from any decision handed down by the Protest Committee with respect to any protest filed pursuant to 9.1.
- 9.3 Should the protest be upheld by the League Executive, then the protest fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) shall be returned to the protesting team.
- 9.4 An appeal of a decision must be filed with the President within twenty-four (24) hours of the notification of the decision being appealed. The appeal must be accompanied by an appeal fee of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00). Should the decision be appealed be overturned, the appeals fee, less the cost of conducting the appeal, shall be refunded.
- 9.5 An appeal of a fine issued by an Executive Member may be appealed to the Appeals Committee under the conditions set out in By-Law 9.4.

- 9.6 Except where otherwise prohibited, an appeal of a decision made by an Executive member regarding trades, protected lists, or the draft may be appealed to the Appeals Committee under the conditions set out in By-Law 9.4
- 9.7 An appeal from a decision of the Protest Committee, Appeals Committee or Executive not covered above may be made to the Branch in which the League is registered. The appeal must be filed in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the governing Branch.
- 9.8 An appeal to the Appeals Committee or the Branch does not operate as a stay of the decision or ruling being appealed.

BY-LAW X - BANKING

- 10.1
- a) The League Executive shall arrange for the opening of a bank account in some chartered bank, trust company or credit union in which funds of the Maritime Junior Hockey League shall be deposited and withdrawals made by the Treasurer and one of the elected officers, to be recognized as the signing officers of the League.
 - b) A trust fund, called an emergency fund, shall be set up with a financial institution with Deposit Insurance.
 - c) The League shall establish a wire transfer method of paying for league fees, fines, appeals, protests, trades and other payments as may from time to time be required.
- 10.2 The League Executive shall be responsible for the payment of all accounts of the Maritime Junior Hockey League and shall make such regulations as it deems necessary to deal with payment of regular current accounts.
- 10.3 The signing officers of the League shall consist of any two (2) of the following: the President, the Director of Finance, Chairman of the Board or two (2) Governors as appointed by the Board of Governors.

BY-LAW XI - OFFICERS

- 11.1 No member of the Team Executives, coaches, managers or trainers of any of the participating member teams shall be eligible for election to the League Executive.

BY-LAW XII - DISCIPLINE

- 12.1 The League may, from time to time, adopt minimum suspensions or penalties to be imposed on offending team players and officials. If such a minimum suspension policy is in effect in the League, whether by adoption or through the governing branch, and then prior to the League Disciplinarian imposing a penalty in excess of four (4) games, the League Disciplinarian shall, if requested by the teams, hold a hearing to determine the appropriate penalty. The League Disciplinarian shall conduct a hearing when the suspension is in excess of seven (7) games unless such suspension is due to a minimum suspension policy. At the hearing, two representatives from each of the teams involved in the incident may attend, together with such other persons as may be deemed necessary by the League Disciplinarian. Each team involved shall be entitled to make a submission, if desired, and the submission should be without interruption. Other parties to the hearing may ask questions, through the presiding Officer, once the submission is completed. Hearings should be held as soon as practicable following the incident. If requested by the team(s) involved, and with the agreement of the Chairman of the hearing, a hearing may be held by telephone conference call. The expenses for a teleconference will be the responsibility of the team(s) involved.
- 12.2 In exceptional circumstances, the League Disciplinarian may suspend a team, player or official pending a suspension hearing, if he determines that such action is necessary to preserve the integrity of the League or for other good cause.
- 12.3 There shall be no hearing or appeal from minimum suspensions issued under a minimum suspension policy.
- 12.4 Notwithstanding By-Law 12.3 a team may ask for a video review of an incident as outlined in By-Law 9.4 and the President may alter the suspension should the video provide conclusive supporting evidence. Should the decision not be changed the team shall be fined two fifty hundred (\$250) dollars in addition to the forfeiture of the appeal deposit.
- 12.5 An appeal of a suspension made by the League Disciplinarian may be made to the President under the conditions set out in By-Law 9.4.

- 12.6 An appeal from the decision of the League Disciplinary Committee may be made to the Appeals Committee set up by the Branch(s) under the conditions set out in By-Law 9.4.

BY-LAW XIII - PLAYING RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 13.1 The League shall adopt the playing rules of Hockey Canada with the exception of five (5) minute overtime and shootout, if necessary, in regular season play.
- 13.2 The League will abide by the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of a Branch of Hockey Canada
- 13.3 In exceptional cases the League may apply to its governing branch to make changes to the rules and regulations.

BY-LAW XIV - SPONSORSHIP

- 14.1 The League will, from time to time, have corporate partners or sponsors of the League and League events. The League shall enter into sponsorship agreements which may require that certain products ("Sponsor's Products") of a corporate partner shall be used in the League, and all Members shall ensure that they and their Hockey Teams shall comply with agreements and League policy requiring use of such products.
- 14.2 Unless the Board of Governors approves a Member's application to be exempt from a policy requiring the use of a Sponsor's Product, a Member shall be assessed a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each game in which its team fails to use the Sponsor's Product.
- 14.3 Any member which fails to make public address announcements as required by a league sponsorship contract shall be fined five hundred dollars (\$500) per game.

BY-LAW XV - RECOURSE

- 15.1 Any recourse to the courts of law made by any Member, Hockey Team, Player, Coach, other Employee or other individual governed by the League regarding the interpretation and administration of the Articles, Policies, Rules and Regulations before all rights and remedies of the Articles of the League have been availed of and exhausted, shall be deemed ungentlemanly and unsportsmanlike conduct within the meaning of the Rules and Regulations and such violation of the Rules and Regulations hereby entitles the President to suspend or terminate the membership of the said Member, or suspend the said Hockey Team, Player, Coach, other Employee or other individual on the terms and for a duration that the President deems appropriate.

MARITIME JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE

REGULATIONS

REGULATION 1 - TEAMS

- 1.1 Participating member teams shall, during all scheduled games of the League, dress a minimum of fourteen (14), one of whom shall be a spare goaltender or a designated player who shall be, if necessary, the spare goaltender
- 1.2 Any team dressing less than fourteen (14) players, for any game, shall be fined one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each player under the minimum as therein before set out. The League Executive has the sole discretion to waive in the event of special circumstances.
- 1.3 Each participating member team shall be allowed to dress the maximum number of players as per the Hockey Canada Handbook.
- 1.4 Any team who plays an ineligible player shall automatically be deemed to have lost the game or games in which any ineligible player(s) has participated. Any coach who plays an ineligible player will be suspended, pending a hearing by the League and/or the governing branch.
- 1.5 Each participating member team shall indicate to the President in writing on or before the 15th day of July in each year, the names and addresses of the Team Executive as provided for in By-Law 2 of the By-Laws of this League and such Team Executive, when recorded with the President, shall be deemed to be the Team Executive referred to in the Franchise Certificate and shall continue to be that Team's Executive until such time as any changes might be made in accordance with the Constitution, By-Laws or Regulations of the League.
- 1.6 Each proposed Team Executive forwarded to the President shall be scrutinized and approved by the League Executive before they are recorded with the President.
- 1.7 If the League Executive should decide that any proposed Team Executive or any proposed member of the Team Executive does not meet the requirements of By-Law 2.1 of the By-Laws of this League, the League Executive shall meet with the representatives of the team in question before making any final decisions or rejection. The said representative shall have the opportunity to question the grounds for any proposed rejection and should any explanation in relation to the said grounds not be acceptable, the Team Executive shall be given the opportunity to submit further proposed Executives.

- 1.8 Each of the participating member teams shall indicate to the President by March 31, in writing, prior to the Annual Meeting whether such team intends to participate in the League the following season. The President is to contact any club not heard from by the deadline.
- 1.9 All players' registration cards, transfer information, and releases shall be sent to the Registrar of the governing branch, who shall forward copies of the team lists to the League for distribution to member teams and League Executive.
- 1.10 For all regular scheduled games and League playoffs the home club shall provide security in the form of police, security guards or RCMP, a minimum of one per regular League game, and at the discretion of the League Executive in League playoffs. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in a minimum fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and possible forfeiture of game, and repeated violations, possible suspension of franchise.
- 1.11 Matching socks, sweaters with names on the back, pants, helmets and gloves must all be of the team's designated colour. Failure to meet any of the aforementioned requirements may result in a two hundred fifty dollar (\$250.00) fine for each game. The goaltenders will be exempt for socks, helmets and gloves. This rule becomes effective at the beginning of the regular season.
- 1.12 Team on-ice training camps will start no earlier than twelve (12) days prior to Labour Day.
- 1.13 All player affiliations shall be filed with and approved by the appropriate Branch prior to an affiliate player playing a game.
- 1.14 No team may use as an affiliated player, any player who is on the protected list of another team, unless the team has written consent from the team on whose protected list the player's name appears. Such consent must be filed with the league prior to the player participating in the MHL.
- 1.15 All head coaches must be certified HP-1.

REGULATION II - PLAYOFFS

- 2.1 The League playoff format shall be constructed annually prior to the start of regular season play, by the member teams.
- 2.2 League standings shall be determined by an accumulation of points: two points shall be awarded for a win, one point for a tie, and one point for an overtime loss.

2.3 If two teams are tied in points after the regular season's schedule is completed, then the standings will be determined in accordance with the following system:

- a) Go to overall regular season wins. Most wins.
- b) Season record of the two teams involved, playing against each other
- c) Goal differential - number of goals against is subtracted from the number of goals for. The difference is the goal differential.

If three or more teams are tied in points after the regular season's schedule is completed, then the standings will be determined in accordance with the following:

- a) Go to overall regular season wins. Most wins.
- b) The higher percentage of available points earned in games among those clubs. If the teams have not played the same number of games against each other, the first game(s) played between the teams that had the extra game(s) shall not be included.
- c) Goal differential - number of goals against is subtracted from the number of goals for. The difference is the goal differential

2.4 Split gates in playoffs. Where the home team loses the third, fifth or seventh game of a playoff series, and that game is the deciding game in the series, there is no gate split or payment to the visiting team. If the lower place (visiting team) loses the third, fifth or seventh game of a playoff series and that game is the deciding game of the series, the home winning team will pay the visiting team one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) towards its expenses if the series ends in three or five games and fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) if the series ends in seven games; with such monies to be paid the night (or day) of the deciding game. In the league final the amounts of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) shall be replaced with two thousand dollars (\$2,000) and twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500) respectively. Should the monies not be paid within seven (7) days the amount shall be doubled and the team shall be fined five hundred dollars (\$500).

2.5 The President of the League may appoint a person to represent the League at playoff games if deemed necessary. Such person so appointed shall be known as the League Official and should be, where possible, a member of the League Executive and identify himself to both clubs involved.

2.6 Teams participating in League Playoff may arrange their own playoff dates provided they are completed by the date set by the League Executive. In the event that no agreement can be reached between the teams concerned, the President shall set the dates and location of all said games and confirm by e-mail or fax.

REGULATION III - REFEREES AND LINESMEN

- 3.1 All League games shall be officiated using the 4-man system. Officials shall be assigned by the Branch(s), referees shall be Level Five (5) or higher and linesmen shall be Level Three (3) or higher.

REGULATION IV - SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Each participating member team shall indicate, prior to April 15, their preference of days and times for their home games. The officer drafting the schedule shall follow these preferences so indicated as closely as is possible and equitable.

Each participating member team will be required to submit minimum of 30 dates of availability to the league prior to May 15th.

- 4.2 The League Schedule shall, in all events, be subject to ratification by the majority of participating member teams of the League before it is designated as the regular schedule for the League in any season.

- 4.3 Upon verification of the League schedule, no games shall be re-scheduled except with the authorization of the President, or his designate.

Any un-played game of the League schedule must be re-scheduled within two weeks of the originally scheduled game and approved by the President, except for the last four (4) weeks of the regular schedule when the President shall co-ordinate and finalize with the teams involved and notify the League Executive of the changes. Should teams fail to agree on a time for rescheduling the President shall set the time and place for the game.

- 4.4 If the provisions of paragraph 4.3 cannot be implemented and the team requesting re-scheduling is unable to play the game scheduled, that team shall automatically forfeit that game and the game shall be recorded by the League Statistician as having been played, with a loss shown against the forfeiting team and a win credited to the other team. A team or teams which forfeit(s) a game shall be fined a minimum of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars and the franchise subject to suspension and/or expulsion.

- 4.5 The regular schedule of the League shall be given on the date determined by the League Executive in consultation with each participating member team.

REGULATION V - GAMES

- 5.1 All League games will be comprised of three (3) twenty-(20) minute periods. However, if in the discretion of the League Executive, justifiable circumstances did not permit this regulation to be complied with, the League Executive may confirm that such game was played in accordance with this regulation. The ice shall be flooded prior to the warm-up and start of game as well as between periods except before the first overtime period.
- 5.2 In the event a game is tied at the completion of three (3) periods of play, a five (5) minute period of sudden death overtime followed by a shootout, if necessary, shall be played (as outlined in Appendix D). A team losing in overtime or a shootout will receive one point for the loss.
- 5.3 Notwithstanding Section 5.2 above, any team pulling its goaltender in overtime when teams are playing at even strength and loses the game shall not receive a point for the overtime loss.

REGULATION VI - DRAFTING OF PLAYERS

- 6.1 The League, as part of the Annual Meeting, will conduct a draft of graduating midget players, high school players, and others as determined by the League's Regular Protected List and Draft Rules and Regulations.
- 6.2 The league will conduct an annual draft of eligible Quebec Major Junior Hockey League players as outlined in the League's Supplementary Protected List and Draft policy.
- 6.3 The President shall co-ordinate **all** draft procedures.
- 6.4 Teams can trade players selected in both the drafts and/or player draft positions in the midget draft only.
- 6.5 Any player released by a Quebec Major Junior Hockey League team who has not been subject to the QMJHL Supplementary draft and who plays more than five games in the QMJHL after October 1 of the current season, will be subject to a League Draft as outline in Appendix E.

REGULATION VII - AWARDS

- 7.1 Each participating member team's coach or his representative shall nominate persons from any team for categories which are awarded annually. The method of voting shall be determined by the League with voting completed prior to the playoffs.

7.2 Annual awards shall be presented at an appropriate time as determined by the Executive.

7.3 Annual Awards shall be presented as follows:

Team Finishing First Overall	Divisional Winners (Playoffs)
Most Valuable Player (Playoffs)	
League Championship (Playoffs)	Player of the Year
All-Star team	Rookie All-Star team
Leading Scorer	Top Goaltender
Best Defenseman	Top Goaltender Duo
Rookie of the Year	Character Award
MHL Coach of the Year	MHL Executive of the Year

7.4 The League's nomination for CJHL awards shall be named five (5) days upon completion of the current season.

7.5 A selection committee determined by the President will select the following awards:

- MHL Community Award
- MHL Moe Bent Builders Award
- MHL Scholastic Award

The successful candidate for the Roger Meek Executive of the Year Award shall be determined by the Board of Governors as the team who, during the preceding season, achieved a level of excellence both on ice and off that, in the determination of the eligible voters, has best enhanced the image of both their organization and the league in general.

The recipient of the Moe Bent Builders Award shall be determined by a committee selected by the President as a deserving member of the hockey community who, through their body of work, has made a significant contribution the league and/or one of its member teams for a period of no less than eight years.

REGULATION VIII - REMUNERATION

8.1 Honorariums will be paid to designated members of the League Executive. The determination and amounts of the honorariums will be made at the Annual Meeting by the Board of Governors.

REGULATION IX - MISCELLANEOUS

- 9.1 All expenses in conjunction with the operation of the League, not specifically dealt with in these By-Laws or Regulations, shall be paid for from the League treasury provided they are approved for payment at a properly constituted League Meeting.
- 9.2 Providing that each club is given seventy-two (72) hours notification of a League Meeting, failure to be represented by a member of the Team Executive may require the missing team to pay a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to the League.
- 9.3 All League game reports shall be faxed to the League Statistician, by the home club within one half (1/2) hour of the completion of the game. Teams failing to file game reports within this period will be subject to a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
- 9.4 In addition to regulation 9.3, fines may also be assessed by the President for improperly completed game reports. Properly completed game reports should include all game officials and minor officials names, completed list of players, including captain and back-up goaltender, all scoring and penalty statistics with times, shots on goals, attendance etc.
- 9.5 The nominating committee shall be the Management Committee.
- 9.6 The report of the nominating committee will be read at the Annual Meeting and will include the names of persons offering for each elected Officer, i.e. Chairman or Vice-Chairman, position. More than one (1) name for each Officer position is recommended if suitable candidates are available. The nominating committee is not to recommend any certain individual in the event more than one person is nominated.
- 9.7 After the nomination report is read, nominations for elections to office will be called from the floor by the chairman of the nominating committee if he himself is not running for an Officer position, i.e. Chairman or Vice-Chairman. In the event the chairman of the nominating committee is seeking an Officer position of the League, the President of the League will then select a chairman for the election of officers.
- 9.8 A levied fine not receive by the League within five (5) business days will automatically be doubled, and if not paid within ten (10) business days, the franchise may be suspended.

- 9.9 Any request for information by the President or Statistician and bearing a deadline date, that is not met, will result in a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
- 9.10 The practice of two teams lining up and shaking hands at the end of the game shall be discontinued in all exhibition, League and playoff games, except for the deciding game in any playoff series.
- 9.11 Each team in the League or its affiliate shall be limited to two (2) twenty (20) year old players who signed and/or played with a Major Junior Hockey team, a Canadian or American College or University team or semi-pro team since January 10th of the previous season. This rule does not apply to any Atlantic Canadian player who is on a MHL 45 player protected list.

Notwithstanding the above, any player registered on a MHL hockey team's card from the previous season can play for a University or College team up to and including December 15 and still return to his MHL team for the balance of the current season.

- 9.12 For all purposes other than the draft the region for the league shall be define as the four Atlantic provinces plus the Gaspé region of Quebec east of Route 185.
- 9.13 Each team will be allowed a maximum of two (2) new twenty year olds, on a Junior A or affiliate card, from outside the region who have not previously played in the MHL or is not on a forty five (45) man protected list of a team in the MHL.
- 9.14 Each team will be allowed a maximum eight (8) players, on Junior A or affiliate cards, from outside the region who have not played their bantam hockey within the region.
- 9.15 The League shall have a standard warm-up and between period procedure as outlined in **Appendix B**
- 9.16 MHL teams may not sign a midget carded 16 year old who is not on their 45 player protected list to a Junior A card after December 1st.
- 9.17 No replacement can be made for any ill or injured player, except the goaltender and then only under Hockey Canada Regulation B with the restriction that the replacement goaltender must come from a lower level. Teams must dress one of its affiliate goaltenders before they dress a replacement goaltender. Should an affiliate goaltender be unavailable due to injury, illness or his team playing a team may dress a replacement goaltender.
- 9.18 Each team will be allowed a maximum of eight (8) twenty year old players on Junior A or affiliate cards after December 1.

REGULATION X - ALL STAR TEAM AND GAMES

- 10.1 An All-Star game(s) may be played each season. The format of the game and composition of the team will be determined at a Special Meeting of the Board of Governors.
- 10.2 a) The President will call for proposals to host the Annual All-Star Game.
- b) The net profit from the All-star game, gate and promotional extras will be to the league unless the League enters into a guaranteed bid arrangement with the Host team.
- 10.3 Within two (2) weeks of the All-star game being played, the host team shall forward the League's share of the net gate, a copy of all expenditures incurred, along with a copy of the rink statement or a cheque for the agreed upon dollar amount of the guaranteed bid.
- 10.4 Any player who fails to show for any All-Star game, after having originally given intent to play, may be suspended for the next three (3) regularly scheduled League games.

REGULATION XI - Fights in exhibition games

- 11.1 Each team will be permitted to have three (3) fighting majors per game. Should a team accumulate more than three (3) fighting majors in any game the following suspensions shall apply.
- Fourth fighting major - Coach suspended for the first (1) regular season game.
 - Fifth fighting major - Coach suspended for the first two (2) regular season games.
 - Sixth fighting major - Coach suspended for the first three (3) regular season games.
 - Seventh fighting major - Coach suspended indefinitely and must appear before the League Disciplinary Committee.

Note: *Should these suspensions have to be applied as the result of incidents in more than one game the suspensions shall be served consecutively rather than concurrently. E.g. two games with eight fights the coach will be suspended for the first six (6) regular season games.*

REGULATION XII - Trades

- 12.1 a) As part of any trade made between two MHL member teams, the teams shall be restricted to a maximum value of Five Thousand (\$5000) Dollars for any player.
- b) No team, or person on behalf of such team, may pay, offer to pay or promise to pay or receive, request or offer to accept, in the future, directly or indirectly in any manner whatsoever, an amount in respect of any player trade that exceeds the maximum limit on the cash component of any trade as stated in this regulation. Any team in violation of this provision shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$10,000 and other such sanctions as the Executive Committee may decide.
- 12.2 All trades involving regional players between a MHL member team and a team outside of the MHL shall be signed by both parties and registered with the league for approval.
- 12.3 Once a trade in 12.2 has been registered, the League shall notify member teams of the trade, including the terms of the deal. Any regional player traded outside of the league for cash may be claimed by a member team for the dollar amount of the trade (which shall not exceed the amount specified in 12.1). Teams will have twenty four (24) hours in which to claim the player. Prior to the start of the season claiming order shall be reverse order of the previous year's standing. During the season the claiming order shall be the reverse order of the current standing based on percentage. A claimed player shall be added to the claiming teams 45 protected list and may not be traded outside of the league for a period of thirty (30) days. Should no team lay claim to the player the trade will be approved. A player may be claimed only once during a season.
- 12.4 The provisions of regulation 12.3 do not apply for trades which take place after January 8th in any given year.
- 12.5 When teams decide on the details of a trade, the trade shall be put in writing and signed by the appropriate authorities of each team. Should the trade include future considerations the details of those future considerations must be included in the trade. However, the details of the considerations shall not be made public.
- 12.6 The trade is registered with the appropriate League Executive of the MHL. The sending team must notify the league by email of the trade including all terms and conditions. A copy of this must also be sent to the receiving team. The receiving team must notify the league by email of the acceptance of the sending team's terms and conditions. A copy of this acceptance must also be sent to the sending team. All teams will be notified of all trades within (48) hours of the filing of the

trade with the league. Teams shall not release details of the trade to the media until after it has been approved league. Teams may use fax in lieu of email.

- 12.7 A player named in the trade will be automatically removed from the protected list of his former team and placed on the protected list of the receiving team. Should the receiving team not have room on its protected list it shall immediately drop a player.
- 12.8 A player traded to a MHL team may not be released to a team outside of the MHL.
- 12.9 Teams may include provisions to the terms of the trade should the player not report, however, this will not permit the player to play for the team trading him.
- 12.10 The President shall fine teams for violations of this regulation.
- 12.11 A team trading a player outside the MHL must remove his name from the team's 45 player Protected List.
- 12.12 All trades for carded players must be completed by 10 pm on January 10th as outlined in Regulation 12.5. All trades must be signed off by both parties, either by e-mail or fax prior to the deadline. Any trade not signed off by both parties by the deadline shall not be approved.
- 12.13 All trades are to be released by the league immediately upon approval.
- 12.14 There may be trades for non-carded players until 10 pm Feb 10th
- 12.15 There shall be no trades or assignment of players during February 11th to May 25th inclusive.
- 12.16 There shall be no trades between December 11th and January 1st inclusive.
- 12.17 A full time university or community college student on a playing card with a MHL team may not be traded without his consent after January 6th of the current season.
- 12.18 Any carded full time university or community college student not included on a January 10th Branch List may sign with the team of his choice unless such player was dropped as the result of a trade. The signing team shall pay \$2,000 to the releasing team.

- 12.19 When financial remuneration is involved, all monies must be paid to the league office within five (5) business days of the approval of the trade, unless otherwise specified. Failure to do so shall result in an immediate reduction of Protected List by two players for the remainder season and the loss of privilege adding players as well as trading or selling players until the monies have been paid. Furthermore, the player(s) may not play for the receiving team until all monies have been paid. The League shall remit trade monies to teams on a weekly basis.
- 12.20 When a trade has been approved the sending team shall immediately notify the player(s) of the trade.
- 12.21 Any player traded during the season and on the Hockey Canada February 10 list of the receiving team shall not be traded back to the sending team either directly or indirectly until after December 1st of the following season.
- 12.22 A player 18 years old age or younger who is a high school student and on Junior A card cannot be traded after October 15 without permission of his parents.
- 12.23 All trades between teams are absolute and shall not contain any provision restricting in any way the transferability of any player at any time in the future by the receiving team.

REGULATION XIII - Broadcasting of MHL Games

- 13.1 The HOME TEAM at each game shall be responsible for broadcasting that game, whether it is a regular season, all-star/prospects or play-off game, in accordance with Appendix F.

REGULATION XIV – Website Policy

- 14.1 Each member of the MHL shall maintain a website that is consistent with the MHL website policy.
- 14.2 The League shall maintain a policy for the updating of player information on the league website.

MARITIME JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE

PROTECTED LIST & DRAFT

1. PROTECTED LISTS

1. a) Each member shall have a protected list of not more than forty-five (45) players at any given time, which includes goaltenders.
 - b) Teams shall file with the Executive member responsible up-to-date copies of their protected lists prior to the team's first league game, on May 31st and other times as requested by the League.
 - c) The player's full name, year of birth, regional status, position and hometown must be provided when filing a protected list with the league otherwise the list will not be accepted.
 - d) When a team has failed to file its protected list on the required date(s) a fine of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) shall be assessed. Failure to file the protected list within five (5) days of the required date shall result in an additional fine of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2000) being assessed.
2. a) Each team is allowed to make two (2) territorial draft picks. These two (2) territorial picks must be turned into the League no later than the Monday prior to the date of the MHL AGM and may not be changed after that date. Under aged players may be named as territorial picks. No team shall trade either of its territorial picks until August 15.
 - b) Notwithstanding (a) above, Teams may in lieu of their territorial picks select that pick at the end of the 2nd and 3rd rounds of the draft based on the order of finish from the previous season. Should a team select only one territorial pick the team shall have an additional pick at the end of the third round.

- c) The area of selection for the territorial picks shall be as follows:

Amherst - Cumberland County
South Shore – Lunenburg County
Campbellton – Restigouche County
Miramichi – Northumberland County
Edmunston – Madawaska County
Pictou County - Pictou County
County - Charlotte County
Summerside - Prince County
Truro- Colchester County
Valley – Kings County
Grand Falls – Victoria County
Yarmouth – Yarmouth County

- d) In the year of selection the player's parent(s) must reside in the team's area of selection. Should the parents not live together, the place of residence will be determined by the location of the custodial parent. In the case of joint custody, the place of residence shall be determined by the school that the player normally attends and which parent resides in that area.

3. The Protected List shall be reduced to thirty five (35) excluding the two current territorial picks, prepared by each team and registered with the President by May 31st. The President shall distribute copies of the list to all teams.

2. PLAYERS ELIGIBLE TO BE ON LIST

- a) Players registered with the Junior team and on the Team's February 10th list. A player signed to a Junior "A" card must appear on his teams protected list prior to participating in a league game.
- b) Any player signed to a Junior A card and not added to the teams protected list shall be deemed as an ineligible player and, if he plays, the team shall be fined \$500 and have their 45 Player Protected List reduced by 2 players per occurrence for the remainder of the season.
- c) A previously selected player.
- d) Any player previously selected or protected in any past Draft regardless of where the player is playing, as long as the team has room on their Protected List and the player has never been dropped from that team's list.

- e) Any player secured from another team in a deal or trade, provided there is room on the Protected List of the team or teams concerned.
- f) Any player selected in the QMJHL re-entry draft must be added to the claiming team's protected list.
- g) An under aged player may be chosen in any round, as a territorial pick or a pick in lieu of a territorial pick,
- h) Any player who is not eligible to be on a team's protected list shall be removed from the list.
- i) Any player claimed from another team.

Note: *For the purposes of the Section 2 g) above a under aged player is a player who was fifteen years old as defined by Hockey Canada birth dates in the past season.*

3. CHANGING OF LISTS

- a) No team can select a player unless they have room on their list. As well, any team can delete a player to make room for a selection at the Draft Meeting.
- b) All lists shall be frozen as of May 31st preceding each Selection date, unless a player is listed incorrectly.
- c) At the Selection Meeting, selections shall be made in the reverse order of finish in the last season's regular Maritime Junior Hockey League (final standing set by the MHL's statistician). Lotteries will be conducted to determine the draft selection process.
- d) In an expansion year, the expansion team shall pick first in each round. Where two or more teams are involved; the pick shall be determined by an official toss of a coin, conducted by the President, immediately prior to the commencement of the Selection process.
- e) A selected player must be invited to the selecting team's training camp by prescribed form by mail or personal delivery, prior to the end of July, following the selection unless such invitation is prohibited by Branch rules.. Failure to do so will result in the player becoming a free agent.
- f) Teams cannot trade their territorial picks until August 15. The total number of protected players (excluding current territorial picks) cannot exceed thirty five (35) during the period from May 31st to the date of the Midget draft.

- g) If a franchise in the MHL folds during the season dispersal draft, in the form of a lottery, will be held at that time. All transactions completed 30 days prior to a team folding are null and void.

4. TRAINING CAMP LISTS

After the Draft and up until the first League game, teams may invite other players for a tryout providing they signed a tryout agreement with the player and have date priority. (A player signing such agreement may not attend a training camp of another league team.)

- a) A standard tryout Agreement Form shall be available to all teams.
- b) All tryout Agreements shall be registered with the League and players names be added to the training camp list of each team.
- c) In the event a player signs more than one tryout agreement, the team registering the agreement first will have training camp tryout rights to this player.
- d) Should a dispute arise, the decision by the League shall be final and binding. It is understood that any player selected or placed on the Protected List just be eligible to play for the team concerned (i.e., Player from another Branch must be eligible for a Branch-to-Branch transfer.
- e) Tryout forms shall be void when a player has been cut by the team or October 1st whichever comes first.
- f) Players signed to a tryout form cannot be traded.

5. DRAFT FORMAT

- a) **Effective with the 2016 draft** the selection process, as determined by the lotteries, shall continue in that order of selection until all teams have passed or a maximum of **eight (8)** rounds have been completed.
- b) The selection to continue until each club in the League passes: this is a complete round. A team must have room on the Protected List and no more than forty-five (45) names protected. Only one (1) player at a time can be deleted from the list, and only at the time of the deleting team's turn in the Draft.
- c) Member teams are allowed three (3) minutes to make their selection in all rounds of the Draft. Failure by a Member Team to make their selection within these time restraints results in a loss of that selection by that Member Team.

- d) The Draft is for players of Midget age during the past season.
- e) Teams are permitted two three (3) minute timeouts during the draft.

6. AREA OF SELECTION

Any player eligible to play in the Maritime Junior Hockey League according to Hockey Canada and governing Branch rules and Regulations whether registered in any previous season or not, who qualifies by age, and resides in New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, or Newfoundland.

7. DATE OF DRAFT

The date of the Draft will coincide with the date of the annual meeting of the Maritime Junior Hockey League. Teams will be alerted to this date, by bulletin from the President, approximately three (3) months in advance.

8. EXEMPTIONS

There shall be none other than those covered by the Protected List, but selection is confined to the area of selection as outlined in Point No. 6.

9. TRADING OF PLAYERS AND PLAYER SELECTION

- a) Any trades involving players on the team's Protected List, with other teams or Leagues whether the playing rights are for the present season or future, must be registered with the League office, properly signed by officers of teams involved immediately by fax or e-mail after the trade is finalized.
- b) Failure to comply with the above regulation (a) would void any deal and all players or draft choices involved would become free from their clubs and they would refer to the League Office for disposition according to majority vote of League Members.
- c) There can be trades made for future draft choices, except for pre-selected picks, providing 9 (a) and (b) are adhered to.

10. VIOLATIONS

- a) It would be a violation if any club attempted to sign or tamper with a player selected by another club or on another team's Protected List.
- b) Any challenges or complaints by member clubs will not be considered unless they are in writing and registered with the President's office, to be dealt with by the Maritime Junior Hockey League's Executive Committee.
- c) A majority vote of the Executive Committee shall decide the disposition of any charges or complaints.

11. SUPPLEMENTARY PROTECTED LIST

- a) Each team shall have, in addition to its regular protected list a supplementary protected list of not more than ten (10) players.
- b) Only players selected in the QMJHL Supplementary Protected List Draft shall be eligible to be on the supplementary protected list.
- c) A player signed to a Junior A or affiliate card in the MHL must be removed from the team's supplementary protected list and added to the team's regular protected list.
- d) Any trades involving players on the supplementary protected lists must be reported to the League office immediately.
- e) There shall be no trades for positions in the draft
- f) Teams shall file with the Executive member responsible up-to-date copies of their supplementary protected lists, on May 1 and other times as requested by the League.
- g) When a team has failed to file its supplementary protected list by the required date the team shall have its supplementary protected list reduced by one player for a period of one year. Failure to file the supplementary protected list within five days of the required date shall result in a further reduction of an additional two players for a period of one year.

12. SUPPLEMENTARY PROTECTED LIST DRAFT

- a) The League establishes a date for the Supplementary Protected List Draft by May 1 each year. The draft shall be held prior to July 1st.
- b) Players eligible for the Supplementary Protected List shall include any 17, 18 or 19 player signed to a QMJHL card and on his team's 25 player registered list on February 10 of the previous season shall be eligible for the draft except for those players who are on a MHL team's regular or supplementary protected list.
- c) The draft shall consist of a maximum of ten rounds or until such time as all teams have passed.
- d) The order of selection shall be in the reverse order of finish in the previous MHL season.
- e) In an expansion year the expansion team(s) shall draw to determine their position in draft.
- f) No team can select a player unless there is room on their list.
- g) Any player selected in the draft shall be added to the selecting team's supplementary protected list.
- h) Any team selecting an ineligible player shall forfeit the selection in that round
- i) The League shall, at least two weeks prior to the supplementary protected list draft, circulate a list of all currently eligible QMJHL players as determined by Section 12 (b) above.
- j) Any player dropped from a supplementary protected list on May 1 shall be eligible for the current draft.
- k) Any player released by a QMJHL team after the draft and not on a supplementary protected list shall be a free agent in the MHL.
- l) Any player dropped from the Supplementary Protected list during the Supplementary Protected List draft shall be deemed as a free agent in the MHL.

13. PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS

- a) A majority vote by the Executive Committee shall decide the amount of penalty to be imposed for any proven violation.

- b) It is agreed by League Members that any proven violation will result in a fine or fines of no less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) and no more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) being registered against the club or clubs involved, with any and all money to go into the administrative account.

14. AMENDMENTS

- a) Proposed amendment procedure would be filing amendment with the President, outlining details and endorsed by team signing authorities, with a copy to be sent to all team members one week previous to the Annual Meeting or Special Meeting called for that purpose.
- b) These rules and regulations as outlined in Protective List agreement and Draft will remain in force until amended or changed by two-thirds majority vote.

15. INTENT

The entire motivation for this Draft has been predicated on a mutual agreement or the honour system amongst the owners and operators of the participating teams. Mutual discussions amongst the operators have shown tremendous favour with this program and the President strongly appeals to each club and the employees to honour this agreement in every way, to assure the continuation of this favourable program for the benefit of the League.

16. GENERAL

- a) Should a dispute arise at the Draft Meeting regarding any player selected as to eligibility for selection, the President is empowered to make a ruling at the meeting which shall be final and non-appealable.
- b) When the Draft Meeting is adjourned, and all players selected will be placed on the lists of the teams selecting them. No challenge regarding age of any selected will be considered or entertained.
- c) Any player drafted whose age has not been verified, must have his age proven by the selecting team within the thirty (30) day period as above. If the player is not eligible, then the selecting team loses the selection and the vacancy so created on the Draft List cannot be filled with another name.
- d) The Maritime Junior Hockey League recognized the Draft Rules as passed by the Maritime Junior Hockey League member teams.

MARITIME JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE

CODE OF DISCIPLINE

June, 2013

NOTICE RE: CLARIFICATION

It is the responsibility of each Team Manager and/or Coach to ensure that his players sit out their appropriate suspensions. When in doubt as to the relevant suspensions, contact the League Disciplinary Officer, or his delegate.

**NOTE: THE FOLLOWING REPRESENT MINIMUM SUSPENSIONS.
ADDITIONAL SUSPENSIONS MAY BE IMPOSED WHEREVER
CONDITIONS AND CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT.**

RULE TO BE POSTED

A printed copy of this Notice should be kept in each MHL member Team Dressing Room at all times.

This Code governs the conduct of all teams playing in the MHL, regardless of where the team is located, as the Presidents of the Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Hockey Prince Edward Islands are in agreement with the Maritime Junior Hockey League Code.

The MHL at its AGM in 2010 decided to participate in the Hockey Canada Pilot Project and its accompanying suspension policy for Junior A hockey.

REGARDING THE SERVING OF SUSPENSIONS

It is important to note that if a violation occurs, the player/official is suspended from all Branch/League Activity and cannot participate in any games (league, exhibition, play-off) until his suspension has been served by regular League/Play-off games, or by previously approved Branch/League Pre-season or exhibition games. If a player is serving a league suspension the player may play the all star game. If it is a suspension under Hockey Canada regulations the player must sit out, but the all star game shall count as a game towards the suspension.

REGULATION 1 - Blows to the Head

The following situations will be subject to suspension:

1.1 Illegal Hit: If a player is hit illegally, for which a penalty is being assessed, and as a result of the illegal hit the player hits his head on the glass, ice or the boards in a manner that results in a head injury, this shall be construed as a Blow to the Head and a major and game misconduct or match penalty shall be assessed.

- Major Penalty – minimum 2 game suspension
- Match Penalty – minimum 3 game suspension

1.2 Direct Blow to the Head: If a player intentionally raises his stick, hands, forearm or elbow to hit an opponent in the head area, or deliberately drives his stick, forearm, elbow or gloved hand into the player's head in any manner, it shall be called a Blow to the Head and shall receive a minor and 10 minute misconduct, or a major and game misconduct, or match penalty.

- Minor Penalties – a player upon receiving his 3rd minor penalty for hit to the head shall result in a 2 game suspension and 2 game suspension for each subsequent minor in the same season.
- Major Penalty – automatic minimum 2 game suspension
- Match Penalty – automatic minimum 3 game suspension

REGULATION 2 - Dangerous Hits: Should a player deliver a hit to the head area of an opponent who is in a vulnerable position, he shall be assessed a major and game misconduct, or match penalty for Blow to the Head. A player is considered to be vulnerable under the following circumstances:

2.1 Blind Side Hit - If he is hit in the head with a blind-side check from the side. A body check from the front is not considered to be a blind-side check, even if the player has his head down.

2.2 Late Hit – If he does not have control of the puck, or has passed the puck or lost control of the puck for a sufficient amount of time that the opponent could play the puck or follow the movement of the puck as opposed to hitting the unsuspecting player.

2.3 Cheap Hit – If he is defenseless while down on the ice and the opponent deliberately makes contact in any manner with his head area.

2.4 Leaving the Feet - Should both of a player's feet clearly have left the ice prior to him making a shoulder check that contacts the opponent in the head area, the player shall receive a minor and a 10 minute misconduct, or major and game misconduct or match penalty for Blow to the Head.

Suspension guidelines for 2.1 to 2.4 are as follows:

- Minor Penalties – a player upon receiving his 3rd minor penalty for hit to the head in the same season shall result in a 2 game suspension and 2 game suspension for each subsequent minor in the same season.
- Major Penalty – automatic minimum 2 game suspension.
- Match Penalty – automatic minimum 3 game suspension.

2.5 Clipping and Low Hits – Clipping (hits below the waist) will be penalized under the following definition: Clipping is the act of throwing the body, from any direction, across or below the knees of an opponent. A player or goaltender may not deliver a check in a “clipping” manner, nor lower his own body position to deliver a check on or below an opponent’s knees.

An illegal “low hit” is a check that is delivered by a player or goalkeeper who may or may not have both skates on the ice, whose sole intent to check the opponent in the area of his knees. A player or goalkeeper may not lower his body position to check an opponent’s knees.

- Minor Penalties – a player upon receiving his 3rd minor penalty for clipping or low hit in the same season shall result in a 2 game suspension and 2 game suspension for each subsequent minor in the same season.
- Major Penalty – automatic minimum 2 game suspension.
- Match Penalty – automatic minimum 3 game suspension.

2.6 Goaltender Interference – 2 or more goaltender interference penalties in the same game shall be subject to disciplinary action.

- Minor Penalties – should a team be charged with a second goaltender interference penalty in the same game – the player committing the second infraction shall receive a game misconduct and a 1 game suspension.
 - Any subsequent goaltender interference penalties by the same team in same game shall result in a game misconduct, a 2 game suspension to the player, a 1 game suspension to the coach and a \$500 fine to the team for each occurrence.
- Major Penalty – automatic minimum 2 game suspension
- Match Penalty – automatic minimum 3 game suspension

REGULATION 3 – Checking From Behind

3.1 Checking From Behind - There are three possible penalties for checking from behind: a minor penalty, major penalty and game misconduct or match penalty. The suspension guidelines are as follows:

- Minor Penalties – a player upon receiving his 3rd minor penalty for checking from behind in the same season shall result in a 2 game suspension and 2 game suspension for each subsequent minor in the same season.
- Major Penalty – automatic minimum 2 game suspension.
- Match Penalty – automatic minimum 3 game suspension

SECTION 2 – ACCUMULATED MAJORS AND NON-FIGHTING GAME MISCONDUCTS

REGULATION 4 – Accumulated Major Penalties – Non-Fighting

4.1 Major Penalties - All leagues have seen consistent decreases in the number of major penalties. The objective is to further strengthen the deterrent by targeting those players that who may habitual in their actions. A player accumulating three or more major penalties shall be subject to the following suspensions:

- Upon receipt of a 3rd non-fighting major penalty – 3 game suspension
- Each major penalty thereafter shall result in a 3 game suspension

REGULATION 5 – Accumulated Non-fighting Game Misconducts

5.1 Game Misconducts - A player accumulating six or more non-fighting game misconduct penalties shall be subject to the following suspensions:

- Upon receipt of 6th Game Misconduct Penalty – 1 Game Suspension and \$500.00 team fine
- Upon receipt of 7th Game Misconduct Penalty – 2 Game Suspension and \$750.00 team fine
- Upon receipt of 8th Game Misconduct Penalty – 3 Game Suspension and \$1,000.00 team fine
- Upon receipt of 9th Game Misconduct Penalty – 4 Game Suspension and \$1,250.00 team fine
- Any additional non-fighting Game Misconduct Penalties shall result in an indefinite suspension and full review by the league of the player and the team to determine an appropriate suspension and team fine.

SECTION 3 – INSTIGATING AND FIGHTING

Fighting has been part of the hockey fabric throughout history. The elimination of unnecessary fights, especially those that serve no purpose other than to degrade the game or provide an intimidation factor, is paramount to the future of our game. Fighting's role in hockey should only be between two willing combatants in spontaneous reaction to immediate events.

The reintroduction of the one fight rule will not reduce the unnecessary fights and will, in fact, increase these types of unwanted actions. It provides players and or coaches the opportunity to target players on opposing teams in hopes of getting them out of the game subjecting them to potential suspensions and will be contrary to the objective of eliminating bullying. The approach toward accumulated fights – with an emphasis on the instigating player will prove more effective in eliminating unwanted fights.

Habitual offenders are targeted and the regulations ensure that the teams and coaches are responsible for their actions. The purpose of these regulations is to deter teams from “rostering” role players whose main purpose is to fight.

REGULATION 6 – Instigating

6.1 Instigator Definition – A player who, by his physical or verbal actions or demeanor, is responsible for starting or causing, or attempting to start or cause, a fight based on any one or more of the following criteria:

- throwing or attempting to throw the first punch
- verbal invitation, instigation or threat
- distance traveled to the altercation
- removing gloves first
- attempting to throw, throwing or continuing to throw punch(es) at an opponent who has physically or verbally expressed unwillingness to fight
- attempting to throw, throwing or continuing to throw punch(es) at an opponent who is in a defenseless position
- menacing attitude or posture towards an opponent
- retaliation for a legal or illegal action (e.g., body check)

6.2 Accumulated Instigator Penalties - A player accumulating two or more instigator penalties in the same season shall be subject to the following suspensions:

- Upon receipt of 2nd instigator penalty – 1 game suspension and \$500 team fine.
- Upon receipt of 3rd instigator penalty – 2 game suspension and \$750 team fine.
- Upon receipt of 4th instigator penalty – 3 game suspension and \$1,000 team fine.

- Upon receipt of 5th instigator penalty – 4 game suspension and \$1,250 team fine.
- Any additional instigator penalties shall result in an indefinite suspension and full review by the league of the player and the team to determine an appropriate suspension and team fine.

REGULATION 7 – Fighting

Two or more fights on the same stoppage of play shall be deemed to be a multiple fight situation and shall be subject to disciplinary action.

7.1 2 Fights on the Same Stoppage - When two fights occur in the same stoppage of play, players involved in the second fight shall be subjected to an automatic suspension.

- If there is no instigator in the second fight – each player is suspended 1 game
- If there is an instigator in the second fight – the instigating player is suspended a minimum of 2 games and the team is fined \$500.00. The non-instigating player shall not be suspended.

7.2 3 or More Fights On the Same Stoppage – When 3 or more fights occur during the same stoppage of play, players involved in the second and subsequent fights shall be subjected to an automatic suspension.

- If a team is identified as the instigator of the multiple fight situation, the following minimum penalties shall be applied:
 - Instigating player(s) - 5 game suspension
 - All players from instigating team participating in multiple fight situation – 2 game suspension
 - Coach of instigating team – 1 game suspension
 - \$1,000 team fine for instigating team
 - If it is clear by the evidence that the multiple fights were instigated by one team, players from the non-instigating team shall not be suspended
- If an instigator is not identified, the following minimum penalties shall be applied:
 - All participating players – 2 game suspension
 - Coaches – 1 game suspension
 - \$1,000 fine per team
 - Players involved in the initial fight shall not be subject to the multiple fight penalties and suspensions.
 - Participation in subsequent multiple fight situations within the same season shall result in increased fines.

7.3 Leaving the Bench - Any player leaving the bench, bench area, dressing room, or penalty box to become engaged in a fight or become a third man-in, shall result in the following minimum penalties:

- 6 game suspension
- \$1,500 team fine

7.4 Staged Fights – Should a player enter the ice surface after a whistle and get involved in an altercation before or immediately after the drop of the puck to start the new play and at the conclusion of any game when players have left the bench shall be deemed a stage fight.

7.4.1 Staged Fights - Players participating in a staged fight shall be subject to a suspension.

- If there is no instigator, each player shall be suspended 3 games and the teams shall be given a verbal warning by the game official.
- If a subsequent staged fight occurs in the same game, the participating players shall be suspended 3 games, the coaches shall be ejected from the game and the team shall fined \$600.00
- If a player is identified as the instigator of a staged fight, the instigating player(s) shall receive a 5 game suspension and the coach shall receive a 2 game suspension and the team shall be fined \$600.00

7.5 Fights in Pre-Game or Period End - If a fight occurs during the pre-game warm up, prior to the start of the game, prior to the start of a period or at the conclusion of a period the following shall apply:

- Each team shall be fined \$1,500 plus any other additional fines or suspensions which may be applied.
- Any player involved in a fight during the pre-game warm up, prior to the start of the game, prior to the start of a period or at the conclusion of a period, resulting in a suspension, shall receive a minimum (2) two game suspension plus any other penalties which may apply.
- If an instigator is identified in the above situations, the following minimum penalties shall be applied:
 - Instigating player(s) - 5 game suspension
 - Coach – 3 game suspension
 - \$1,500 team fine

7.6 Fights in the Last 10 Minutes of a Game - If a fight should occur in the last ten minutes of the game, the coaches of both teams shall be issued a warning that a subsequent fight will result in game misconducts to coaches. However, if an instigator is identified in such subsequent fight, only the coach of the instigating player shall receive the game misconduct.

7.7 Goaltender Fighting – Fighting by Goaltenders shall result in the following suspensions:

- Should the goaltenders of the two clubs meet between the blue lines and fight, the goaltenders shall each be issued a game misconduct and suspended for (3) three games.
- Should one goaltender go inside the other club's blue line to fight with the other goaltender, he shall be issued a game misconduct and suspended for five (5) games
- Should a goaltender be involved in fighting with an opposing goaltender a second time in the season a (6) six game suspension shall be issued
- Should a goaltender leave the crease to engage in a fight with any player other than a goaltender, he shall be suspended a minimum of two (2) games.
- Should a goaltender get involved in a multiple fight situation in his end of the arena, but not fight the other goaltender, it shall be classified as a multiple fight situation and be subject to two (2) games and any other penalties / suspensions that may apply
- Any extraordinary circumstances surrounding a goaltender's actions shall be reviewed by the league and disciplined accordingly

7.8 Removing Equipment to Fight – Any player who purposely removes playing equipment prior to or in preparation to fight shall be subject to a suspension.

7.8.1 Removing the Helmet - If a player deliberately removes his helmet to fight or challenge an opponent to fight or deliberately removes an opponent's helmet, he shall be assessed a gross misconduct penalty and shall be suspended as per Regulation 9 .

7.8.2 Removing Other Equipment - If any player leaves any equipment on the bench in preparation for a fight, he shall be issued a game misconduct in addition to any other penalties that may apply and suspended for a minimum of (1) one game. The Head Coach of the team shall be issued a game misconduct and suspended for (1) one game. Should a second situation occur with the same player and team, the suspension shall be (2) two games to the player and the Head Coach along with a full review.

7.9 Accumulated Fighting Majors – Above and beyond the preceding fighting regulations, all fighting majors shall tracked and accumulated and shall result in the following suspensions based on accumulated totals:

- Upon receipt of 5th fighting major - 1 game suspension
- Upon receipt of 6th fighting major - 3 game suspension and \$750 team fine
- Upon receipt of 7th fighting major - 4 game suspension and \$1,000 team fine
- Upon receipt of 8th fighting major - 8 game suspension and \$1,250 team fine
- Any subsequent fighting major shall result in a complete review by the league to determine an appropriate suspension and team fine.

Note: *The accumulations and consequences are in force for the entire regular season and playoffs.*

REGULATION 8 – ACCUMULATIONS IN MULTIPLE CATEGORIES

8.1 Accumulated Infractions – For all the categories listed below players who are on the accumulated suspension border in more than one category may be reviewed.

- **Checking from Behind (Minor, Major or Match)**
- **Blows to the Head (Minor, Major or Match)**
- **Non-Fighting Majors**
- **Instigators**

Upon receipt of 5th infraction from any of the above categories (and any subsequent infraction thereafter) a player will receive an automatic 1 game suspension, which suspension is in addition to any suspension that may apply under the specific regulation relating to such category. Such player will also be required to participate in a hearing among the player, his coach and a league official to discuss, among other things, the objectives of the Junior A Supplement, specific regulations contained in the Junior A Supplement, the player's impugned behavior, the responsibility of the player to adjust his behavior and actions and the consequences if such player fails to correct his behavior and actions. Should a second hearing be required, the player will receive a minimum 1 game suspension plus additional discretionary discipline based on the nature of the subsequent infraction.

Regulation 9 - Gross Misconduct

9.1 Players and team officials assessed a Gross Misconduct penalty shall incur suspensions in accordance with the following:

- First Offence.....Two (2) game suspension
- Second Offence.....Two (2) game suspension
- Third Offence.....Suspended indefinitely - must appear before the League Disciplinary Committee

Regulation 10 – Match Penalties

10.1 Rule 49 Attempt To Injure or Deliberate Injury

Match penalty for:	Suspension
Hair pulling	Two Games
Grabbing face mask/visor.....	Two Games
Spearing.....	Two Games
Butt-ending	Two Games
Kicking.....	Two Games
Head Butting.....	Two Games
Deliberate attempt to injure not covered above.....	Two Games

10.2 Other Match Penalties

Spitting (rule 80).....	Two Games
Slashing (rule 79 d).....	Two Games
High Sticking (rule 62 c).....	Two Games
Cross Checking (rule 54 d).....	Two Games

Note: When an injury occurs in any Match Penalty situation the player receiving the penalty shall be suspended indefinitely pending a review by the League Disciplinary Committee.

Regulation 11

11.1 Abuse of Officials

Players assessed a Game Misconduct penalty for abuse of officials shall incur suspensions in accordance with the following:

- First Offence.....One (1) game suspension
- Second OffenceTwo (2) game suspension
- Third OffenceSuspended indefinitely - must appear before the League Disciplinary Committee

Team officials assessed a Game Misconduct penalty for abuse of officials shall incur suspensions in accordance with the following:

- First Offence One (1) game suspension
- Second Offence\$100.00 fine and a one (1) game suspension
- Third Offence\$200.00 fine and a four (4) game suspension
- Fourth Offence.....Suspended indefinitely - must appear before the League Disciplinary Committee

Regulation 12 – Other Policies

12.1 Any Coach, Player or Team Official who makes derogatory remarks in public or through the media regarding the Branch, League or Officials may be fined \$200.

12.2 The Maritime Junior Hockey League (“MHL”) is committed to providing an environment to promote and develop healthy communications to protect the integrity of the league and its’ members and players. Any form of harassment using electronic devices commonly known as cyber bullying by coaches, volunteers, officials, bench staff, other team mates and competitors will not be tolerated and will be subject to league discipline.

See social media policy for details.

12.3 All players must wear game jerseys that have a tie-down strap attached. Players failing to do so will receive a fine of \$50 in addition to any additional penalties that may be warranted. This fine also applies to a player who deliberately removes his elbow pads when engaging in a fight.

NOTES: All coaches or team officials under suspension for any reason shall not be allowed in the dressing room or players bench area from fifteen(15) minutes before game time until fifteen (15) minutes after the conclusion of the game and shall be seated in the corner of the arena furthest from his teams bench until the suspension is served.

Any violation will result in an additional suspension to the coach and the team shall be fined \$1000.

“Coach” means Head Coach or his designate - If the Head Coach is under suspension or not present.

All fines, with the possible exception of that for derogatory remarks, shall be payable to the League.

12.4 Tobacco Policy

The Maritime Junior Hockey League has banned the use of all tobacco products (including chewing tobacco) at all MHL events. This includes all practices, game situations and travel to and from games.

12.5 Player Release Policy

A suspended player may be released provided it is authorized by the Branch and that the player will serve his suspension with the new club, team, association, Branch.

In addition to the above, if players are traded to a team in another province the accumulation totals for all suspend-able offenses follow with the player to his new team.

Appendix Junior A Supplement

When two players are fully engaged in a fight or wrestling on the ice (each equally involved), the result will be that both players will be assessed a Major penalty plus a Game Misconduct for fighting and both are ejected from the game.

However, the rules specifically state that one player may be assessed a Major plus a Game Misconduct for fighting and the opposing player a Minor for roughing or perhaps not assessed any penalty. In this case, the player receiving the Major penalty would also receive an extra Minor penalty as instigator as well as being ejected from the game.

In the event that one player makes no attempt to retaliate other than to protect or defend himself, and in the opinion of the referee does not engage in the fight, one player may be assessed a Major penalty plus a Game Misconduct for fighting and the opposing player a Minor for roughing or perhaps not assessed any penalty. In this case the player receiving the Major penalty would also receive an extra Minor penalty as instigator.



SCHEDULE 1

Appendix A

Date:

Team Name:

Owners:

If an owner listed above is other than a person, attach a copy of the Certificate of Registration; list all shareholders and the percentage of their shares as well as directors and officers.

Shareholders:

Directors/Officers:

Registered mailing address for the next 12 months:

Fax Number for receiving information for the next 12 months:

E-mail address for receiving information for the next 12 months:

Name and contact information for

Team Governor:

Name and contact information for
Team Alternate Governor:

List Cheque signing officers:

Signing Officers for the purpose of
releasing players (minimum two):

Person(s) empowered to make trades
or changes to the Protected Lists:

On behalf of the member herein, I
certify that I am the duly appointed
Governor/Alternate Governor of the
Member named herein and that all
information is true and accurate in
every detail:

Signature:

Name:

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Position:

Signature:

Name:

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Position:

Warm-up and Game Start Procedure

(APPENDIX B)

- I. 30 minutes before game time warm-up begins on a clean sheet of ice with 15 minutes set on the clock.
- II. Players are not allowed to make contact with or cross the center red line at any time during the pre game warm-up. A Misconduct penalty will be assessed to any player making contact or crossing the center red line during the pre game warm-up, plus any other penalties which may be assessed.
- III. With 2 minutes left in warm-up a warning buzzer will be sounded.
- IV. All players are to be off the ice at the expiration of the 15 minutes. (There will be a \$25 fine for each player on the ice after the expiration of the warm-up time)
- V. Five minutes prior to the start of the game the on ice officials will come on the ice with a warning given to the teams.
- VI. All players are to be on the ice or bench 2 minutes prior to game time for the playing of the National Anthem.
- VII. A player is to have his chin strap securely fastened during warm-up. Failure to do so shall result in a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100).

BETWEEN PERIOD PROCEDURE

- I. When the players have left the ice there will be 15 minutes put on the clock for the intermission and the clock started immediately..
- II. With 3 minutes left on the clock there will be a warning buzzer at which time all players are to proceed to the ice and their benches. The starting lineups are to take their positions for the face off.
- III. Any team, which has not presented itself for the face off at expiration of the 15 minutes, will be subject to a delay of game penalty.
- IV. Should a team require extra time during an intermission due to a promotion the team may stop the clock for up to three (3) minutes. (This should take place with ten (10) minutes left on the clock).
- V. During the playing of the national anthem the starting line-up only, for each team, shall be at its blueline with helmets removed facing the Canadian flag.

NOTE: Off ice officials will be responsible for recording the jersey numbers of players in violation of the above protocol. He will then report the players in violation to the referee who will assess the misconduct penalties to start the game. The numbers of players not off the ice after the warm-up will be reported to the table officer administering discipline. A table officer in attendance at a game may report incidents for further discipline and the President may issue discipline after reviewing the video.

Hockey Nova Scotia Protest Regulation 702

(APPENDIX C)

702 PROTESTS:

702.1 Protests may only be made in regards to interpretations of Rules, By-laws, Regulations, Rules of Competition and Constitutional matters, not in regard to the decision of a Referee or Linesman.

702.2 A verbal protest must be made by the Captain of the aggrieved team to the Referee at the first reasonable opportunity after the action or decision complained of, and in all cases must be made within five (5) minutes of the close of the period in which such action or decision was made and same must be noted immediately on the official game report.

702.3 Written Process and Protest Procedure;

A. When a protest arises in a League game and the protesting club has complied with Regulation 7 B (2) then within 24 hours of the completion of the game protested, a fax or written protest, signed by the President or Secretary of the protesting club must be in the hands of the Secretary of the League and must be accompanied by the required NON-REFUNDABLE administration fee per 7 A (3). A copy of such fax or written protest must also be served upon the protested club within 24 hours of the completion of the game protested.

B. The club protested shall, within 48 hours after the completion of the game protested, file its defence with the Secretary of the League and a copy of such defence shall also be served on the President or Secretary of the protesting club within 48 hours after the completion of the game protested.

C. The League President shall fix a time and place for the meeting of the League Executive to consider the protest. Each of the clubs interested may have a person to present its case at the hearing of the protest.

D. An appeal shall be allowed from the decision of the League Executive to the HNS President in accordance with 7 C.

Maritime Junior Hockey League

Overtime and Shoot-out Procedure

(APPENDIX D)

During regular season games, if the game remains tied at the end of the five (5) minute overtime period, the teams will proceed to a shootout. The rules governing the shootout shall be the same as those listed under the Penalty Shot rule.

1. The Teams will not change ends for the shootout. The visiting Team shall shoot first. The Teams shall alternate shots.
2. Three (3) players from each team shall participate in the shootout and they shall proceed in such order as the coach selects. All players are eligible to participate in the shootout unless they are serving a ten minute misconduct or have been assessed a game misconduct, gross misconduct or match penalty.
3. Once the shootout begins, the goalkeeper cannot be replaced unless he is injured. No warm up shall be permitted for a substitute goalkeeper.
4. Each team will be given three shots, unless the outcome is determined earlier in the shootout. After each team has taken three shots, if the score remains tied, the shootout will proceed to a sudden death format. No player may shoot twice until everyone who is eligible has shot.
5. Regardless of the number of goals scored during the shootout portion of overtime, the final score recorded for the game will give the winning team one more goal than its opponent, based on the score at the end of overtime.
6. The losing goalkeeper will not be charged with the extra goal against. The player scoring the game winning goal in the shootout will not be credited with a goal scored in his personal statistics.
7. If a team declines to participate in the shootout procedure the game will be declared as a shootout loss for that team. If a team declines to take a shot it will be declared as no goal.
8. There will be no timeouts called during the shootout.

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 (APPENDIX D)

When the numerical player strength at the end of the <u>third period</u> is;	The numerical player strength at the beginning of the <u>overtime</u> period will be;
5 on 5	3 on 3
5 on 4	4 on 3
5 on 3	5 on 3 With the expiration of penalties, due to continuous play, player strength may get to 5-on-5 or 5-on-4. At the first stoppage of play, player strength must be adjusted to 3-on-3 or 4-on-3 as appropriate.
4 on 4 due to non-coincidental penalties	3 on 3 Players exit the penalty box as normal to 4-on-3 or 4-on-4. At the first stoppage of play, player strength must be adjusted to 3-on-3 or 4-on-3 as appropriate.
4 on 3	4 on 3 Players exit the penalty box as normal to 5-on-4 or 5-on-5. At the first stoppage of play, player strength must be adjusted to 3-on-3 or 4-on-3 as appropriate.
3 on 3	3 on 3 Players exit the penalty box as normal to 5-on-4 or 5-on-5. At the first stoppage of play, player strength must be adjusted to 3-on-3 or 4-on-3 as appropriate.

1. If a team receives a non-coincidental penalty in overtime the teams will play 4-on-3.
2. If a team receives a second non-coincidental penalty prior to the expiration of the first penalty the teams will play 5-on-3 with players exiting the penalty box as normal to 5-on-4 or 5-on-5. At the first stoppage of play, player strength must be adjusted to 3-on-3 or 4-on-3 as appropriate.

QMJHL RE-ENTRY DRAFT POLICY

(APPENDIX E)

A Placing a players name on the list

A players name may be placed on the list;

1. by the League as the result of notification by a QMJHL team that the player has been cut.
2. at the request of a MHL team, if they know that the player has been released or will not be returning to his QMJHL team.

B Selection Procedure

1. The League Registrar will e-mail all teams once a player has been placed on the list.
2. The Registrar will provide teams with all the information that is available regarding the player. e.g. phone number, address
3. The Registrar will advise the teams regarding the expiry of the 24 hour deadline for responses to indicate an expression of interest.
4. Teams will notify the Registrar by e-mail or fax within the 24 hour window if they wish to select the player should they have the opportunity to do so. Should a team fail to respond within the 24 hour window, it shall be deemed that they are not interested in the player.
5. After the expiration of the 24 hour window the Registrar will award the player to the highest place team that has expressed interest in the player.
6. If a team is awarded a player, his rights in the MHL shall belong to that team even if they are unable to sign the player and his name shall be placed on the team's 45 player protected list.

7. Prior December 1 the selection order shall be based on the reverse order of the teams overall finish in the regular schedule of the previous season. December 1 and after the selection order shall be based the reverse order of the teams overall standings based on percentages as of completion of the games on November 30. A team which has made a selection prior to December 1 which will maintain the same position in the selection order as it had prior to December 1.
8. In an expansion season the expansion team(s) shall draw to determine their position in the selection draft order
9. Once a team has used its selection the team shall be placed last in the selection order.

C General

1. Any player whose name has been circulated and has not been selected shall be deemed to be a free agent and shall not be subject to the re-entry draft again unless the player subsequently signs a players card with a QMJHL team.
2. Any player selected by a team which disbands or takes a leave of absence and who has not been selected in a dispersal draft must have his name circulated again before being eligible to play in the MHL.
3. There shall be no trades involving positions in the draft order.
4. Teams who submit the name of a player who is not eligible for the draft by virtue of still playing in the QMJHL or a professional league or who is on the protected list of a MHL team shall be fined \$200 per player.

Policy on Broadcasting Games within the MHL

(APPENDIX F)

1. MHL Teams shall video broadcast all home games on the MHL approved platform. The broadcast is to be accompanied by play by play.
2. Failure to broadcast a game shall result in a five hundred (\$500) dollars unless such failure was the result of an equipment breakdown, loss of feed to the approved platform.
3. If there was a breakdown in equipment during broadcasting of a game the team shall immediately notify the MHL Office and the Broadcaster.
4. Teams shall ensure that their Camera operator is filming during all stoppages in play, and is diligent about filming all incidents during such stoppages.
5. The entire warm-up shall be videoed with the camera focused on the center red line.
6. Teams may sell advertising on the broadcast.
7. Team's cameras must meet league specifications.
8. All requests for radio broadcasting must be approved by the League President.
9. No team shall permit a web streaming video broadcasting or cable TV broadcasting unless such broadcasting has been approved by the League President.
10. Teams shall be fined for allowing not sanctioned broadcasting.

MHL Video Review and Supplement Discipline Request Policy

1. Teams may request a video review by the league in the following circumstances:
 - a) To review an incident which led to a serious injury to a player and such injury has been documented in writing by a medical doctor.
 - b) To review an incident where there was an infraction that was not called on the play or where there was a non-major called on the play and where there is no medically documented injury provided by the team.
 - c) To review situations where errors (not in judgment) by Game Officials have been allegedly been made.

2. Notification of request must be made to the President or his designate by 8:00 am on the day following the game with full documentation submitted within 48 hours of the completion of the game. In the case of a playoff game the 48 hours is replaced with 12:00 pm on the day after the day of the game.

3. The game video must clearly show the incident and the player must be clearly identifiable. Video must be provided by the filing team by the deadline outlined in 2 above and will consist of the following:
 - a) A clip of the incident of sufficient length (15 seconds before and 15 seconds after) to see prior and after the incident.
 - b) The definition of the assumed infraction or identified infraction directly from the Hockey Canada Rule Book or Junior A Supplement will be outlined.
 - c) A detailed rationale of why supplementary discipline should be issued including the key technical points outlining why the Member believes Supplemental Discipline should be issued will be outlined. In the case of when a minor infraction is called, rationale identifying why the infraction should be elevated to a Major must be included. In every request, a minimum of three key points will provided.

4. It shall be at the sole discretion of the League to determine what suspension, if any, shall be issued.

5. The decision of the league to not do a video review is non-appealable unless such decision is against its' video review policy.

Should the league issue a suspension as the result of a request from a team the suspended player's team may appeal the decision as outlined in By-Law 9.4

6. The fee for filing a Supplemental Discipline Request with respect to non-calls is \$125.00 which is non refundable. Should the League rule that supplemental discipline is not required, the requesting team shall be invoiced an additional \$250.00.
7. The fee for filing a review with respect to an official's call is \$125.00 which is non refundable. Should the League rule that call on the ice stands, the requesting team shall be invoiced an additional \$250.00.
8. Should the League rule that supplemental discipline is required, or if the game video is inconclusive, the team shall not be invoiced the additional \$250.00.
9. There shall be no fee for filing a Supplementary Discipline Request with respect where medical documentation has been provided. However, should the League rule that supplemental discipline is not required, the requesting team shall be invoiced \$250.00.
10. The League may, at its discretion, review any incident where a major penalty has been issued, incidents where multiple fights occur or incidents which it shall deem necessary for player safety or to preserve the integrity of the league.

That for insurance reasons if a doctor's note is submitted to the League Office by a team for an injured player and if the said player is out of action for an indefinite period or a stated time period, another doctor's note must be submitted to the league office by the team giving the player a clearance to play. If the player is included in the line-up through identification on a MHL Game Sheet without a doctor's note clearing the player, the injured player's organization will be fined \$500, the coach suspended and the player declared ineligible until the medical clearance is received .

MHL PLAYER COMPENSATION POLICY

No team or person on behalf of such team, may provide, offer to provide, or promise to provide in the future (whether directly or indirectly in any manner whatsoever and whether by way of payment, salary, bonus, profit share, allowance, reduction in player fees or participation fees or registration fees, sham employment, or otherwise), any of its players more than actual and necessary expenses, incurred as a direct result of participation on the team.

Any MHL team in violation of this provision shall be subject to the following sanctions and discipline:

- a) minimum **\$20,000** fine payable to the MHL;
- b) The Head Coach and General Manager of the team in violation will receive a minimum fifteen (15) game suspension.
- c) **The Team will forfeit its' draft pick in the next three (3) drafts.**

A violation of this provision is deemed to have occurred on the later of the date in which the violation actually occurred and the date in which the MHL President has ruled that a violation of this provision has occurred.

If proven to be in violation over the off season, the team would be ineligible for the MHL playoffs for the upcoming season and the Head Coach and General Manager of the team in violation will receive a one (1) year suspension.

MHL CONFIDENTIALITY POLICY

MHL Executive, Board of Governors, Member Teams and their employees, Volunteers and Athletes shall refrain from any action and avoid any public pronouncement that might reflect adversely upon the MHL, its teams, sponsors or players. Information that has not previously been made public shall not be communicated to any person by a MHL Executive, Member Team or its' employees, Board of Governor or Volunteer, except in the course of their regular duties or by authorization of the President and Chairman of the Board. All league meeting information and file matters are confidential. Written documents (Meeting Minutes) are to be held in confidence unless otherwise specified by the President and Chairman of the Board. All League Members of the MHL must assume the highest degree of confidentiality and integrity in the best interest of the organization, and shall adhere strictly to all policies that serve to protect the relationship of all member teams, sponsors, media and anyone associated with the MHL.

Breach of confidentiality shall be considered a major infraction and is cause for further sanctioning determined by a committee appointed by the MHL President or designate.

MHL CHEMICAL ABUSE POLICY

FIRST OFFENSE:

1. The team(s) in question must submit a complete, detailed report of the offense to the league office as soon as possible following discovery of the offense.
2. The individual(s) involved must submit to an alcohol/drug assessment through their **PROVINCIAL ADDICTION SERVICES** or a **private agency**.

A written copy of the assessment must be submitted to the **LEAGUE Office**.

3. The team(s) involved must provide an opportunity for the individual(s) involved to receive appropriate counseling and/or therapy as indicated by the assessment. Indication of same plus copies of any written reports are to be submitted to the League Office.

4. A minimum suspension of **ONE MONTH** will be assessed the individual(s) involved, effective from the date until the League has completed its investigation of the reported incident or the date of voluntary admittance of guilt. However, if the counselor feels the player should not be allowed to return after the suspension is terminated, said counselor's recommendation as to when it would be appropriate for the player to return will be accepted.

5. The team(s) must continue to provide support for the individual(s) involved when the player(s) returns to active playing status. The individual must continue any and all after-care treatment as is recommended by the chemical abuse counselor. Should this not occur, the individual(s) involved will face immediate suspension until such a time the League Office is completely satisfied said individual(s) is following the prescribed follow-up treatments or counseling. Support as is deemed necessary in succeeding seasons will continue for the balance of his playing career in the MHL.

2. SECOND OFFENSE

- I. The team(s) in question must submit a complete, detailed report of the offense to the League Office as soon as possible following discovery of the offense. The individual(s) involved will forfeit their privilege on a **Permanent Basis** to participate in the Maritime Junior Hockey League.

TRAFFICKING:

Should an individual be found to have drugs in his possession for the purpose of **Trafficking**, that person will forfeit their privilege on a **Permanent basis** to participate in the Maritime Junior Hockey League.

VOLTUNTARY ADMITTANCE

Should an individual(s) approach any team or league official on his own volition and admit to a chemical abuse problem, the league shall support such an individual (s) in attaining treatment or counseling for said problem.

The individual(s) shall not be suspended from participation within the league as long as:

- i) The individual(s) is willing to submit to a drug/alcohol assessment and follow the sub sequent recommendation from a said assessment.
- ii) ii) It is evident such individual(s) came forward requesting help on their own and not as a result of a related incident

NOTE:

- i) The Chemical Abuse Policy is to include the use/abuse of drugs and alcohol.
- ii) This policy is to apply to all registered personnel, Governors, Alternate Governors, League Officers and employees, referees, and linesmen.
- iii) No officer or official of any member franchise may in any way make a statement or comment in public, or to any member of the press, until after the League Office has received official notice of such incident. The penalty for violation of this shall be a minimum fine of **\$5,000.00**.
- iv) **Confidentiality** shall be maintained in all cases being handled within the jurisdiction of this policy.

THIS POLICY WILL BE IN EFFECT DURING THE PERIOD FROM THE START OF FALL TRAINING CAMPS UNTIL 10 DAYS FOLLOWING THE TEAM'S LAST REGULAR SEASON OR PLAYOFF GAME, WHICHEVER, OCCURS LATER.

MHL Branding Policy

The Maritime Junior Hockey League (MHL) has grown significantly and in order for the league to grow and protect the brand, all MHL teams will be asked to adhere to the following:

1. MHL Logo will be mandatory on all team apparel including and not limited to: Game Jerseys, Team/ Apparel (track suits, jackets)
2. MHL Teams will wear jersey with the MHL logo at all times during the season. (Teams will be responsible to replace)
3. MHL logo along with a link will be located on each member team websites.
4. MHL Sponsorship/Branding has the copy rights to the 30 second time outs Teams cannot sell this property.
5. MHL/Team website- Player profiles with picture and up to date roster information is mandatory.
6. MHL Games will be broadcasted on FastHockey (All games) and Eastlink TV only. (See Video Policy)

EDUCATIONAL POLICY

The MHL consists of 12 teams scattered throughout the Maritime Provinces. There are more than two hundred seventy (280) players from 16 to 20 years of age, teens or young adults, aiming for the heights of levels of hockey, while pursuing high school, university or community college education.

An Education Policy informs the players about their rights and obligations when studying and playing in the MHL. The parents are also made aware by teams that their sons need their support while they further their education.

1. The MHL team is responsible for organizing players' education, and it must develop all necessary partnerships, with regards to the variety of its players' schooling options. In order to ensure that players pursue their studies successfully, the team must:
2. Ensure, before recruiting a player through a draft or a trade, that it has all the necessary resources to allow him to continue his studies;
3. Give priority to register players for courses in class, when a local education institution can accommodate them. Distance learning courses should only be considered as a secondary option when they are the only ones available, with the exception of special circumstances;
4. Ensure follow-up with the player until the end of the school year.
5. Taking into account the special schooling context in junior hockey, the MHL must develop and maintain partnerships that will:
6. make it easier for distance learning, when necessary;
7. make it easier for the harmonization of the organization and the operation of involved educational establishments;
8. allow some flexibility for accommodation of special cases ie: 19 or 20 year olds (More involved in their communities- if not taking a course); and
9. minimize the schooling problems that are inherent in the case of a player being traded to another team.

MHL SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

What is cyberbullying?

Cyberbullying is the use of any electronic communication device to convey a message in any form (text, image, audio or video) that defames, intimidates, harasses or is otherwise intended to harm, insult or humiliate another in a deliberate, repeated or hostile and unwanted manner under a person's true or false identity. In addition, any communication of this form that disputes or prevents a safe and positive environment may also be considered cyberbullying.

Social Media Guidelines

- a) The MHL holds the entire membership who participates in social media and networking to the same standards as it does for all other forms of media including radio, television and print.
- b) Comments or remarks of an inappropriate nature which are detrimental to the League, a team, the Branches including officials, Canadian Junior Hockey League members or an individual will not be tolerated and will be subject to disciplinary action.
- c) It should be recognized that social media comments are on the record and instantly published and available to the public and media. Everyone including Team and/or Team Personnel, players, corporate partners and the media can review social media communications. You should conduct yourself in an appropriate and professional manner at all times.
- d) Refrain from divulging confidential information of a personal or team related nature. Avoid revealing business or game strategy that could provide another team or individual a competitive advantage. Furthermore, do not discuss injury information about any player. Only divulge information that is considered public.
- e) Use your best judgment at all times – pause before posting. Once your comments are posted they cannot be retracted. Ultimately, you are solely responsible for your comments and they are published for the public record.
- f) If requested to participate in an online network, as a direct result of your affiliation with or participation in Maritime Junior Hockey League, the MHL recommends that you request approval from your team or members.

Social Media Violations

The following are examples of conduct through social media and networking mediums that are considered violations of the MHL social media policy and may be subject to disciplinary action by the Team, staff and/or Maritime Junior Hockey League.

- a) Any statement deemed to be publicly critical of league's officials or detrimental to the welfare of a member of a team, league or individual.
- b) Divulging confidential information that may include, but is not limited to the following:
 - Player injuries;
 - Trades or other player movement;
 - Game strategies; or
 - Any other matter of a sensitive nature to a member of a team, league or an individual
- c) Negative or derogatory comments about any team, league, MHL staff, volunteers, programs, stakeholder, players or any member.
- d) Any form of bullying, harassment or threats against players or officials.
- e) Photographs, video or comments promoting negative influences or criminal behavior, including but not limited to:
 - Drug use;
 - Alcohol abuse;
 - Public intoxication;
 - Hazing;
 - Sexual exploitation; etc.
- f) Online activity that contradicts the current policies of the Canadian Junior Hockey League, Hockey Canada or the Maritime Junior Hockey League.
- g) Inappropriate, derogatory, racist, or sexist comments of any kind, in keeping with Hockey Nova Scotia policies and regulations on these matters.
- h) Online activity that is meant to alarm other individuals or to misrepresent fact or truth.

Discipline

When a complaint is filed that may be in violation of this social media policy, the MHL discipline committee will review and apply a team fine (min \$1000.00) and a suspension to the individual(s) involved.