



*Embryo Minor Hockey Association  
Constitution*

***Article 1 - Name***

The name of the Association shall be the "Embryo Minor Hockey Association", herein after referred to as the EMHA or Association.

***Article 2 - Objectives***

- a) To promote, encourage, develop and enhance minor hockey for boys and girls in the jurisdiction of Embryo for the greater number of persons with the emphasis being on enjoyment, fair play, sportsmanship and respect for all officials, opponents and spectators. To promote and encourage mutual respect and consideration for participants, parents, each and all individuals regardless of their ambition, race, gender, financial status or ability.

***Article 3 - OMHA Mandate***

- a) All games of the association shall be played under the rules laid down by Hockey Canada and the OMHA.

***Article 4 - Membership***

- a) The following persons shall be eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting and or Special Meetings.
- i. A parent / legal guardian of a registered individual playing minor hockey with the EMHA association.
  - ii. All members of the Executive Committee.
  - iii. Current carded team officials.
  - iv. Honorary members of the Association.

***Article 5 - Executive Committee (EC)***

- a) The Executive Committee shall consist of the following. All of which have a voice and vote.
- i. President
  - ii. Vice President
  - iii. Secretary
  - iv. Treasurer
  - v. Immediate Past President (if available)
  - vi. Directors (min of 5)
- b) Seven (7) Executive members plus the meeting chairperson shall constitute a quorum at any Executive Committee Meeting.
- c) The Executive Committee Members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. Their term shall be for a minimum of 3 years with a maximum of 6 years.
- i. One year of a term is defined as the length of time between the 1<sup>st</sup> Executive Committee Meeting of the upcoming season to the conclusion of the AGM of the same season. (i.e. The 1<sup>st</sup> EC meeting is generally in June and the AGM is typically in May of the following year.)
  - ii. A President is encouraged to hold office for a total of 2 consecutive terms before a 1 term leave from the position. The Executive Committee shall approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive term of office with a majority vote.

- iii. The Executive Committee may appoint but are not limited to the following if required;
  1. Treasurer
  2. Secretary
  3. Ice Convener
  4. Referee in Chief
  5. OMHA Representative
  6. Grand Valley Representative
  7. Grand River Representative
  8. Equipment Manager
  9. Web Master
  10. Coaches Coordinator
  11. Tournament Committee
  12. Events Committee
- d) The Association discourages the election of spouses to the executive committee at the same time.
- e) Any executive committee member who fails to attend 3 consecutive meetings without legitimate reason shall be considered to have quit and shall be expected to resign. If no written confirmation is received by the next regular meeting, the executive committee shall take a vote to instruct the association's secretary to advise the member by letter of the executive's decision.
- f) Should circumstances arise limiting the number of Executive Committee members the remaining active members have the authority to decide by a vote to either carry on operations as they are or to fill the vacant positions. If a quorum can not be met due to the limited number of active members then a simple majority vote will be all that is needed to pass all new business.
- g) Any person seeking an elected position with the association shall be in good standing with the EMHA, either in the present year or previous years.

#### ***Article 6 - Election Process***

- a) A nominating committee consisting of the President, Vice President and Immediate Past President if available shall prepare a slate of candidates for presentation to the membership at the AGM.
- b) Nominations may also be made in writing to the Executive Committee two weeks prior to the AGM. The nomination must be signed by the nominee, nominator and a seconder.
- c) Given that a quorum is met a majority vote is what is required to pass all business.

#### ***Article 7 - Meetings***

- a) Annual General Meeting
  - i. The annual general meeting of the association shall be called by the President of the association. New Executive Members are elected at the AGM. The new Executive Committee shall officially take office at the next regular executive committee meeting.
  - ii. The fiscal year of the association shall be April 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - iii. Provided a quorum is met a simple majority of the membership in attendance and voting shall be all that is required to pass all business at the AGM. The executive committee shall be able to rule on any issues not covered in the constitution.
  - iv. Proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the secretary at least two weeks prior to the AGM and shall bear the proposer's name and signature.
- b) Executive Committee Meetings
  - i. Executive Committee meetings shall be held approximately once a month during the season.
  - ii. The President or Chair shall cast a vote only in the event of a tie vote.

c) Special Meetings

- i. The executive committee may call a special meeting more than once a year.
- ii. The executive committee may, whenever they think fit, or upon requisition in writing convene a special meeting.
- iii. If a vote is carried out by non executive members, the result of said vote shall be taken before the executive committee to accept.

d) Coaches Meeting

- i. Chaired by the Coaches Coordinator
  - ii. There shall be a coaches meeting at the beginning of the season and whenever the executive committee deems necessary.
  - iii. All Official Team Staff within the EMHA shall be approved by the executive committee, and may be dismissed or suspended of all duties by a majority vote of the executive committee provided a quorum is met.
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