

# **SOUTHEAST MINOR HOCKEY LEAGUE CONSTITUTION**

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## **PURPOSE:**

The purpose is to promote developmental hockey in Novice through to the Bantam Division in South East Saskatchewan.

## **EXECUTIVE:**

The Executive shall consist of President and Secretary/Treasurer. Their duties shall consist of the management and direction of all schedules, playoffs and co-ordination of all information pertinent to the League. They shall be the liaison between all League Representatives and League Commissioner. These positions shall be rotated between Weyburn and Estevan every 2 years. The Executive positions shall be for a 2 year term. In addition, the President shall deal with all minor infractions and hand down warnings and /or suspensions for all major infractions by players, team officials, teams or towns.

## **LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES:**

League representatives shall consist of one person from each of the centres participating. They will be responsible for all correspondence between the League and the teams they represent, including team registration, player roster registration and all game reports. They shall appoint a League Commissioner. They are responsible for enforcing all suspensions and upholding all other League decisions.

## **LEAGUE COMMISSIONER:**

The League Commissioner shall be appointed by League Representatives and act as a consultant and a mediator in disputes that can not be resolved by the League Executive.

## **ENTRY FEE:**

Fees shall be \$50.00 per team or \$150.00 per town, whichever is the least. The fee shall be payable to the league by each center at the fall organizational meeting. There is also a \$20.00 per team per division statistician fee for all centers. Entry is open to towns of "A", "B", "C". "D" divisions within the area. All teams must be registered with SHA before League play starts.

## **TEAM PERFORMANCE BOND:**

A \$75.00 performance bond will be paid to the SEMHL that will be held indefinitely until a centre requests in writing to return their bond if they no longer want to be in the SEMHL. One year request of absence does not apply. The centre must be leaving completely. The SEMHL will notify the centre and the team in writing, if their bond is to be taken by the SEMHL. Before any teams from that centre can play any more League games, the bond must be replaced immediately by the centre's minor hockey association. The centre's minor hockey association will then be responsible to collect \$75.00 to replace the bond that has been paid out of the SEMHL. This performance bond will cover teams purposely not playing scheduled games, teams and coaches' performance and any other situation that the SEMHL President rules on.

**AFFILIATION:**

This league is to be registered and affiliated with SHA.

**HOCKEY RULES:**

Rules shall follow SHA.

**PROTESTS:**

All protests must be in writing and authorized by the President of the Association filing the protest. The protests are to be directed to the League President. A fee of \$75.00 shall accompany each protest. This protest deposit will be returned if the protest is upheld. The ruling shall be made by the President and the League Commissioner. If a decision cannot be made by the President and the League Commissioner, a meeting will be held with the League Representatives. There must be 2/3 representation at the meeting and a 50% vote shall carry a motion. "No proxy votes allowed".

**REFEREES:**

Sanctioned referees are required.

The home club is to supply the referee and two linesmen. Visitors have the right to supply a linesman and should do so whenever possible (72 hours notice must be given). Referees must be: a minimum of 13 years old to referee the Atom Division; a minimum of 14 years old to referee the PeeWee Division; and a minimum of 16 years old to referee the Bantam Division. It is recommended that the referee be one full age division older than the Division he/she is refereeing.

The two-man system of officiating will be allowed in all Divisions. Both officials must be: a minimum of 13 years old for Atom; a minimum of 14 years old for PeeWee; and a minimum of 16 years old for Bantam.

A neutral referee may be hired for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> playoffs if 72 hours notification is given to the SEMHL Executive. The team requesting the referee must pay all the expenses involved.

**PLAYER REGISTRATION:**

A copy of each Team's SHA Team Certification must be submitted to the League Secretary prior to commencement of League play. SHA Affiliation and Add/Delete forms must also be submitted to the League Secretary as they are submitted to SHA. Age must be verified upon request by a birth certificate. All teams must submit their roster to the League Secretary. Any team whose roster is not registered with the Secretary by November 10<sup>th</sup> shall forfeit points won to date and all future points until the roster is received by the Secretary. Copies of the roster shall be sent by the secretary to each team in the League. A player from a younger age group registered in the league will be allowed to play for an older group team from the same location without jeopardizing his position with the younger team.

## **OVERAGE PLAYERS:**

Overage players may be permitted with approval of SEMHL Executive. It is encouraged that an OA be allowed for developmental purposes only. The player's name, DOB and reason for playing down a division must be submitted to the Executive. The player shall not play until receiving approval from the Executive. All OA players must be identified on each game sheet with an "OA" behind their name. Teams will also be notified of an OA player through the distribution of the Team Rosters by the Secretary.

The League Representatives will select an Overage Player Supervisor. This Supervisor will monitor and track all the OA players. Any Coach with an issue regarding an OA player must direct the issue to their respective League Representative. The League Representative in turn will communicate with the OA Supervisor.

An OA player, once approved by the Executive, shall play in regular season games. However, during the Play-off meeting, each OA player will be discussed. The OA Supervisor will inform the League Representatives of any concerns regarding OA players. An OA player may not be eligible to participate in the League Play-offs.

## **LEAGUE DATES:**

League dates to be set at the fall annual meeting.

## **PLAYOFFS:**

Playoffs are to be administered by the executive with the following guidelines.

**1<sup>st</sup> round** Best 2 out of 3 games  
1<sup>st</sup> place team vs 4<sup>th</sup> place team  
2<sup>nd</sup> place team vs 3<sup>rd</sup> place team  
Top place team to host the first game.

**2<sup>nd</sup> round** Best 2 out of 3 games. All games must have tie broken.

**TIED GAMES:** All tied games shall be determined in accordance with the Hockey Canada rule book, namely, 10 minute sudden victory and otherwise provided therein.

The play-off format and time-line for each Division is to be determined at the January Play-off Meeting.

## **PLAYERS ELIGIBLE FOR PLAYOFFS:**

Players eligible for playoffs must have played three regular games during the current season, with the exception made because of illness, injury or transfer from another town. A player from a younger age group will be allowed to be used in the playoffs, provided he has met the requirements of his own group.

## **SUGGESTED MINIMUM GAME LENGTHS:**

Novice – 1:15 min.

Atom – 1:30 min.

Pee Wee – 2:00 hours.

Bantam – 2:15 min.

These are suggested game lengths and you can break up the periods as per mutual agreement. For the Atom and Pee Wee divisions, games will start no later than 7:00pm. For the Bantam division the games will start no later than 8:00pm.

## **POSTPONEMENT OF SCHEDULED GAMES:**

Postponement of scheduled games, except in the case of adverse weather conditions, must be arranged between the two teams concerned, at least 72 hours before the scheduled game time. Any hockey team postponing a scheduled game in order to participate in any exhibition games shall reschedule the game. The league President is notified only if the teams are having difficulty rescheduling the game.

The League Executive can intervene during playoffs and scheduled games if the teams cannot arrange this between themselves. Teams are to give 72 hours notice or pay a \$150.00 fine if they cannot make it for any reason other than weather conditions or sickness. The fine must be paid before the offending team plays another game. The fine is to be remitted to the league Secretary/Treasurer and \$75 is to be forwarded to the non-offending team and \$75 to be retained by the League. Any non-played League and playoff games, without the mutual consent of both teams and the League President, will be assessed a \$100.00 fine payable to the league and two points will be forfeited to the non-offending team. Money will be dispersed as above.

## **RESCHEDULING GAMES:**

The coach is responsible to reschedule a game that cannot be played at the scheduled time. Notice is to be given to the statistician for games rescheduled within 10 days of the cancellation and a new date set for any set for any time within the regular season of the league. If this is not done by the coaches involved, it will be dealt with by the League President deems to be at fault for the games not being played.

## **CANCELLATION OF GAMES:**

A coach must give 72 hours notice to cancel a game. If a game is cancelled less than 72 hours in advance for any other reason than sickness or weather, the centre will lose its bond subject to the President's discretion.

## **GAME SHEETS:**

All game sheets must be faxed or emailed by the home team within 48 hrs, failure to do so will result in a \$25.00 fine, and accumulated every 48 hrs after that.

## **PARTICIPATING CENTRES:**

### Active Members:

Bengough- 1 year leave of absence (2011/2012)

Bienfait

Carlyle

Carnduff

Coronach

Crosby- 1 year leave of absence (2011/2012)

Estevan

Kipling

Lampman

Moosimin

Oxbow

Radville

Stoughton

Weyburn

Yellow Grass

Yorkton

Here is a list of teams that have forfeited their performance bonds. These centers must re-apply to the SEMHL if they wish to play in the league again:

Alameda

Fillmore

Lake Alma

Milestone

Wawota

Wolseley