

PEI Junior C Hockey League

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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I – NAME

The organization shall be known as the “PEI Junior C 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 Hockey PEI, shall be comprised of Junior C Hockey Clubs.

2.2 The League shall register with Hockey PEI prior to the commencement of the regular season of play.

ARTICLE III – OBJECTIVES

3.1 The objectives of the League are as follows:

- a) To foster and encourage the support of amateur Junior C hockey throughout PEI;
- 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 junior hockey in its area of jurisdiction, as authorized by Hockey PEI 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 (players, team officials, staff, fans) are respected;
- f) To supervise and carry out hockey contests with the League and to eventually declare a League Champion.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

4.1 The League shall be comprised of bona fide teams within the boundaries of PEI, as determined annually by the Second League Meeting (Oct) of said year of play. Teams must have a \$500 performance bond to the league by the date of this meeting.

ARTICLE V – AMENDMENTS

5.1 The Constitution, By-Laws, Regulations, and Code of Discipline may be amended or altered at League Meetings before the first league game, or a Special Meeting, and then approved only by two-thirds majority of the members present.

5.2 No amendments or alterations to the Constitution, By-Laws, Regulations, or Code of Discipline shall be considered at the League Meeting unless such amendments or alterations have been submitted in writing to the League Commissioner at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of the League or Special Meeting. The Commissioner shall distribute a copy of the proposed amendments to one Team Official prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE VI – MISCELLANEOUS

6.1 Where any matter is not dealt with within the Constitution, By-Laws, Regulations, or Code of Discipline of the 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, Regulations, Code of Discipline of 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 or Regulations of Hockey Canada and Hockey PEI.

BY-LAWS

BY-LAW I – COMMISSIONER

1.1 The League will be directed and managed by the Commissioner with the support of the Team Representatives. They will establish the policies of the League, and uphold the Constitution, By-Laws, Regulations, and Code of Discipline of the League.

BY-LAW II – DUTIES

2.1 The Commissioner shall order the calling of meetings, preside at all meetings with full authority to suspend, fine (or both) any player, team and team official whose actions are deemed to be prejudicial to good sportsmanship, detrimental to the positive image of the League, or who violates general rules of play, or specific League rules and regulations.

2.2 The Statistician – Public Relations person, under the direction of the Commissioner, shall be responsible for the preparation and distribution of an annual League schedule to member teams and media, work cooperatively with teams in the promotion of member teams, co-ordinate the maintenance of league statistics, and prepare timely newsletters and maintain a League Web Site.

BY-LAW III – MEMBERSHIP

3.1 Each member team is required to have a representative at all League Meetings (regular or special). If more than one representative is in attendance only one shall have voting rights.

3.2 The members shall maintain and operate a hockey team of the highest possible caliber for the purpose of engaging annually in exhibition, regular schedule and playoff games with other Junior C teams.

3.3 ADMISSION ON NEW MEMBERS

- a) Applicants of membership in the League must file a letter of intent to the Commissioner, by September 1st of said year of play.
- b) Applicants will be required to demonstrate facility availability, a core of players of required caliber, and be able to post a \$500 bond at application meeting (early Sep). Teams have until the Second League Meeting (early Oct) to withdraw from the league and have the \$500 performance bond returned.
- c) The affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members of the League shall be required for admission of a new member.

3.4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A leave of absence may be granted by the Commissioner to any member team subject to the following conditions:

- a) The leave must be applied for by the date of the Second League Meeting (early Oct).
- b) The leave must be approved by a two-thirds majority of the members.
- c) Any leave of absence will be in effect for one year only.
- d) The League must receive written notice of return to active status by the First League Meeting (early-Sep).
- e) The players on the team being granted leave shall be able to play with any other member in the Junior C League. Should the team granted leave, return to active status; the players involved shall be returned to the team's protected list. Any such player on the roster of another member team may elect, if he so desires, to remain with his current team.
- f) Any member granted a leave of absence shall forfeit its right to vote at League meetings, while on leave, but will have the right to attend all League meetings and to receive copies of all minutes, notices and correspondence, distributed to members.

3.5 VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL

- a) Any member of the League may withdraw from membership, by tendering a written resignation to the Commissioner, making full payment of any and all dues or other debts owing to the League, and any or 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.

BY-LAW IV – MEETINGS

4.1 The Commissioner is responsible for calling all League Meetings or receiving requests for Special League Meetings.

4.2 League Meetings are: First League Meeting – (early September) Second League Meeting – (early October) Year-end Meeting – (after the Junior C Regional tournament)

All other league meetings are considered Special League Meetings and are only used if necessary

BY-LAW V – VOTING

5.1 Each participating member team shall be entitled to one voting representative at any meeting of the League.

5.2 All motions put at any League meeting shall be carried only by a majority vote of the voting representatives present, unless otherwise required by the constitution.

5.3 An application made under the By-Laws and Regulations must be approved by the majority of participating member teams present at any League Meeting.

5.4 Robert Rules of Order shall apply at all meetings, at which a jurisdictional dispute arises.

5.5 Voting by proxy shall not be permitted at any meeting of the League.

BY-LAW VI – FEES

6.1 The participating member teams shall be required to pay an annual fee, as determined at the First League Meeting (early-Sep) of said playing year. As deemed necessary and with the approval of the majority of League members present.

6.2 A performance bond deposit shall be duly levied and no team shall be authorized to take part in any regularly scheduled game or playoff unless their performance bond deposit is in fully paid status with the League no later than the date of the Second League Meeting (early Oct) of the current year. Amount of said bond is \$500.

BY-LAW VII – PROTESTS AND APPEALS

7.1 Protests may be filed with the Commissioner, or his designate, in accordance with Hockey PEI and Hockey Canada regulations. The matter being protested shall be considered by the Commissioner, 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.

7.2 An appeal of any decision made by the Commissioner, or his designate, is to be filed with the Executive Director, Hockey PEI in accordance with Hockey PEI and Hockey Canada regulations.

BY-LAW VIII – BANKING

8.1 The Commissioner is responsible to open a Bank Account in the Leagues name in some chartered bank, trust company or credit union in which funds of the League shall be deposited and withdrawals made by officials of the League. Two signatures being required on all cheques.

8.2 The Commissioner shall be responsible for the payment of all accounts of the League.

BY-LAW IX – OFFICERS

9.1.1 No member of a Team’s executive, or coach, manager or trainer of any of the participating member teams shall be eligible to sit as Commissioner of the League.

BY-LAW X – DISCIPLINE

10.1 The League may, from time to time, adopt minimum suspensions or penalties to be imposed on offending team players and officials.

10.2 The Commissioner or his designate may fine, suspend (or both) a team, player or official, if he determines that such action is necessary to preserve the integrity of the League or for other good cause.

10.3 There shall be no hearing or appeal from minimum suspensions issued under a minimum suspension policy.

10.3.1 An appeal of a suspension made by the Commissioner or his designate, pending the point of reference (League vs Hockey PEI rules/regulations) may be made to Hockey PEI Appeals Committee.

BY-LAW XI – PLAYING RULES AND REGULATIONS

11.1 The League shall adopt the playing rules of Hockey Canada.

11.2 The League will abide by the By-Laws and Regulations as per Hockey PEI and Hockey Canada.

11.3 The League may apply, through Junior Council, to Hockey PEI, to make changes to their rules and regulations.

REGULATIONS

REGULATION I – TEAMS

1.1 Participating member teams shall, during all scheduled games of the League, dress a minimum of 9 players and 1 goalie. Failure to abide with this regulation will result in the opposing team having the option of a forfeit win with coverage for related expenses, or agreement to play with the offending team fined.

1.2 Any team arriving at a game with less than 9 players, 1 goalie shall be subject to a fine of \$50.00 in addition to related expenses for the opposing team, as determined by the Commissioner. The Commissioner has the sole discretion to waive the fine in the event of special circumstances.

- 1.3 Each participating member team shall be allowed to dress 20 players (including 2 goaltenders)
- 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 one game for each game the ineligible player played in addition to a fine of \$50.00 for each game an ineligible player played.
- 1.5 Each participating member team shall be required to attend the First League Meeting (early- Sep) to indicate whether such team intends to participate in the League.
- 1.6 All players' registration cards, transfer information, releases and trades shall be sent to both the Commissioner and the Registrar of Hockey PEI, the latter of which shall forward copies of the team lists to the League for distribution to member teams.
- 1.7 For all regular schedule games and League playoffs, the home club is responsible for security.
- 1.8 After specified deadlines, the Commissioner shall obtain all pertinent information regarding affiliated teams, affiliated players, club systems and player lists for affiliate teams, from the Hockey PEI Registrar and will circulate to the League.
- 1.8.1 10-Game Rule: Players who affiliate to the higher category may only affiliate a maximum of 10 games throughout the year. Once the players' season is complete with his lower category team, he may join the higher team for the remainder of the season. Individual Player Affiliation: Any midget player can affiliate with any Junior C team, but once he registers with one team, he is protected by that team for the remainder of that season.
- 1.9 Matching sweaters and socks must all be of the team's designated color. Failure to meet the aforementioned requirements may result in a \$50.00 fine for each game.
- 1.10 Team identification camps may be held April through August, with team on-ice training camps permitted to commence September 1.
- 1.11 Teams shall operate with a 25-man protected roster (must include 2 goaltenders) which is submitted December 1st, and is cut down to a 23-man roster on January 10th as per the Junior Policy Manual. Rosters will be filed with Hockey PEI at the commencement of the season and up-dated accordingly as players are added and released throughout the course of the season.
- 1.12 Players that are leaving Midget (first year Junior C) hockey are required to report to their Home Association Junior C Team for try-outs. If their Home Association does not have a Junior C Team, then they will be deemed as free agents and are entitled to go to any other Team in the League.
- 1.13 In the event that a new team joins the league, players from other teams who played their minor hockey in the new team's association are eligible to sign with the new team without a release from their current team.

1.14 Each team is permitted to sign four overage players on their roster. Overage players must have played in the league the previous season (as per Regulation B.3 of Hockey Canada Regulations).

REGULATION II – PLAYOFFS

2.1 The League playoff format shall be constructed annually, prior to the start of regular season play, at the Second League Meeting (early Oct).

2.2 League standings shall be determined by an accumulation of points: two points shall be awarded for a win. One point for overtime loss. One point awarded to each team for an overtime tie.

2.3 If two or more teams are tied in points after regular season's schedule is completed, then the following formula will break the tie:

1. The greater number of games won, excluding games won in the Shootout.
2. The greater number of points earned in games between the tied clubs.
If two clubs are tied, and have not played an equal number of home games against each other, points earned in the first game played in the city that had the extra game shall not be included. If more than two clubs are tied, the higher percentage of available points earned in games among those clubs, and not including any "odd" games, shall be used to determine the standing.
3. The greater differential between goals for and against for the entire regular season.
NOTE: In standings a victory in a shootout counts as one goal for, while a shootout loss counts as one goal against.
4. The best goal average: GF + GA divided by GF (lowest number is best)
5. The team who scored their first goal of the season the earliest.
6. The team with the fewest penalty minutes.
7. Coin toss.

2.4 Contrary to Hockey PEI Rules and Regulations, splitting of the gate for deciding games in play-off is not in effect for the League. (June 7, 2006 Junior Council AGM).

2.5 The Commissioner of the League shall represent the League at all playoff games or shall appoint a person to represent the League as the League Official and identify himself to both clubs involved.

2.5 League Playoff game dates are to be arranged between the competing teams, in keeping the League's timelines for series completion. The home team shall have the right to set the date for game one. The Commissioner shall intervene as necessary to set dates.

REGULATION III – REFEREES AND LINESMEN

3.1 All League and Playoff Games shall be handled by a referee registered and in good standing with Hockey PEI, together with two linesmen from local Association or Hockey PEI.

REGULATION IV – SCHEDULE

4.1 Each participating member team shall indicate, at the First League Meeting (early-Sep), their preference of days and times for their home games, indicating a primary and secondary time. The schedule shall be drafted to accommodate times as is possible and equitable.

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 season 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 Commissioner, or his designate.

a) Any un-played game of the League schedule must be rescheduled within one week (7 days) of the originally scheduled game. Teams unable to comply with this may be subject to forfeiture and/or a fine by the League.

b) Teams opting to cancel games with less than 24 hours notice of the scheduled time, without reason acceptable to the Commissioner, shall be fined \$50.00 and responsible for all related expenses for the opposing team. 4.4 If the provisions of paragraph 4.3 cannot be implemented and the team requesting rescheduling 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. The forfeiting team shall reimburse the home team as a result of such forfeiture.

4.5 The regular schedule for the League shall begin on the date determined at the First League Meeting (early-Sep), with agreement from two-thirds of the member team representatives at the meeting.

REGULATION V – GAMES

5.1 All League games will be comprised of three (3) twenty (20) periods, with a flood between each period. However if in the discretion of the Commissioner, justifiable circumstances did not permit this regulation to be complied with, the Commissioner may confirm that such game was played in accordance with this regulation.

5.1.1 In the event a game is tied at the completion of three (3) periods of play, a five (5) minute period of sudden death, four on four, overtime shall be played. The first team to score shall be declared the winner and be awarded two points. The loser shall be awarded one point for the overtime loss. If the game remains tied, a shootout shall be held to determine the winner.

a) The teams will not change ends for the shootout. The visiting team will shoot first. The teams shall alternate shots. Rule 35 for “Penalty Shot” shall govern the taking of shots.

b) 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 penalty at the end of overtime or have been assessed a game misconduct or match penalty.

c) Once the shootout begins, the goaltender cannot be replaced unless he is injured. No warm up shall be permitted for a substitute goaltender.

d) 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 with each team taking equal number of shots. No player may shoot twice until everyone who is eligible has shot. Goaltenders are not eligible to be shooters.

e) 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.

f) The losing goaltender 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 person statistics.

g) 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”.

h) The winning team shall be awarded two points and the losing team shall be awarded one point for the shoot-out loss and be recorded in the overtime loss column of team standings.

REGULATION VI – PRE-GAME WARMUP

6.1 In order to ensure that games are able to start promptly at the scheduled time: the time allocated for the warm-up shall be posted on the arena clock shall run during the warm-up.

6.2 The warm-up time shall consist of ten (10) minutes straight time on the arena clock.

6.3 The home team is to supply pucks for warm-up, a minimum of twenty (20) pucks are to be provided for use by visiting team.

REGULATION VII – AWARDS

7.1 To be determined by the Commissioner.

REGULATION VIII – REMUNERATION

8.1 Honorariums will be paid to League Officials as follows, the amount of which can be increased and decided at the League Meetings.

Commissioner: a) Expenses to travel to attend League games in each home arena, during the regular season. (Commissioner makes every effort to travel with visiting team, if said team travels by bus).

Public Relations/Statistician a) Each team includes in team fees the amount of \$75.00 dollars to be awarded to the person filling this position.

REGULATION IX – MISCELLANEOUS

9.1 All expenses in conjunction with the operation of the League, not specifically dealt with in these By-Laws, Regulations, or Code of Discipline shall be paid for from the League provided they are approved for payment at a properly constituted League Meeting.

9.2 Providing that each member team is given forty-eight (48) hours notification of a League Meeting, failure to be represented will result in a fine of \$25.00.

9.3 All League game reports shall be faxed to the League Public Relations/Statistician, by the home team within one (1) hour of the completion of the game. Teams failing to file game reports within 24 hours will be subject to a fine of \$10.00 for each additional day the report is late.

9.4 In addition to regulation 9.3, the Commissioner may also assess fines for improperly completed game reports. Properly completed game reports should include all game officials and minor officials' names, completed lists of players, including captain, assistant captains. All scoring and penalty stats with times, and shots on goal by period per goaltender.

9.6 Any levied fines are to be received by the Commissioner. If fines are not paid they will be charged to that team's performance bond. Which will need to be topped up to \$500 within 14 days of the fine being levied.

9.7 Any request for information by the Commissioner or other League Official and bearing a deadline date, that is not met, will result in a fine of \$10.00.

9.8 The practice of two teams lining up and shaking hands at the end of the game shall be discontinued in all exhibitions, League and playoff games, except for the deciding game in any playoff series.

9.9 All skaters must wear neck guards during league games, or they will be assessed a minor penalty for being an ineligible player.

REGULATION X – ALL STAR TEAM AND GAMES

10.1 An All-Star game will be played each season if it is agreed upon by the teams at the Second League Meeting (early Oct). The format of the game, and composition of the teams will be determined at said meeting.

a) The Commissioner shall call for proposals to host the Annual All-Star Game and Skills Competitions.

b) The net profits from the All-Star Game, shall go to the Host Team after all expenses are paid.

10.2 Any player who fails to show for an All-Star Game, after originally given intent to play, will be suspended for the next three (3) regular scheduled League games and his team fined \$50.00.

CODE OF DISCIPLINE

- The Council Representative and or League designate, is responsible for issuing and monitoring suspensions in exhibition, tournament, league and playoff games.
- All game sheets must be faxed within 24 hours to the appropriate Council Representative and league designate by the team.
- When a suspension is incurred in exhibition, league, tournament, and playoffs, the suspension must be served in the next consecutive game(s). Exhibition games do not count as suspended games.

- The Code of Discipline used is the Hockey PEI Junior Council Minimum Suspension Guidelines and; The following is the league's application of the Game Misconduct, last 10 minutes of game [Rule 4.6(c)] – 1 game guideline:
- If a player gets more than one game misconduct in the last 10 minutes, he will only get one additional game under rule 4.6(c).
- If a player gets more than one game misconduct before the last 10 minutes of the game, he will get a game suspension for each additional game misconduct. For example, if a player gets a minor for checking from behind and a fight (each comes with a game misconduct), he will get a one-game suspension for the second game misconduct.