

WEST COAST MINOR BALL HOCKEY
OF
BRITISH COLUMBIA
CONSTITUTION
AND
BYLAWS

Incorporated under the Society Act
1st amendments to the Constitution and By Laws
2nd amendments to the Constitution and By Laws

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Constitution

Article 1

Name

The name of the Society is West Coast Minor Ball Hockey Association.

Article 2

Purpose

The purpose of the Society

To foster, improve and continue the growth of Minor Ball Hockey within the Province;

To continue with the enforcement of the rules of the game as adopted by the Society;

To supervise and carry out competitions for the championships of minor ball hockey in the Province of British Columbia;

To emphasize and encourage the involvement of those who put the interest of the game ahead of their personal interests;

To ensure that the game is played in a positive environment;

To assist members in the pursuit of excellence by providing effective programs and services through available resources;

To monitor and review services, benefits, and programs available to the members in order to meet their ever changing needs;

To present a common voice on behalf of all members in all discussions that could effect on the National and International level;

To promote and support equal access to program and services regardless of gender, sexual orientation, ethnic origin, racial origin or religion.

Article 3

The operation of this Society is to be mainly carried out in the Province of British Columbia. This provision is unalterable.

Article 4

The constitution of this Society shall be affiliated with Canadian Ball Hockey Association. This provision is unalterable.

Article 5

In the event that the Society should at anytime be dissolved, the remaining assets shall be distributed to the British Columbia Ball Hockey Association. Except for all unused gaming funds and assets purchased with gaming funds must be transferred to the Minister of Finance. This provision is unalterable.

BY-LAWS

- 1 West Coast Minor Ball Hockey Association for the purpose of these By-Laws shall be known and hereinafter referred to as “The Society”

BY-LAW ONE

Members

- a) The West Coast Minor Ball Hockey Association shall be composed of:
 - i) Players age 19 and under (Minor teams)
 - ii) Region Ball Hockey Associations
 - iii) Ball Hockey Associations
 - iv) Associate Members and
 - v) Persons currently serving on the Society’s Executive Committee operating within the Province of British Columbia, willing to comply with and abide by the Constitution, By-Laws, Regulations and Rules of the Society.

BY-LAW TWO

Region

- 2 The Society currently shall be divided into two regions as follows and shall be known as:
 - a. Lower Mainland
 - b. Okanagan

Within each region will have the following associations:

Lower Mainland:

- Delta Minor Ball Hockey
- Metro Minor Ball Hockey
- Richmond Minor Ball Hockey
- Ridge Meadows Minor Ball Hockey
- Surrey Minor Ball Hockey
- Valley Minor Ball Hockey

Okangan Area:

Penticton Minor Ball Hockey
Kelowna Minor Ball Hockey
Kamloops Minor Ball Hockey
Vernon Minor Ball Hockey

BY- LAW THREE

Membership

- 3 Membership shall be acquired by registering with the Executive, subject to By-Law One of the Society.
 - a) Each member Association shall adopt and maintain Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations not contrary to the Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations of this Society shall not at anytime make any amendments of its Constitution, By-Laws or Regulations conflicting with the Constitution, By-Laws or Regulations of this Society.
 - b) For the purpose of the preceding paragraph, Associations are authorized to adopt or amend their Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations so long as provisions of such Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations are more restrictive than the equivalent provisions (if any) of the Society or Canadian Ball Hockey.
 - c) All new applications for membership shall be forwarded to the Society Executive for their consideration. The application to consist of:
 - i) A copy of the proposed boundaries of the Association;
 - ii) written proof of arena availability;
 - iii) list of Association Directors or Executive;
 - iv) a copy of their Constitution and By-Laws
 - v) They have three years to be a registered society

- d) All games played by members and the qualifications of all persons competing in such games as members of its teams shall be in conformity with the Constitution, By-Laws, Regulations and Rules of the Society
- e) Any violation of the Constitution, By-Laws, Regulations or Rules of the Society or decisions of the Society's Executive by any member of the Society shall render such member liable to suspension and/or such disciplinary that may be deemed necessary.
- f) The membership of the Society shall commence on November 1st and end October 31st of the following year
- g) Membership in the Society shall cease where:
 - i) A member may be suspended or expelled for willful violation of the Society's Constitution or By-Laws or for any other serious breach of rules or regulations.
 - ii) Where a member is suspended or expelled, the member shall forfeit all rights and privileges in organized ball hockey in the Society until such time as the said member, Association, League or Team is reinstated as a member in good standing
- h) The member has not been in good standing for 12 consecutive months.
 - i) A member who has failed to pay current annual dues or any other subscription or debt due and owing by the member to the Society shall be deemed to be not in good standing.
 - ii) A member under suspension is not in good standing Until the period of suspension has been served.

BY-LAW FOUR

Dues

- a) The annual dues for the associations are due by May 15th of every year along with the Canadian Ball Hockey Registration forms.
- b) The fee will be \$11.00 for every player (except for tyke which will be \$6.00), coach, referee and executive;
- c) Failure to pay the fee by the May 15th to the Society will disqualified that association from further play for the remainder of the year and that year Provincials and other tournaments for that year.
- d) All original registration forms must be submitted with payment. The forms will be held for a period of five to seven years.
- e) All team rosters are considered finalized as of May 15th along with the receipt of payment

BY-LAW FIVE

The Officers and Directors of the Society

- a) The Officers of the Society shall be: the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Director of Coaching and The Director of Officiating.
- b) The Officers will be elected to a two-year term commencing at the acceptance of these Constitutions, By-Laws and Regulations.
- c) The Officers of the society shall be voted on at the AGM of the society. The term of the officers will be for a period of two years commencing at the first meeting after the conclusion of the AGM. A quorum at the Annual General Meeting will consists of 10 eligible members.

- d) Prior to a member being nominated for President of the Society, the nominee must have been a member of the society for at least one year.
- e) The President governs WCMBHA by its constitution, as well as by any related rules and regulations. The President is only entitled to one vote in the event of an equal number of votes on any matter before the WCMBHA
- f) The Vice President assists the President in the discharge of his/her duties, and in the absence of the President, conduct the meetings of the WCMBHA. The Vice-President is entitled to one vote on any matter before the WCMBHA.
- g) The Secretary keeps up-to-date and impartial records of the proceedings of each WCMBHA meeting, and other events, in writing, and he/she corresponds, as directed by the WCMBHA Executive. The Secretary is entitled to one vote on any matter before the WCMBHA.
- h) The Treasurer collects all monies owing to the WCMBHA, keeps records of all related transactions, and pays all accounts payable as authorized by the WCMBHA Executive. He/she prepares financial updates as required, and prepares the WCMBHA budget at the beginning of each season. The Treasurer is entitled to one vote on any matter before the WCMBHA.
- i) The Director of Officiating shall be in charge of all officials that are eligible to officiate games for WCMBHA. He/she shall be responsible for provide training for our officials and to advise WCMBHA as to how to improve the game from a rule standpoint. The Director of Officiating will also be part of the discipline panel and is entitled to one vote on any matter before the WCMBHA
- j) The Director of Coaching shall coordinate all coaches' clinics and ensure that the coaches are properly trained. To provide suggestions as to how we can improve the coach training of all of our members, In addition, he/she will be involved in the selection process for the WCMBHA Junior National team unless he/she has submitted his/her name as a coaching candidate. The Director of Coaching is entitled to one vote on any matter before the WCMBHA.

- k) The board of the Society shall have the power to suspend and/or fine and/or take such disciplinary action that may be deemed necessary against any Association, League, Team, Player, Referee, Official Scorer, Game Time Keeper, Team Official, Spectators, or Official of any Association, League or Team for unsportmanlike conduct on or off the floor, or abusive language to any of the Officials, or for failure to comply with BC Ball Hockey Constitution, By-Laws, Regulations, Rules or Canadian Ball Hockey Constitution, By-Laws, Rules or the Society's Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations
- l) Fines can not be applied to infants (minors)
- m) In cases where in the opinion of the President a suspension of greater than 30 days is warranted, the President will impose an indefinite suspension pending a full investigation. The investigation will be initiated within 10days of the incident by an Officer of the Society as directed by the President. Upon receipt of the full investigation report, the President shall impose a definite suspension.
- n) The Officers of the Society shall have the power to suspend any team official proven guilty of having played an ineligible player.
- o) The Officers of the Society shall have the power to suspend any referee or other Official for conduct unbecoming of an official on or off the floor.
- p) The Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, have all the power and perform all the duties of the President.

q) At the president meeting each member association is entitled to one vote. If the president of the association is unable to attend the meeting, then he/she may send another member of their executive in their place. That person will carry the same power as if the association president had attended. The society shall be notified forty eight hours ahead of any scheduled meetings as who is and who is not attending. If the society has requested other non voting members to attend the president meeting, they will give the association forty eight hours of such request.

r) No member of the Executive shall receive remunerations for services rendered. Only direct and reasonable expenses shall be paid to a member of the Executive.

BY-LAW SIX

Appeals

a) Any Association, League, Team, Player, Official, Official Scorer, Game Time Keeper, or any official of an Association may appeal any suspension or decision of the Society's President or the President designate.

b) Any individual wishing to appeal a suspension assessed and/or a decision made by the member Association, League or Team must:

c) First appeal to the member Association, League, or Team in question and exhaust all levels of appeal as specified in the By-Laws and Regulations of the member Association, League or Team in question.

d) The individual, if dissatisfied with the final appeal decision of the member Association, League or Team in question may then appeal the suspension and/or decision to the Society. A fee of \$50.00 must be paid to the Society before an appeal can take place.

- e) Upon receipt of the appeal the Society will notify the Association, League or Team in question of the appeal in writing.
- f) All appeals must be submitted in writing and be received by the Society within 10 days of the original decision.
- g) The Appeal will be only heard under the following conditions:
 - i) New evidence not used in the original hearing can be presented which may have an effect on the decision
 - ii) Appeal may be files on the grounds of irregularities in the proceedings of the original hearing that may have caused an unjust decision
 - iii) Appeal may be filed on the grounds that the decision of the original hearing was too severe
 - iv) An appeal may be filed on the grounds that there is proof to establish that the decision of the original hearing was reached in an unjust manner.
- h) The Appeal shall be dealt within 10 days of the receipt of the written appeal or electronically written.

BY-LAW SEVEN

Provincials and Western Challenge Cup Nationals

- a) Only those associations in good standing with the society for that particular year shall be allowed to participate in the Provincials, The Western Challenge Cup and The Nationals of that year.
- b) The society will only pay for the entrance fees for each team in each age division for the Junior National when traveling outside of the province.

- c) The society will pay \$1.00 for each registered member player to the Junior National teams split evenly among the teams when the teams are to travel outside of the province.
- d) The society has right to select the coaches of the Junior Nationals teams as recommended by the Director of Coaching.
- e) The society will also pay for the flights and accommodations of the head coach of the Junior Nationals teams when traveling outside of the province.
- f) The society will pay for one referee and one executive member to attend the Junior National tournament to officiate and attend meeting when the tournament is outside of the province.