D4 Update
January 19, 2026
6:30pm Google Meet

Attendance

Chair – Amanda Waterfield **Present**
Past Chair - Del Brown
Vice Chair – Glenn Austin **Present**
Treasurer – Andrea Tunks **Present**
D4 Hockey Ops -
D4 Risk & Discipline – Mike Smith
D4 RIC – Brendon Stitt **Present**
D4 Assigning – Mike Clarkson **Present**
D4 Secretary – Jennifer Garner
D4 Registrar - Heather Nixon **Present**
D4 Webmaster – Brad MacDonald **Present**
LCMHL President – Mike Taylor
LCMHL Treasurer - Fiona Livingston **Present**
U9 LCMHL Statisticians – Shawna Kealey **Present**
U18 & U21 LCMHL Statisticians – Debbie Hechert **Present**
U11 LCMH Statistician – Jordan Heavens **Present**
U13 LCMHL Statisticians - Jane Cameron **Present**
U15 Statistician – Amanda Wagorn **Present**
OVT - Joce Legault
Silver Seven - Tyler Nystedt **Present**
APMHA President - Scott Robillard **Present**
CPMHA President – Stuart Robinson **Present**
Romans – Martin Bouchard
MTK - Jennifer Downey **Present**
RMMHC –Jim Wallace **Present**
SMHA – Terry Foley **Present**
ORMHA - Cameron Legault **Present**
PLMHA President – Morgan McNevin **Present**
WCMHA – Chris Havey **Present**

Agenda Items:

Approval of November Meeting Minutes – Debbie H, 2nd by Jim Wallace
Approval of Agenda for January

LCMHL Update – Mike Taylor

There were a number of games cancelled on Jan 15th. Thank you to all involved in rescheduling those.

2 games need to be rescheduled from that inclement weather, both in Perth.

Debbie H – Would like to discuss the U9 Playoff Format. I would like to request the ice for those playoffs. March break falls a bit late, and Kids for Kids is the last week of march break.

I would propose Feb 23-March 12th and wrap up U9 then. Ice dwindles for some associations after march break. Last year the last games for u9 were played on the 22nd of March.

The pools divide up well this year and each team should get to play 3 games each.

Fiona – any objections? Sometimes we get push back from parents about no hockey after march break, but with it being so late this season.

No objections.

Feb 11th proposed for a playoff pool meeting.

APMHA is not available.

CPMHA is not available Feb 3-10th.

Fiona proposes that we schedule something and if you aren't able to attend you can send a representative from your association. Something would be sent in advance.

The remainder of the groups will take place after March break.

In one of the upcoming 2 meetings we would like to discuss the exceptions made this fall and concerns this may have caused. Discuss rules for the fall. We will put something together and likely discuss in the March meeting before we get into the next season.

Fiona – Thank you to everyone, all associations are paid in full.

Shawna – I sent out some communication out last night to correct some misunderstandings with associations.

Eg. Some people were running the scoreboard if there was a 6 goal spread.

Also clarifying period durations and penalty times.

Jordan – I've been lucky to only have 1 inclement weather reschedule.

Jane – all is good.

Amanda – All is good is U15, all the reschedules are done.

Debbie – Quite peaceful in U18 and U21 this year.

District Chair Report - Amanda Waterfield

Attended HEO Minor council meeting on January 14.

1. HEO AAA tryouts will be happening April 13 – May 1.

- April 13 – 18, 2026 Pathway Skates

- April 19 – 25, 2026 Evaluations

- April 26 – May 1, 2026 – Combine

U18 programming maybe changing, more to come.

2. VSC & Declarations – HEO says thank you to all. I would recommend that anyone whose VSC expires in 2026 (so who received their VSC in 2023) apply now for their VSC for the upcoming season.

3. 11.4 Discriminatory Slurs – We have a blank template that will be sent to you and your Risk & Discipline director/ This form can be used. HEO has indicated that we can fill it out and have the player sign it. Once signed please send back to Mike & myself so that we can update TTM and direct the competed letter to HEO.

4. Video Review

Any and all appeals need to come through the association president.

5. RIC John Reid - Pay increases will be occurring next season for Officials – see attached document

6. U9 – Full ice – 1 min penalty, 3 min

7. Ottawa B-League announced that CIHA will be joining as a pilot program next year at

the U16 & U18 age groups

8. Travel Permits – Still receiving these…next year we will be having a clear deadline, and anything after that deadline should only be a tournament change or exhibition games.

9. Outdoor rinks – Please ensure that teams review the HEO Outdoor policy prior to

requesting officials.

10. First Shift 2026-2027 application process will open January 21.

District updates Video Review policy within district.

All requests must come through the association. Anything from a parent or player directly to D4 will be sent back to the association to determine as whether they want to appeal such suspension. This can only be on anything less than 3 games. As per HEO, if Brendon is reviewing suspensions like he does at times, then he will reach out and let you know if a suspension needs to be changed in TTM.

Timekeeper Rates

I would like to propose that we increase the timekeeping rates by $1.5/game.

Kanata pays $18, and Nepean provided the chart below.

Level	Game Length	AA/A/Rep B	HL
U10/U11	60	$15.60	$15.60
	70	$16.60	$16.60
	80	$17.60	$17.60
	90	$18.60	$18.60
U12 / U13	60	$15.60	$15.60
	70	$16.60	$16.60
	80	$17.60	$17.60
	110	$25.60	N/A
U14 / U15	60	$16.60	$16.60
	70	$17.60	$17.60
	80	$18.60	$18.60
	90	$20.60	N/A
	110	$28.60	N/A
U16 / U18	60	$16.60	$16.60
	70	$17.60	$17.60
	80	$18.60	$18.60
	90	$20.60	N/A
	110	$28.60	N/A
U21	60	N/A	$19.60
	70	N/A	$20.60
	80	N/A	$21.60
	90	N/A	$22.60
	110	N/A	$26.60

Parents are ruining it for the kids right now. If we continue to have issues with parents on a certain team maybe its time to remove the adults from the cold area.

If you're having issues with parents please feel free to give them a cold area suspension and we will support you with that.

I want you to know that when we get concerns about issues, we do review those videos. We do have processes right now for suspensions of officials and we are working through that, and reclasses where necessary. We are doing a lot of work in the background.

Glenn – VP/Treasurer

- District 4 has completed three pay periods for the 2025–26 season (October–December), with three remaining in the fiscal cycle.
- Total expenditures to date across officiating, assigning, and administration amount to $196,455.79.

- Association contributions total $349,018.58, leaving a combined remaining balance of $152,562.79.
- Burn rates are generally aligned with historical mid-season patterns, though several associations are operating with tighter remaining balances relative to demand.
- Based on last year's expenditure trajectory, District 4 may need to request supplemental funding in early February to ensure payroll continuity through March.
- Administrative costs remain modest at $4,448.79, covering payroll processing and Officials Program training expenses such as room rentals.
- Key risks include potential cash-flow pressure if officiating demand increases and association-level imbalances that may require early communication or corrective action.

District Risk & Discipline – Mike Smith

District Hockey Ops –

RIC & Assigning – Brendon Stitt & Mike Clarkson

I apologize if the officiating wasn't consistent during the APMHA tournament this past weekend. I did send two senior officials to supervise the finals.

I have an RIC D4 meeting coming up this week and a RIC HEO meeting coming up.

There have been a few complaints about officials, I've watched more minor hockey videos than NHL this season.

When a complaint is brought to me I look at it first from an urgency perspective. Is this a retraining or more. Other issues are more pressing and require rating reductions, or suspensions. Your concern is heard. Anything worth reporting is documented and on record with district.

There was some concern about green arm bands working U18 games. There is no rule against it. I do not just let any green arm band work U18, they must be 17 and can not play in U18 themselves. I have some green arm bands that have thicker skin than some adults or better management.

Cam suggests that the green arm band should be for any official in their first 3 years of officiating rather than under 18 years old bc even if you're 40 and new to officiating then you're still learning.

We're still running development for new officials, we held one on "back to basics" and "gamesheets and GIRs". Every google meets has had atleast 30 people log in.

I have also been doing a lot of video supervisions, this saves on costs as supervisions cost money.

Next season we will be holding tryouts of sorts for new officials to ensure they show maturity and their skating is up to par.

Mike Clarkson – Things are going well. We haven't had to reschedule anything due to lack of officials. We also have a very unfortunate side effect where officials start to block certain teams and that makes that team hard to schedule. Some arenas are hard to get officials out to, Pakenham especially.

D4 Webmaster- Brad MacDonald

Digital Game sheets – I was on a call with sportzheads and they informed us they will never fix game central regardless of how broken it is.

Digital game sheets would eliminate some human errors.

We could move to gamesheet inc. with sportzheads. Or we can change platforms all together. I polled the webmasters for associations and they all like Sportzheads.

B league is moving to Ramp away from Sportzheads.

Amanda Waterfield – at the HEO meeting Kanata minor hockey league used ramp for 1 season and is moving away from it. The B league is now going back to the drawing board.

Brad is going to get some costs for us. They're willing to offer us the same cost that they gave to AA and AAA.

The first year would be $90 per team

$110 per team for the second year and the 3rd year would be another increase.

Additionally, an iPad would need to be used. Where Ramp can be used on any device.

District 5 keeps 2 ipads at the rink and the time keepers are responsible for them.

Brendon Stitt – Is there an "offline mode"?

Brad – Yes.

Fiona – In terms of implementing this for next year, what does everyone need from Brad to move forward with this?
Chris – I suggest we get a proposal on what will be needed to handle the devices.

Terry – Is there an option to rent gamesheet inc. iPads?
Brad – Yes.

Jim Wallace – What does girls hockey use?

Amanda Waterfield – Girls hockey uses RAMP. There can be a lot of issues with reschedules and a learning curve.

D4 Registrar - Heather Nixon

As of yesterday, all D4 rosters are completed. Thank you to everyone for helping with that.

Feb 15th @7pm is the last day for AP paper work. We're asking that Feb 13th be the cutoff.

APMHA - Scott Robillard

No real issues in Almonte. We did get a lot of feedback from coaches outside of our district regarding the officiating.

CPMHA – Stuart Robinson

Thank you to all who helped reschedule those games.

ORMHA – Cameron Legault

Gearing up for our big tournament this weekend.

We're dealing with some suspensions. We ended up pulling 1 of our coaches this week pending some conduct situations. I agree with Chris, usually we do pretty well with team placements.

Manotick had a flood at 3am pipes bust which hit the equipment room. Just make sure that you confirm what is covered.

PLMHA – Morgan McNevin

Dealing with a few suspensions otherwise everything is good. U12 won their tournament this past weekend.

RMMHA – Jim Wallace

Things are flowing nicely.

SMHA – Terry Foley

Rolling along similarly. A few suspensions, but nothing out of the ordinary. The Adults seems to be misbehaving more than the players.

There was a comment made about the small pools. My U15 house B teams feel that we should have had a U15C league this year, we wonder if this should be something to consider this for next season.

Kanata has U15C teams.

WCMHA – Chris Havey

Happy that we will be discussing the exceptions that were made. Other than that, all is flowing well.

MTK – Jennifer Downey

3 tournament wins this weekend. Nothing else to report.

ROMANS- Martin Bouchard

Titans – Joce Legault

Silver Seven – Tyler Nystedt

We're getting ready for spring tryouts, U9 and U11 will start April 26th. All other divisions will start after the combine May 4th -May 17th.

Call for coaches will go out after AAA finishes.

Otherwise everything else is going well.