

D4 Update
June 17, 2024
6:00pm VIA Zoom

Attendance
Chair – Amanda Waterfield **Present**

Past Chair - Del Brown
Vice Chair – Glenn Austin **Present**
D4 Hockey Ops - Steve Edgerton
D4 Risk & Discipline - Chris Benson
D4 RIC –
D4 Assigning –
D4 Secretary – Jennifer Garner **Present**
D4 Registrar - Heather Nixon
D4 Webmaster - Andy Backa
LCMHL President - Tom Stephens **Present**
LCMHL Treasurer - Fiona Livingston **Present**
U16 LCMHL Statisticians – Marie Cote
U9 LCMHL Statisticians – Allyssia Chamberlain
U18 LCMHL Statisticians – Marie Côté
U11 LCMH Statistician – Mike Taylor **Present**
U13 LCMHL Statisticians - Debbie Heuchert **Present**
U15 & U21 Statistician – Jenny James **Present**
OVT - Joce Legault **Present**
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 - Natasha Danschinko

Agenda Items:

Approval of March Meeting Minutes – Motioned by Cam seconded Jennifer Downey.

LCMHL Update - Tom Stephens

Bylaws – Summary of Changes

Clause 1 – Fees

- Add item
    - c) Accumulated surplus may from time to time be distributed equitably amongst the Associations participating when the surplus is created. This will be done by either payments to the association or through a fee reduction in a future year.

Clause 2 – Duties

- President
    - Clarification that
        - President counts as part of quorum but votes only in the event of a tie
        - President can appoint a delegate from the BOD in the event they're absent from a meeting
- Past President
    - Clarification that the PP is a non-voting member
- Vice President
    - Removed
- Treasurer
    - Wording changes in the interests of clarity
- Statisticians
    - Same

Clause 3 – Appeals and Discipline Committee

- Added clarification that discipline is a district responsibility, but LCMHL will appoint a committee where additional discipline is deemed necessary

Clause 5 – Team Registration

- Minor wording changes to improve clarity

Clause 6 – Team Placement

- Minor wording changes to improve clarity

Clause 8 - Number of Players per Team

- Minor wording changes to improve clarity

Rules and Regulations – Summary of Changes

General Changes

- Change of reference from League Executive to Board of Directors
- Change of reference from ODMHA to HEO
- Change of reference of age groups (Novice → U9, etc.)

1 – Interpretation

- Clarification of the Board of Directors (BOD) membership

7 – Timing of Games + Timekeeping Rules

- Clarification that a timekeeper must be equipped with backup devices (whistle, timekeeping app on phone or stopwatch) in the event of arena equipment failure.
- Much clarification of wording in this section
- Added indication that U9 gets a 3 min (not 2) warm-up
- Added new section regarding the periods and timing of a U9 game

8 – Rescheduling and Switching Games

- Clarification that failure to show up for a game may result in league discipline

9 – Game Precedence

- Indication that the BOD has final authority to address conflicts where teams do not respect that league games take precedence over tournaments and exhibition games

10 – Tournaments

- Removed obsolete condition that teams must submit tournament game sheets showing suspensions to the league. TTM use obsoletes this.

12 Submission of Game Sheets / Reporting of Scores and Suspensions

- Clarified action when teams fail to enter game results
    - 72 hrs – Statistician follow-up, 7 days – email to president, 14 days – fine
- Clarified that suspensions are to be entered into TTM

13 – League Winner

- Updated the tie-breaker rule that determines a reg season winner upon a tie

14 – Playoffs

- Removed references to statisticians scheduling playoffs games within their dvisions
- Addition of statement recognizing that reading week and March break dates may vary across universities/school boards. The league will choose a representative week in that case
- **Playoff Format – This is still a work in progress**
- Removed reference to a round-robin seeding date
- Updated the documented tie-breaker rule

Stittsville and Carleton Place will let LCMHL to be admins on their website for learning purposes.

Club system affiliation system – No progress as HEO has not met yet. Will follow up. Club system allows you to pull from lower levels instead of the 19 player system.

Fees – At the end of this year we still had $13k surplus sitting in LCMHL, we need roughly $13k to run a season so we need still fees. We're proposing 75% fees for next year. Vote mentioned by Morgan, seconded by Stu Robinson, Fiona, Jenny James, Scott R & Debbie H.

Terry - For U18 that doesn't follow the pathway or traditional style, will they follow the tournament style also?

If ice is available, they will follow the tournament style too.

Scott R – Will there be a requirement for additional ice? Pathways require regular season to go into march?

Tom – I don't think April ice is feasible. Many ice surfaces will be taken out. We would have to purchase ice from other arenas.

Scott R -Is there anything that we can do to make the playing field more even? It seems that acceptations are made for associations to not follow the 20%/ 60%/ 20%.

Tom – If we wanted to try just going with the HEO formula, we would just need to make sure the league was aware of that.

Tom – Will put this on our agenda for August meeting.

District Chair Report - Amanda Waterfield

HEO didn't do a minor council meeting, this will happen after the AGM.

Live barn was announced. I met with CP and Mississippi Mills. They were saying that they didn't think their councils will go for it. I asked why they were acceptations. I have submitted their questions.

Town of CP thinks its not fair of CP Canadians that we're asking for Live Barn.

Terry – We reached out to the city. Our manager is looking into this as to whether they want it in their arenas or not.

Livebarn is a tool used for discipline reasons, not just for watching kids play hockey.

Tom & Fiona – You're missing a handbook, Debbie at HEO is looking for a handbook to standardize across HEO.

1 RIC applicant.
3 applicants for Officials Assignor.

Submitted a financial request for help paying mileage for officials for us. Aug 20th at CP arena will be an officiating meeting for new officials.

There is a new officiation program document coming from HEO which we will have to follow. It is my understanding that it has been presented to the board of directors.

Hockey Canada is partnering with FORCE to launch the Referee Assist Program, which will assist Minor Hockey Associations in recruiting officials. HEO has asked if District would like to participate.

Scott R – Can we get something from district that says we're looking for officials new and experienced? Young officials were told that we didn't have room for them and we need more experienced referees. How do we get them experienced if we don't get them young?

Amanda – we've had requests to be transferred out of district before tryouts. The message is that they HAVE to tryout for OVSS before they can be released to another AA team.

We are expecting requests from district 5 to try out for MTK and West Carleton. Those players must tryout for their own district first.

District Risk & Discipline - Chris Benson

District Hockey Ops – Steve Edgerton

RIC -Assigning:

D4 Webmaster- Andy Backa

They're doing training, reached out to all the associations for different training sessions. Those meetings are happening this week.

D4 Registrar - Heather Nixon

- A lot of volunteers are about to expire their VSCs or have expired. Executives require VSCs and Declaration forms.
- I will be booking a session with the new RMMHA registrar Jimmy to help him get the store set-up.
- The new CPMHA registrar has set up the store and is ready to go!
- WCMHA does not have a new registrar, however they have not set-up the store. I sent an email earlier today requesting the planned date of opening.
- All other D4 Associations have their registration opened!
- Note that association registration are dependencies for OVSS and MTK/Romans RepB registration as all players must register with their home association and pay the $25 admin fee prior to stepping on the ice.
- Note that AAA selected players will have their registration with their home association validated at the time that a share transfer is requested.

League Registration:
PLMHA - Opened June 1st
ORMHA - Opened June 8th
SMMHA - Opened June 11th
APMHA - Opened June 17th
CPMHA - Ready to open June 19th
WCMHA - Not Opened. Email sent requesting planned date for opening.
RMMHA - Not Opened. New registrar. Email sent to offer assistance.

TO BE OPENED:
OVSS - Opening later - dependent on WCMHA & RMMHA being opened
MTK - Opening later
Romans - Opening later - dependent on RMMHA being opened

APMHA - Scott Robillard

We are having some technical issues getting out registration opened. Working on that right now. Just looking to get our registration open and numbers going.

CPMHA – Stuart Robinson

Everything is going well, registration opens Wednesdays. The transfer procedure, can I get that message so I can send that out to parents. The disclosure forms are available on our site.

ORMHA – Cameron Legault

We have open registration.

Everything is in place for our board. Lots of new volunteers which is great.

Are we still having Lou as our ORMHA RIC?

Glenn- I think we're going to discuss this as a district. I do know that Lou is an RIC. At this point in time we commit the statement that he is not our district RIC as he stepped down.

Looking forward to the summer and starting up again.

PLMHA – Morgan McNevin

Registration is open, numbers low so far. Hopefully they start to rise.

RMMHA – Jim Wallace

We are delayed with registration, we have a lot of new members. Registrar, ice scheduler and treasurer. Hopefully that opens soon.

SMHA – Terry Foley

- Program planning is complete. Once undesirable ice is returned (blackout days, holidays etc.) SMHA will be using its full ice allocation to deliver our program.

- SMHA registration is open.
    - Fees are as follows:
        - U7 - $725 until July 12th and $825 thereafter
        - U9-U18 - $825 until July 12th and $925 thereafter

- SMHA budget plans for 900 registered players giving a ~$35k overall budget surplus.
- SMHA has awarded $500 bursaries to three graduating players.
- Recruitment for new officials is out.
- SMHA has two outstanding suspensions that require D4 hearings from March.

WCMHA – Natasha Danschinko

Planning to open registration July 15th. We're just trying to decide on our fees for the season.

I realize HEO has said they will support us. The reality is that there just aren't a lot of referees to pull from.

Glenn – They are out there, we just need to put the message out there that we're looking. The travel issue will need to be apart of the plan but there are people out there.

Amanda – District 1 has said they will help us especially in Perth. We will do whatever is needed to ensure that there are referees at all games.

MTK – Jennifer Downey

Working on getting coaches in place, almost there. We will wait for Almonte and CP to open then we will go forward from there.

ROMANS- Martin Bouchard

Titans – Joce Legault

We're still looking for a U15 coach, it's been difficult to find a good U15 coach.

We're trying to give the POE program to REP and house league then just the AAA

Silver Seven – Tyler Nystedt

We announced our U9-U11 coaches in May

U12-16 announced last week.

We're having a coaches meeting right now to make sure they're setting up their tournaments etc.

U18 is coming.

Tryout schedule will be released shortly.

August 5th registration will be open.

Seamus has stepped in for Andy's position as Director of Competitive Hockey RMMHA

SMHA has done a great job advertising Andrew Staniforth's replacement as he has moved on to VP.

We appreciate all the work you've done regarding the referee situation. Thank you for all the work you've done.