D4 Update
March 23 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 **Present**
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 **Present**
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
CPMHA President – Stuart Robinson **Present**
Romans – Martin Bouchard **Present**
MTK - Jennifer Downey **Present**
RMMHC –Jim Wallace / Alex Cote **Present**
SMHA – Terry Foley – **Present**
ORMHA - Cameron Legault **Present**
PLMHA President – Morgan McNevin **Present**
WCMHA – Chris Havey **Present**

Agenda Items:

Approval of February Meeting Minutes – motioned by Heather, 2nd by Fiona
Approval of Agenda for March - Motioned by Morgan, 2nd Terry

LCMHL Update – Mike Taylor



Do all associations have a banner in good condition for playoff banners.

We do need representatives at each game, I sent a link out on Saturday. There has not been much response there.

I can send the link out again if people need it, it is very important that we have representation at these games.



Regular Season Playoff Banners

Division	Date	Time (90 minute slots)	Arena
U11T1	2026-03-28	2:00-3:30PM	Johnny Leroux Community Arena
U11T2	2026-03-29	4:00PM-5:30PM	Almonte & District Community Centre
U11T2	2026-03-29	3:00-4:30PM	Osgoode Arena
U11T3			
U11T3	2026-03-24	6:00pm-7:30pm	Beckwith Recreation Complex
U13T1	2026-03-28	3:30-5:00PM	Johnny Leroux Community Arena
U13T2	2026-03-27	8:00 - 9:30 PM	Perth & District Community Arena
U13T2	2026-03-29	5:30PM-7:00PM	Almonte & District Community Centre
U13T3	2026-03-24	6:00PM-7:30PM	Perth & District Community Arena
U15T1	2026-03-28	5:00-6:30PM	Johnny Leroux Community Arena
U15T2	2026-03-29	4:30-6:00PM	Osgoode Arena
U15T2	2026-03-28	6:30-8:00PM	Johnny Leroux Community Arena
U18T1			
U18T2			
U18T2			
U18T2			
U18T2	2026-03-29	8:30-10:00PM	Johnny Leroux Community Arena

Mike - Thank you to Fiona for working on adjustments to the LCMHL Handbook.

Points for adjustment

- Playoff format
- Exceptions
- Weather related cancellations process
- Game curfew
- Overtime format
- Referencing # of games for automatic suspension - remove and refer to HEO guidelines so there is no discrepancy (for example ineligible player)
- Game allocation and how to proceed with an exhibition game
- Run-time and 5+ goal differentials.

If there is anything else you think needs to be adjusted please bring it forward. These changes will be brought to the table for everyone to review.



Exceptions - Fiona will send a spreadsheet about how the exceptions this season effected the standings. Mentioned that HEO chart says there should not be a tier 3 team unless your association has 5 teams in that division. More discussions will need to happen in preparation for next season.

Shawna - All quiet. Teams are trying to get their final exhibition games in.

Jordan - Not much to update. 1 game cancelled due to weather, it was a meaningless game and I have not heard of a rescheduled date so I assume it is not playing.

Jane - No updates. Pretty good season

Amanda - Everything is wrapping up.

Debbie - Not too much to report. U18 we were affected badly by the storm we had at the beginning of playoffs. 4 games needed to be rescheduled.

District Chair Report - Amanda Waterfield

- HEO has gotten approval for U9 Full Ice as of Dec 26 more details to come regarding how many full ice games and tournaments
- AAA/AA tryouts start soon. Next season players will have to come back to their home AAA association, they will no longer be allowed to stay where they played last season automatically

- Rep B will be allowed to start their conditioning session September 1st, but not over the labour day weekend.
- Registration for try out - please have OVSS speak with Heather to make it as seamless as possible
- AGM dates
    - APMHA - April 23 @ curling club
    - WC - April 29 virtual
    - SMHA April 28 in person
    - MTK AGM - May 6
    - PLMHA - April 29 @ 6:30 Perth Legion
    - CPMHA - May 12 or 19th
    - ORMHA - April 16th @7pm in Manotick
    - RMMHA -
    - OVSS -
- We have had a lot of district hearings this year.
- We need to reiterate that cell phones should not be in the changeroom.
- We also need to start enforcing the 2 deep rule in the changerooms

Glenn – VP

Association payroll for February went through well.

Glenn would like to approve that we continue on with Mike Clarkson as assignor for next year?
Does anyone want to go to RFP next year?

Terry - What does the D4 Constitution say we need to do?
Glenn - it is not outlined in the constitution.

Chris - Are we approving at the same rate?
Glenn - It is outlined by HEO.

No one object.

Andrea -Treasurer

District Risk & Discipline – Mike Smith

As we head into the final stretch of the season, I wanted to share a quick update on how things are looking across District 4. First off, a huge thank you to all the coaches, volunteers, and parents who keep our kids on the ice—it's been a fantastic year of hockey so far!

We currently have 50 players finishing up their remaining suspension games. To make sure everyone's transition back to the ice is as smooth as possible, we've reached out to associations regarding any older files (3+ months) just to ensure nothing fell through the cracks.

A few important reminders regarding carryovers:

- **Next Season: Any outstanding suspensions at the end of this year will carry over to the start of next season.**
- **U18 Players: For those finishing their minor hockey career this year, any remaining suspensions will stay on their HCR record.**
- **Future Coaching: If these players return to the game as coaches or officials in the future, those games will still need to be served at that time.**

Could you please do us a quick favor?

- **Take a peek at your current open cases.**
- **Touch base with your teams to confirm that those players are on track to serve their time properly.**

A Quick Look at the Numbers

To help us all focus on where we can support our players best, here are the top 5 infractions we've seen this season:

Infraction	Rule Ref	Total
1. Fighting	7.10 (b)	62
2. Head Contact (5+GM)	7.6 (b)	60
3. Checking from Behind (2+GM)	7.5 (a)	53
4. Discriminatory Slur	11.4	37
5. Abuse of Officials	11.2 (b/c)	29

We're all in this together to keep the game fun, respectful, and safe for the kids. If you need any help with these stats or have questions about a specific player, don't hesitate to give me a shout!

District Hockey Ops –

RIC & Assigning – Brendon Stitt & Mike Clarkson

Old Business

The year-end survey was distributed to all officials.

- Very positive
- Training and supervision are good.
- Some of our experienced officials felt they were overlooked with training this year in favour or new officials.
- 80% of officials are planning to return

Overall, feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with constructive input noted for continued program improvement.

New Business

D4 Officiating Banquet & Awards

Nominations have been submitted by Association RICs.
A poll has been distributed to officials to determine award winners.
A funding request has been submitted to HEO to assist with event costs (venue, food & beverage, awards).

2026–2027 Recruitment Plan

Associations will submit their projected needs for underage officials.
Each association will be allocated a number of available positions.
All current rostered officials will be grandfathered and will not be required to re-tryout.
New underage applicants (U13-U18) will undergo:

Basic off-ice evaluation (rule knowledge & hockey IQ)
On-ice evaluation (skating ability & procedural retention)

Adult officials will not be turned away and will continue to be welcomed into the program.

Officiating Feedback / Governance

Some officials have expressed concerns regarding their calls being overturned during the season.
A suggestion has been raised by a few to introduce “Referee Representatives” within D4, similar to models used in other districts (Central, District B, District 9), to provide additional communication and support structure.

Motions for Consideration

Green Armband Usage (Ages 16–17)

Seeking direction from Association Presidents on whether green armband officials should be permitted to line (when they do not actively play):

U18 Rep & House

House League only

Or not at all

This was implemented this past season due to a shortage of senior officials and to avoid using two-official systems in higher divisions.

Other districts currently allow this practice.

Recommendation: Open discussion and formalize direction with association input. If our members would rather not use this practice, I will follow the preference forthwith.

2+1 Officiating System Review (LCMHL)

Reopening discussion on implementing modified 3-official system (2 Referee / 1 Linesperson) for U15A House and above, that we currently use for U21 only.

Acknowledging both operational benefits and logistical challenges.

Recommendation: Open discussion to determine if this should proceed to a formal vote for the 2026–2027 season.

Note: many districts including D1, D2, D5 and DB currently use this for their older rep and house league programs. Where we face the consistency challenge is we will likely never get it passed at OBMHL and would be strictly used within

LCMHL.

Pros

1. Enhanced Penalty Calling: Two referees improve detection of infractions, especially away from the puck.
2. Superior End-Zone Coverage: Lead referee can stay near goal line while trailing referee covers play.
3. Increased Safety in Scrums: Additional official support helps manage rough play and break up fights.
4. Better Goal Evaluation: Two referees improve accuracy on close goal calls.
5. More Affordable than 4-Man: Provides many benefits of a four-official system at a lower cost.
6. Ideal Development Tool: Perfect for training younger referees while also allowing older officials to stay in the game longer with reduced workload.

Cons

1. Linesman Overload: One linesman handles both blue lines, icing, and faceoffs.
2. Improper Positioning: Difficult to maintain ideal positioning on fast transitions.
3. Conflicting Judgment: Two referees may have differing standards or duplicate calls.
4. Referees Assist with Line Calls: Distracts from primary penalty responsibilities.
5. Inefficient Icing Management: Linesman may be out of position, forcing referee involvement.
6. Cost Consideration: Slightly more expensive than a traditional 1 Referee / 2 Linesman system, but still cheaper than a full 4-official system.

Summary Table

Feature	2-Ref / 1-Line System
Penalty Coverage	High (Two sets of eyes)
Offside/Icing Accuracy	Moderate/Low (One official)
Scrum Control	High (Three officials)
Cost	Moderate (between 3-man and 4-man systems)
Ideal Use	College Club, Elite High School, High-level U18, Older Minor Hockey Levels

D4 Webmaster- Brad MacDonald

Digital gamesheet update

GameCentral

- Considered to be end of life/end of support
- SportsHeadz no longer maintaining or updating it
- Over 200 complaints from team managers in the 2025-26 season
- At some point, we will be forced to digital game sheets. GameSheet Inc discounts may not be offered when forced to move.

Three options for the 2026/27 season, in no particular order

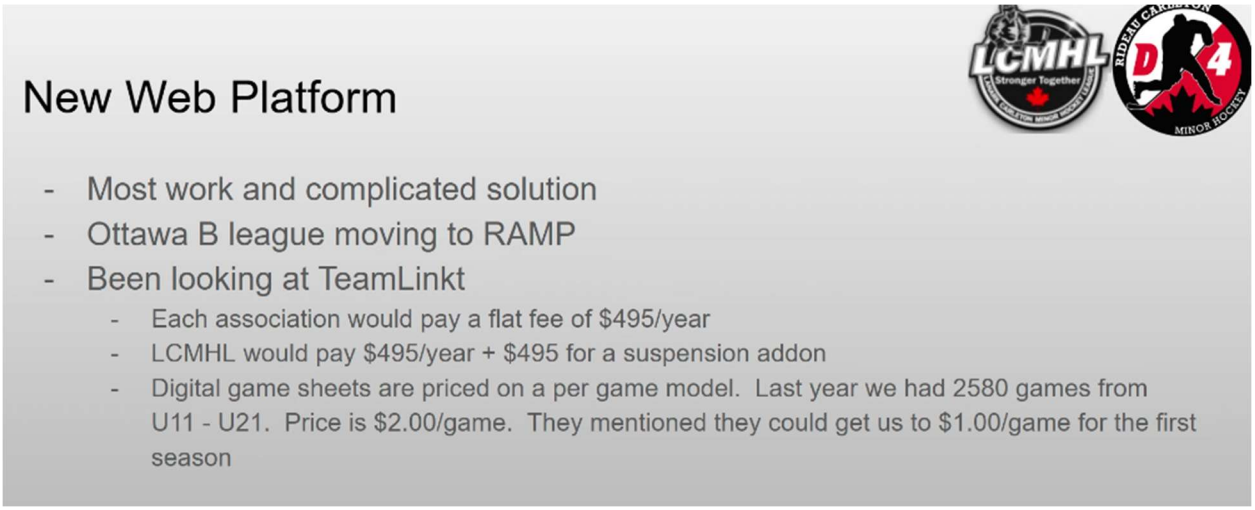
- Stay on SportsHeadz and paper game sheets
- Stay on SportsHeadz and move to GameSheet Inc
- Move off Sportsheadz

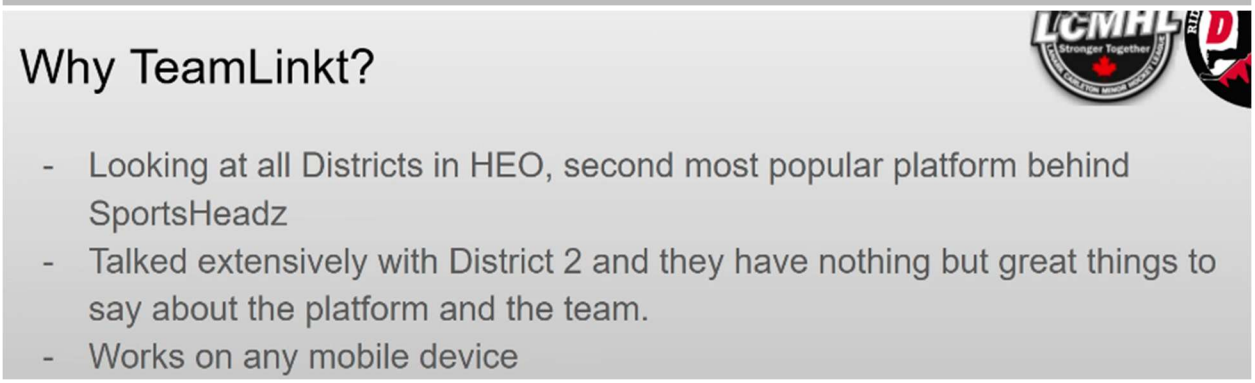
SportsHeadz w/Paper Game Sheets

- Easiest solution, continue with paper game sheets
- Would recommend not keeping player stats to limit the interaction with GameCentral. Enter in game scores only
- 99% of player stats are incorrect on paper game sheets. The only time they are correct is in a 0-0 tie or possibly a 1-0 game

SportsHeadz w/GameSheet Inc.

- Second easiest option to adopt as its integrated into SportsHeadz
- iPad and costs are concerns for associations
- Pricing was distributed on the 1/16/26 meeting
- GameSheet has come back and said if we sign a 5 year deal, years 3, 4 and 5 will remain at the same price
- Price increases are typically tied to inflation





Mike - Brad do you have any recommendations as the webmaster?

Brad - I'd really like to get some of the webmasters opinions on this. We do need to pick something. Sportzheads is probably 80% of HEO.

Brendon Stitt - D1 uses TeamLinkt if you need more information on that.

Debbie - from a scheduling perspective Sportzheads is great.

Brad - I hope everyone understands why I am looking at this, sportzheads is great but game central isn't user friendly.

Chris - Debbie you and I spoke about how the B league is moving to Ramp and how that will work with the interface.

Debbie - Before we switched to sportzheads from goalline, B league didn't have goalline. When we switched to sportzheads everything from the B league would automatically upload in it vs. entering it in manually.

Terry - What kind of time line do you need?

Brad - June is realistic.

D4 Registrar - Heather Nixon

$25 competitive Tryout fee. Do we want to charge this for 26/27 season?

Last year the fee was collected at the start of the new season. Competitive associations would provide a list of any players who tried out regardless if they were successful or not.

AW- We do not need to charge this fee or we can less than the $25. Would this be a huge hit to your registration?

Terry - I probably have the most kids, and it wouldn't be a huge hit.

AW - This needs to be a D4 wide discussion. Should we add this to our agenda for our next meeting?

Heather - Stores can’t open until June anyway. Just to be clear, players need to register with their home associations regardless if the $25 fee

APMHA - Scott Robillard

CPMHA – Stuart Robinson

No update.

ORMHA – Cameron Legault

Not much to add. Next board meeting is Thursday. We will confirm our AGM then which will happen after romans.

PLMHA – Morgan McNevin

All good here.

RMMHA – Jim Wallace

No updates.

SMHA – Terry Foley

No update.

WCMHA – Chris Havey

All good.

MTK – Jennifer Downey

ROMANS- Martin Bouchard

Titans – Joce Legault

Silver Seven – Tyler Nystedt

We have an executive meeting wednesday this week, AGM will be confirmed then.

We have our banquet on the 28th if anyone wants to attend just let me know by Thursday.