

**OKANAGAN MAINLINE
AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**



**Constitution, By-Laws
And Regulations**

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HOCKEY CANADA SAFETY

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OMAHA MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS AND TEAM COLOURS

ASSOCIATION	HOME	AWAY
Chase	white/green/yellow	black/green/yellow
Clearwater	white/blue	blue/white
Greater Vernon	white/maroon	maroon/white
Kamloops	white/blue/orange	blue/orange/white
Kelowna	white/teal/black	black/teal/white
Lillooet	white/purple/teal	purple/teal/white
Logan Lake	white/blue	blue/white
Lumby	white/green/gold	green/gold
Merritt	white/black/red	red/black/white
North Okanagan	silver/black/purple	black/silver/purple
Penticton	white/black/blue	black/blue/white
Penticton – OHA	white/black/maroon	black/white/gold
Princeton	white/orange/black	black/orange/white
Revelstoke	white/burgundy/gold	burgundy/white/gold
Salmon Arm	white/black/orange	black/white/orange
Sicamous	white/burgundy	burgundy/white
South Okanagan	white/red/black	black/orange/white
Summerland	white/blue/burgundy	blue/white/burgundy
Thompson Cariboo	gold/black	black/gold
Westside	white/black/gold/red	black/white/gold/red
Winfield	gold/black	black/gold
Winfield – POE	red/white	black/white

A request for uniform colour change shall be on Association letter head, signed by the President and sent to OMAHA Executive Director/Central Office. Consideration and final approval shall be given at an OMAHA AGM, General Meeting or Semi-annual Meeting. Applications shall include date of change, current colour and proposed changes for both home and away jerseys.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

01. Sunday, September 4, 2011. First team declarations for all Tiers, Sport Schools and Guest Teams must be received in OMAHA Central Office. Declaration is not binding and may be changed up to September 18, 2011.
02. Saturday, September 10, 2011: Meetings Vernon, Best Western Vernon Lodge. Presidents & Head Coaches/Rep Directors/Recreational Directors 12:30 p.m.; Referee's in Chief Seminar 12:30 p.m.: Registrar's Seminar 12:30 p.m. \$100.00 fine applies for each meeting non-attendance. Female seminar 12:30 p.m.
03. Sunday, September 11 2011, Vernon, Best Western Vernon Lodge 10:00A.M: OMAHA General Meeting. \$100.00 fine applies for non attendance.
04. September 30: Deadline for paying OMAHA membership dues. (Refer to OMAHA By-Law 3). All other accounts are to be paid within 30 days of billing.
05. Sunday, September 18, 2011 Final team declarations for Tier 1, 2, 3, 4 Atom Development, Sport School and Guest Teams must be received by the Executive Director of the Society on or before 5:00 p.m.
06. September 23 – 25, 2011: League Scheduling meeting Prestige Hotel, Vernon
07. September 30, 2011: League play begins. All team players and officials must be electronically registered on the HCR program with BC Hockey & Rosters to OMAHA Registrar before league participation. All Team Officials participating in OMAHA administered leagues shall be Speak Out/Respect In Sport certified, and Coaches and Safety People correctly qualified/ certified prior to OMAHA League participation.
08. October 2, 2011: Super League scheduling meeting 10 AM in Westside – Holiday Inn.
09. October 7, 2011, Fee of \$100.00 shall be assessed for League Game changes.
10. November 14: Nominations for HC Minor Hockey Week awards to be sent to the Dist. Director.
11. November 15: Final date for Residential Waiver applications at tiered level.
12. November 25: OMAHA Playoff Declarations must be received by OMAHA Central Office.
13. December 1: Final date for Minor Hockey Tiers 1- 4 Teams to declare their intent to compete in a higher category in the BC Hockey Championships. All REP teams must have a qualified/certified coach & qualified safety person and both shall be Speak Out/Respect In Sport qualified to be eligible for BC Hockey Championships. (See #6 OMAHA participation)
14. December 15: Final date to register team Affiliation. (Hockey Canada Reg. E)
15. December 17, 2011: Christmas break. Return to school January 2, 2012.

16. December 31, 2011: Final date for HC carded teams to withdraw from OMAHA/BCH Playoffs.
17. January 7 & 8, 2012: Under 16 Female Development Camps.
18. January 10, 2012: After this date a player may play no more than five (5) games with a higher category affiliate and return to the lower category. (HC Reg. E).
19. January 15, 2012: Final date to file additions to the "19 Specially" affiliate list.
20. January 15, 2012: OMAHA Semi-Annual meeting. 10:00 AM. Prestige Hotel, Vernon \$100.00 fine applies.
21. January 16 – 23, 2012: Hockey Canada Week.
22. January 28 2012: All OMAHA Tier 1, 2, 3 & 4 leagues must be completed (Dates subject to change).
23. Feb. 3, 4 & 5, 2012: OMAHA Playoffs begin (Dates subject to change).
24. February 10, 2012: Final date for a player to register on a HC Players Certificate. (HC Reg. F). Final date to register a player with BCH.
25. February 26, 2012: All OMAHA Playoff Winners must be declared.
26. March 02-04, 2012: Atom Development Playoff Tournament.
27. March 07, 2012: All OMAHA Playoff Winners must be declared.
28. March 10-12, 2012 Atom Development Championship Final (Dates subject to change). Super League Playoff Tournament.
29. March 15, 2011: Deadline for nominations for BC Hockey Referee School OMAHA sponsorship. Deadline for submission of resolutions for OMAHA AGM Deadline for District Association of the Year applications. (OMAHA By-law 16)
30. March 17-23, 2012: BC Hockey Provincial Playoffs, Peewee, Bantam, Midget, Tiers 1, 2, 3, and 4. March 17 to be travel day. (Dates subject to change, refer to your Division Director.)
31. April , 2012: U18 Development Camp
32. April 30, 2012: Deadline for applications for OMAHA Scholarships. (See OMAHA By-Law 16).
33. Sunday, May 27, 2012: OMAHA General Meeting to discuss OMAHA & BCAHA Resolutions. \$100.00 fine applies.
34. June 22 – 24th, 2011 93rd BC Hockey Annual General Meeting Whistler.
35. Saturday, September 08, 2012: Prestige Hotel, 1:00 PM. Meetings for Registrars, Referees in Chief, Presidents, Head Coaches. \$100.00 fine applies. Sunday, September 09, 2012, Prestige Hotel, Vernon, 10:00 AM: OMAHA General Meeting. \$100.00 fine applies.

OKANAGAN MAINLINE AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION, BY LAWS AND REGULATIONS

SECTION I CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1 NAME OF THE SOCIETY

The name of the Society is the OKANAGAN MAINLINE AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, hereinafter referred to as THE SOCIETY.

ARTICLE 2 PURPOSE OF THE SOCIETY

- a. To foster, improve and encourage amateur hockey, sportsmanship and good citizenship in the Okanagan Mainline District in the Province of British Columbia.
- b. To assist with the formation of leagues and to organize league competition within the Okanagan Mainline Amateur Hockey Association District.
- c. To establish, maintain and assist in the general care, supervision and direction of all minor associations and leagues who are members of this Association; and to assist all others interested in amateur hockey.
- d. To provide guidance and formulate an effective hockey program.
- e. To maintain a uniform set of playing rules, as laid down by Hockey Canada, and amendments covered by the British Columbia Amateur Hockey Association, or covered by the Okanagan Mainline Amateur Hockey Association.

SECTION II BY-LAWS

BY-LAW ONE ~ INTERPRETATION

100. In these by-laws, unless the context otherwise requires,
 - a. "directors" means the directors of the Society for the time being;
 - b. "Society Act" means the Society Act of the Province of British Columbia from time to time in force and all amendments to it;
 - c. "registered address" of a member means the member's address as recorded in the register of members.
 - d. "HC" means HOCKEY CANADA; "BCH" means BC Hockey, "BCH" means British Columbia Amateur Hockey Association, "OMAHA" means Okanagan Mainline Amateur Hockey Association.
101. The definitions in the Society Act on the date these By-laws became effective apply to these By-laws unless otherwise defined in these By-laws.
102. In these By-laws, wherever submission of a notice, declaration, or other formal communication is required, such notice, declaration, or communication may be transmitted by facsimile machine or by email.
103. Words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa; words importing a male person include a female person and a corporation, except when specifically referring to female hockey, in which case reference made is to a female person.

BY-LAW TWO ~ MEMBERSHIP

200. The members of the Society are the applicants for incorporation of the Society, and those persons, teams, leagues or associations which have subsequently become members in accordance with these By-laws and, in either case, have not ceased to be members.
201. The persons currently serving as Directors of the Society.
202. Any minor hockey association within the Okanagan Mainline District in British Columbia, provided it is approved for registration as a member in good standing under the HC and BCH, may apply to the Society for membership, and on acceptance by the Society, shall be a member.
203. Any hockey team, league, or association other than Minor, within the Okanagan Mainline District, properly registered and in good standing with the HC and BCH may apply for membership, and on acceptance by the Society, shall be a member without voting privileges.
204. Each application for membership shall be made in writing accompanied by an application for membership fee, which fee shall be determined by the directors and approved at the Annual General Meeting. Applications for membership shall be submitted to the Secretary not less than twenty one days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
205. Every member shall uphold the constitution and comply with the Society's Constitution, By-laws, Rules and Regulations.
206. The amount of the first annual membership dues shall be determined by the

directors and thereafter the annual membership dues shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting of the Society.

207. A person, team, league or association shall cease to be a member of the Society:
- by giving written notice to the Executive Director, or
 - on his/her death, or in the case of a team, league or association, upon its dissolution, or
 - on being expelled, or
 - on having been a member not in good standing for 12 consecutive months.
208. A person, team, league or association may be expelled by a special resolution passed by 75 % of the members present at a General Meeting.
- The notice of special resolution for expulsion shall be accompanied by a brief statement of the reason or reasons for the proposed expulsion.
 - The person, team, league or association which is the subject of the proposed resolution for expulsion shall be given an opportunity to be heard at the General Meeting before the special resolution is put to a vote.
209. All members are in good standing except:
- A member who has failed to pay the current annual membership fee by September 30 of the current season, or any other subscription or debt due and owing by the member to the Society; all accounts receivable must be paid within thirty (30) days except annual dues, and
 - a member who has violated the Constitution, By-laws or Regulations of the Society, and
 - a member who is under suspension.

A member is not in good standing so long as one or more of the above conditions is in effect.

BY-LAW THREE ~ DUES

300. Membership dues for voting and non voting members will be established each year at the Annual General Meeting.
- Dues for voting members will be based on Registration numbers from the previous year as issued by the BCH.
301. Association members/Sport School Teams and Seasonal Guest Teams, (non-voting) members shall be assessed a fee of two hundred and fifty (\$250.00) dollars per team upon approval and scheduling into all OMAHA supervised or governed play.

BY-LAW FOUR ~ MEETINGS

400. General meetings of the Society shall be held at such time and place, in accordance with the Society Act, as the directors decide.
401. Every general meeting, other than an Annual General Meeting, is an extraordinary general meeting.
402. The directors may, whenever they think fit, convene an extraordinary general meeting.
- Notice of a general meeting shall specify the place, date and time of the meeting, and, in the case of special business, the general nature of that business.
 - The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non receipt of a notice by, any of the members entitled to receive notice does not invalidate proceedings at that meeting.

403. The Annual General Meeting shall be held at an appointed date during the last two weeks of May in each and every year.

BY-LAW FIVE PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

500. Business at any Annual General Meeting shall include:
- a. Annual reports of the directors
 - b. Financial report
 - c. Appointment of an auditor, if necessary
 - d. Amendments to the Constitution, By-laws and Regulations.
 - e. Election of officers
 - f. Such other business as, under these by-laws, ought to be transacted or brought under consideration at an Annual General Meeting.
501. Business at an extraordinary general meeting of the Society shall be considered to be all business transacted at the Annual General Meeting except that which is listed under By-Law 500.
502. a. No business other than the adjournment or termination of a general meeting shall take place when a quorum is not present.
- b. If at any time during a general meeting there ceases to be a quorum present, business then in progress shall be suspended until there is a quorum present or until the meeting is adjourned or terminated.
 - c. A quorum shall be a simple majority of the voting members presently recorded in the register of members, but never less than three members.
503. If insufficient voting members are present to make a quorum within 30 minutes from the time appointed for a general meeting, or if the meeting is adjourned under 502(b), the meeting shall stand adjourned for one week, and shall be held at the same time and place whether a quorum is present or not.
504. The President of the Society shall preside as chairperson of all general meetings. In the President's absence, the 1st Vice President, the 2nd Vice President, the 3rd Vice President or the 4th Vice President, in that order, shall preside.
505. All meetings of the Society shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Robert's Rules of Order except that where there is a conflict with the Society's Constitution and By-laws, the latter shall take precedence.

BY-LAW SIX ~ VOTING

600. a. A member in good standing with full voting privileges is entitled to one vote.
- b. Voting will be by show of hands unless the members present decide on a ballot.
 - c. Proxy votes will not be accepted at any general meeting.
 - d. Members of the Executive Committee are entitled to one vote each, with the exception of the two BCAHA District Directors and the two BCAHA Referee Committee Members who will attend Executive meetings in an advisory capacity and will not have voting privileges.
 - e. The positions of Executive Director and Treasurer will be appointed positions without voting privileges, and may be the same person
 - f. In the case of an equality of votes, the chairperson shall not have a casting or second vote in addition to the vote to which he or she is entitled as a member of the Executive, and the proposed motion shall not pass.

BY LAW SEVEN ~ DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

700. The Officers of the Society shall be:
- a. the President
 - b. the 1st Vice-President
 - c. the 2nd Vice-President
 - d. the 3rd Vice-President
 - e. the 4th Vice-President
 - f. the immediate Past President
 - g. the District Officer
 - h. the Female Hockey Director
701. The afore said Officers of the Society shall be the Directors.
- a. The directors may exercise all the powers and do all such acts and activities as the Society may exercise and do, and which are not by these By laws or by statute or otherwise lawfully directed or required to be exercised or done by the Society in general meetings, but subject, nevertheless, to the provisions of the Society Act, the Constitution, By Laws, and Regulations of the Society.
 - b. No rule, made by the Society at a General Meeting invalidates a prior act of the Directors that would have been valid if that rule had not been made.
 - c. No officer, director, employee or official of a team, league or association which is a member of this Society shall be a director of this Society with the sole exception of minor hockey association Past Presidents or Life Members.
 - d. The directors shall retire from office at each Annual General Meeting where their successors will be elected.
 - i. The office of President shall be filled by a person who has been a member of the OMAHA Executive Committee for a minimum of twelve (12) consecutive months during ten (10) years prior to his/her election or appointment.
 - e. Separate elections shall be held for each office to be filled.
 - f. An election may be by acclamation, otherwise it shall be by ballot.
 - g. If no successor is elected, the Directors shall appoint a replacement to hold office.
 - h. The directors may at any time, and from time to time, appoint a director to fill a vacancy in the directors.
 - i. A director so appointed holds office only until the next Annual General Meeting of the Society, and is eligible for re election at that time.
 - j. The members may by Special Resolution remove a director before the expiration of his/her term of office, and may elect a successor to complete the term of office.
702. The Executive Committee of the Society shall consist of:
- a. the Officers of the Society
 - b. one director to fulfil the duties of Registrar and have full voting privileges.
 - c. the Executive Director (non voting)
 - d. the BCH District Directors (non voting)
 - e. BCH Referee Committee Members (non voting)

BY LAW EIGHT ~ PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS

800. The directors may meet at times and places as they see fit, for the dispatch of business and may adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings and proceedings.
801. The directors may from time to time fix the quorum necessary for the transaction of business, and unless so fixed, the quorum shall be a majority of the directors then in office.
802. The President shall be chairperson of all meetings of the directors. In the President's absence, the Vice Presidents, in order, shall preside. If none of

these is present within thirty (30) minutes of the scheduled commencement of the meeting, those present shall select one of their number to be chairperson at that meeting.

- a. The President may, at any time, take a mail, telephone, or facsimile vote of the Executive Committee on any urgent matter.
 - b. The President may call a meeting of the Directors or the Executive Committee at any time providing reasonable notice has been given.
803. The directors may delegate, as they deem appropriate, any but not all of their powers to committees consisting of directors.
- a. A committee so formed in the exercise of the powers so delegated shall conform to any rules that may from time to time be imposed on it by the directors, and shall report every act or thing done in exercise of those powers to the earliest meeting of the directors to be held next after it has been done.
 - b. A chairperson of a committee may be appointed by the President
 - c. Where the president elects not to appoint a chairperson, a committee shall elect a chairperson of its meetings. If the chairperson is not present within thirty minutes after the time appointed for the holding of a meeting, the members of the committee present shall choose one of their number to be chairperson of the meeting.
 - d. Members of a committee may meet and adjourn as they think proper.
804. Questions arising at any meeting of the directors and committee of directors shall be decided by a majority of votes.
- a. In case of an equality of votes, the chairperson does not have a second or casting vote.
805. No resolution proposed at a meeting of directors or committee of directors needs to be seconded and the chairperson of a meeting may move or propose a resolution.
806. A resolution in writing, signed by all the directors and placed with the minutes of the directors is as valid and effective as if regularly passed at a meeting of directors.
807. The Society's standing committees shall be as listed below and chaired by the person named or an alternate named by the President:
- a. the Appeals Committee chaired by the immediate Past President
 - b. the Finance Committee chaired by the President
 - c. the Nominating Committee chaired by the immediate Past President
 - d. the Scholarship Committee chaired by the immediate Past President

BY LAW NINE ~ DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

900. President:
- a. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the directors and shall be the Societies official delegate to the British Columbia Amateur Hockey Association Annual General Meeting.
 - i. The President may select, as he deems necessary, any or all directors to attend the BCH Annual General Meeting as delegates.
 - b. The President is the chief executive officer of the Society and shall supervise the other officers and members of the Executive Committee in the execution of their duties.
 - c. The President shall have the power to suspend, fine and/or take other disciplinary action against a player, team official, team, league, association, or official of a team, league or association found to have: displayed unsportsmanlike conduct, behaviour which could bring harm to others, bring discredit to the Society or to the game of hockey both on and off the ice; failed

to comply with the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of Okanagan Mainline Amateur Hockey Association, BCH and HC.

901. Vice Presidents, District Officer, Female Hockey Director.
- a. The Vice Presidents shall perform the duties of the President during his absence.
 - b. The Vice Presidents and District Officer shall, following the Annual General Meeting, be assigned as Division Directors responsible for the administration of minor hockey leagues and categories within the Okanagan Mainline District. District responsibilities for District events including Festivals and Tournaments will also be assigned. The Female Hockey Director will be responsible for all female players, teams and leagues.
 - i. Division Directors shall be responsible for the over all supervision of conduct of all players and team officials within their divisions, and shall take whatever disciplinary action is deemed necessary to maintain safe, sportsmanlike competition and uniform following of the rules and regulations of play.
902. The Director fulfilling the duties of Registrar shall:
- a. keep accurate records of all players registered on HC player certificates in the Okanagan Mainline District
 - b. forward accurate records to the division directors.
 - c. maintain accurate records of qualifications and certifications for all team officials registered on HC Certificates.
903. The Executive Director shall:
- a. perform all general secretarial duties including the recording of all minutes for all meetings of the Society and its Executive Committee.
 - b. issue notices of all meetings
 - c. have custody of all records and documents of the Society
 - d. have custody of the common seal of the Society
 - e. maintain the register of members
 - f. keep such financial records, including books of accounts, as are necessary to comply with the Society Act
 - g. render financial statements to the directors, members and others when required.
 - h. pay all accounts by cheques, which have been signed by the Executive Director and the President or one other Officer.
 - i. carry out the noted duties either by manual or electronic mean, wherever possible
 - j. carry out duties as assigned by the President or designate.
904. BCH District Directors, Referee Committee Members, Female Development Committee Member, Hockey Canada Safety Program Coordinator, Speak Out Coordinator, District Risk Manager, Team First Coordinator, Coach Coordinator, and High Performance Coordinators will act in an advisory capacity to the Society and attend meetings at the President's request.
- a. The Referee Committee members may, at the request of the President, assign neutral referees for play offs above Atom.

BY LAW TEN ~ CUSTODY AND USE OF SOCIETY SEAL

1000. The common seal of the Society shall be affixed only when authorized by a resolution of the directors and then only in the presence of the persons prescribed in the resolution or if no persons are prescribed, in the presence of the President and Executive Director and any one Vice President.

BY LAW ELEVEN ~ BORROWING

1100. In order to carry out the purposes of the Society, the directors may, on behalf of and in the name of the Society, raise and secure the payment or repayment of money in such a manner as they decide and in particular but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, by issue of debentures.
- a. No debenture shall be issued without the sanction of a Special Resolution.
1101. The members may, by Special Resolution, restrict the borrowing powers of the directors but a restriction so imposed expires at the next Annual General Meeting.

BY LAW TWELVE ~ AUDITOR

1200. At each Annual General Meeting the Society may appoint an auditor to hold office until he/she is re elected or his/her successor is elected at the next Annual General Meeting.
1201. An auditor may be removed by ordinary resolution.
1202. An auditor shall be informed forthwith in writing of appointment or removal.
1203. No director and no employee of the Society shall be an auditor.
1204. The auditor may attend general meetings.

BY LAW THIRTEEN ~ NOTICES TO MEMBERS

1300. A notice may be given to a member, either personally or by mail to him at his registered address, or by facsimile machine or email.
- a. A notice sent by mail shall be deemed to have been given on the second day following that on which the notice is posted, and in proving that the notice has been given it is sufficient to prove that the notice was properly addressed and put in a Canadian post office receptacle.
- b. Notice of a general meeting shall be given to every member shown on the register of members on the day the notice is given.

BY LAW FOURTEEN ~ AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION & BY LAWS, REGULATIONS, POLICY

1400. The Constitution and/or By-Laws shall not be altered or added to except by Special Resolution at the Annual General Meeting of the Society.
1401. The Regulations shall not be altered or added to except by Resolution at the Annual General Meeting of the Society.
1402. The Policy shall not be altered or added to except by Resolution by the Directors or Executive Committee at a properly convened meeting of the Directors or Executive Committee.

BY LAW FIFTEEN ~ APPEALS

1500. Any player, team official, team, league, association, or official of a team, league or association dissatisfied with a ruling of the President or his designate may appeal to the Appeals Committee. Any member who fails to exhaust the appeal procedures provided herein prior to resorting to external legal remedies

shall be subject to a suspension at the discretion of the majority of officers of the Society.

1501. Appeals Committee

- a. Shall consist of the immediate Past President, who may act as chair, and three others appointed by the President. In the case of a conflict of interest, the President has the right to alter this committee.
- b. Duties shall be to hear appeals from decisions made by the President or his delegates on any matter over which this Society has jurisdiction.
- c. The Appeals Committee may dismiss, uphold or modify any suspension or ruling that is being appealed.
- d. Any appeal to the Appeals Committee by the aggrieved party must be in writing outlining all particulars pertaining to the case, must be accompanied by either a cash payment, certified cheque or money order for \$200.00 payable to the Society, and be delivered to the Society's Executive Director within seven (7) days from the date of the notice advising of the suspension or ruling.
- e. The appeal shall be dealt with by the Appeals Committee within seven (7) days. If the appeal is dismissed or modified the \$200.00 is retained by the Society. If the appeal is upheld, the \$200.00 is returned.
- f. It shall be the duty of the aggrieved party to notify any other members of the Society who may be involved in the appeal.
- g. When an appeal is filed, there shall be no stay of suspension imposed which is the subject of the appeal.
- h. An appellant has the right to access of all pertinent information on which the ruling was made.
- i. Any decision made from a protest during play offs is final and cannot be appealed to the Appeals Committee.

BY LAW SIXTEEN ~ LIFE MEMBERS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS

1600. The Society may, at its discretion, bestow Life Membership upon any individual member of the Society for distinctive service to the Society.
- a. Nominations for life members shall be made by a director, member, association or league, and shall be approved at the Annual General Meeting.
 - b. Life members must have a minimum of ten years distinctive service to the Society, of which at least five years shall be as a director.
 - c. Life members shall have full voting privileges at all general meetings.
 - d. All life members shall receive a plaque commemorating their Life Membership.
 - e. The total number of life members is not restricted.
1601. All Past Presidents shall be presented with a scroll recognizing their length of service.
- a. Upon each president completing a minimum two year tenure of office, it will be the privilege of the Society to confer upon such past president, in recognition of his/her service, a ring, watch or pin of the past president's choice made for the Society.
1602. a. JOHN BOSCHA MEMORIAL TROPHY may be presented to the most valuable Midget HC carded player. Each Midget team shall submit the name of one (1) player from their team as a nominee for this trophy to the division director by January 15. The division director will then notify all the teams of the names of the nominees by February 1. The players will then cast their vote for any nominee, except the player from their own team. All ballots must be submitted by February 28 to be eligible for counting. Rotation of Categories will be as follows: 2009-2010 (BCH Tier 4), 2010 - 2011 (BCH Tier 1), 2011 – 2012 BCH Tier 2, & 2012 – 2013 BCH Tier 3. NOTE: Following the 2013 season this schedule will repeat.

**O.M.A.H.A. CHART:
kilometers are
return distances**

		Chase	Clearwater	Greater Vernon	Kamloops	Kelowna	Lillooe	Logan Lake	Lumby
Chase	km	0	348	222	112	328	471	232	285
Clearwater	km		0	493	246	598	578	366	556
Greater Vernon	km			0	246	106	605	366	64
Kamloops	km				0	352	359	120	310
Kelowna	km					0	683	341	159
Lillooet	km						0	341	669
Logan Lake	km							0	429
Lumby	km								0
Merritt	km								
North Okanagan	km								
Penticton	km								
Princeton	km								
Revelstoke	km								
Salmon Arm	km								
Sicamous	km								
South Okanagan	km								
Summerland	km								
Thompson-Cariboo	km								
Westside	km								
Winfield	km								

- b. ALLAN PHILCOX AWARD is presented to the most sportsmanlike team in the Bantam BCH Tier 1, 2, 3 & 4 Divisions.
- c. MARGIE MOSS AWARD may be presented to the most valuable Female A midget HC carded player. Female A Midget teams shall submit the name of one (1) player from their team as a nominee for their trophy to the Division Director by January 15. The Division Director in conjunction with the OMAHA Executive will review the nominations and then name the recipient of the award at the OMAHA AGM. The nominee must show a commitment to Female hockey and be a leader for the team on and off the ice.
- d. JACK KOTELES MEMORIAL AWARD may be presented to one player in each division of Peewee, Bantam, Midget and Female. Rep or Recreational participants inclusive. The award will go to deserving individuals who show a strong commitment to community service. Nominations outlining the players community service contributions will be forwarded to the Division Director no later than January 15, for consideration. The Division Director will forward the winning nomination to the OMAHA President and Executive Director by February 1. Players must reside and play on an MHA team within the OMAHA boundaries.
- e. A plaque shall be presented to the John Boscha, Allan Philcox and Margie Moss Award recipients. Certificates of Community Service recognition shall be awarded to the Jack Koteles Community Service Award winners.

1603. Scholarships and bursaries will be awarded to Okanagan Mainline Amateur

Hockey Association registered minor hockey players and/or on ice officials who apply and who best combine the qualifications set hereunder. The purpose is to give recognition to players and officials who develop their academic or technical programs in terms of their career aspirations, at the same time nourishing their interests in hockey.

- a. All scholarship and bursary winners must currently be registered with a minor hockey association within the Okanagan Mainline Amateur Hockey Association, and be attending grade 12, or a post secondary institution. They will have two years in which to utilize the scholarship funds towards tuition costs for full time attendance at a Canadian post secondary institution of their choice. If tuition fees are less than the scholarship amount, the remainder may be applied to the next year's fees.
- b. Qualifications:
 - i. Good sportsmanship, leadership and character.
 - ii. Good hockey and/or officiating skills and performance.
 - iii. Good school and community participation
- c. How to apply:
 - i. Send name, address and telephone number and a personal letter of application which specifically outlines hockey/officiating achievements.
 - ii. Submit a letter from the applicant's minor hockey president.
 - iii. Submit a letter from applicant's school principal, head master or president.
 - iv. Submit a copy of school transcript (grades) Application and supporting documents must be received by OMAHA Executive Director no later than April 30 each year.
- d. Selection of successful candidates will be made by the Officers or their designates.
- e. Funds will be made available to successful applicants after proof of full time registration has been received. All cheques will be made payable to the institution.

1604. Association of the Year Award criteria:

- a. Contribution to community
- b. Development and organization of minor hockey players.
- c. House league structure.

- d. Initiation program adopted.
- e. Scholarships, tournaments and clinics held.
- f. Future development.
- g. Communication.
- h. Educational programs for coaches and officials.
- i. Policies in place for handling discipline at local level.
- j. Active implementation, participation and promotion in/of parent body (OMAHA, BCH, & HC) programs.

BY LAW SEVENTEEN ~ FEES AND EXPENSES

- 1700. The initiation fee for new members shall be \$100.00. (For Dues, refer to By-Law Three)

- 1701. The expenses of the Society's Executive members on District business as approved by the President shall be borne by the Society on the following basis:
 - a. if travelling by car, mileage will be \$.40 per kilometre.
 - b. if travelling by air is necessary, the most economical air fare plus transportation to and from the airport will be paid.
 - c. when staying in hotels, payment will be paid for the actual room costs plus \$38.00 per day for meals, or by receipt, whichever is the lesser.
 - d. depending on meal periods outside the home while travelling, reimbursement for meals will be on the basis of breakfast \$10.00, lunch \$10.00, and dinner \$18.00, or by receipt, whichever is the lesser. Exceptions may be made at the President's discretion.

- 1702. All reasonable expenses incurred by the Society's delegates in connection with attendance at the BCH Annual General Meeting shall be paid by the Society.

BY LAW EIGHTEEN ~ GENERAL

- 1800. The definition of "amateur" shall be that as adopted by Hockey Canada.

- 1801. The Executive Committee shall annually determine the compensation and payment of expenses for on ice officials for the play offs.

SECTION III

REGULATIONS

Any errors or omissions in this book referring to HC, BCH or OMAHA By-Laws, Rules or Regulations shall be superseded by the By Laws, Rules and Regulations of those bodies.

REGULATION ONE ~ COMPETITION

- 1000. Open to players of the following ages or younger on December 31 of the current playing season:
 - JUVENILE - 20 years
 - MIDGET - 17 years
 - BANTAM - 14 years
 - PEEWEE - 12 years
 - ATOM - 10 years

- 1001. Teams wishing to compete in BCH Tier 1, 2, 3, 4 & Female A leagues must fulfil the following conditions.

- a. Be affiliated with an association which is in good standing with the HC, BCH and OMAHA
 - b. All players, coaches, managers, and other team and association officials must be registered in the BCH office. Failure to do so will jeopardize insurance coverage. Referees receive HC Insurance coverage only by attending a recognized clinic.
 - c. All associations must register with BCH prior to the BCH Annual General Meeting.
 - d. Declare their intentions to participate by forwarding their declarations to OMAHA Central Office by the Final Declaration date. Changes to the Final Declarations shall be made to the Division director whose decision shall be final and not subject to Appeal.
 - e. Minor Hockey Categories as per BCH Regulations.
 - f. Team Officials of all HC carded teams and recreational teams must have qualifications as per BCH Regulations.
 - g. Minor Hockey Associations may register midget zone AAA teams where players are drawn from more than one association (BCH Reg. 1, 1.03) Zones as defined by BCH.
1002. PLEASE REFER TO BC HOCKEY 2010-2011 HOCKEY TIERING REPORT ISSUED JULY/AUGUST 2011 AND OMAHA LEAGUE & PLAYOFF 2011-2012 GUIDELINES ISSUED SEPTEMBER 2011.
Associations registering HC carded 1, 2, 3 & 4 teams may compete for a higher category championship or league play during any one season by declaring its intention to do so in accordance with OMAHA League structures. OMAHA League competition shall be as approved by OMAHA. The Branch, must be advised by December 1st (BCH Regulations) of a team's intention to compete for a higher category championship.
1003. A minor hockey player shall be a member of and play for only one member association at any one time. The Officers may grant permission to waive this regulation for a special event.

REGULATION TWO ~ TEAM REGISTRATION

2000. BCH TIER 1, 2, 3, & 4 and Female A HC player Certificates and Recreation :
- a. A roster sheet must be submitted to the OMAHA Registrar via electronic mail or facsimile.
 - b. All players and team officials shall be registered (activated) and assigned to HC Carded teams or Recreation teams prior to the commencement of OMAHA League or Recreation League play and sanctioned Tournaments. BCH Regulation 2 and Regulation 3.
 - c. All HC teams shall have properly qualified/certified Coaches and qualified Safety People prior to OMAHA League participation.
 - d. Player Affiliation is as per HC Regulation E as interpreted by the BCH.
2001. Try out and Release Procedure, BCH Tier 1, 2, 3, 4 & and Female A HC carded players.
- a. Player Movement Procedure is as approved by BCH for all (DOR) Declaration of Residency and Residential Waiver applications within Okanagan District.
 - b. Residential Waiver applications for Atom age and below will be reviewed on an individual basis. The approval for RESIDENTIAL WAIVER is terminated at the end of the season and the player must return home. The player may apply again the following year if necessary, after registering with his/her home association.
 - c. All HC and BCH release regulations shall apply unless superseded by OMAHA regulations.

NOTE: An association has no obligation to accept player transfers from outside its boundaries.

2002. OMAHA Recreational (non HC carded teams).
- a. HC Residency rule (HC Reg.F) will apply. Only players residing within the recorded geographical boundaries of the Association declaring the Recreation team will be eligible to compete for that team. Players must apply to BCH for permission to transfer for Recreation hockey if insufficient numbers exist to form any team in their division in their home association. Players found to be registered in an association other than that defined by the geographical boundaries of their parents' permanent residence must immediately be removed by this registering association from further participation. In order to continue to partake in minor hockey they must immediately register in their home association. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action being taken against those involved in causing the improper registration(s) to take place including but not limited to, the offending association(s), association members, players, or team officials.
 - b. Player Movement Procedure is as approved by BCH for all (DOR) declaration of Residency and Residential Waivers. All Players must be registered on the HCR Program prior to any participation with new Association.
 - c. A player may only participate with the team that he/she is registered with, however, players may be registered as affiliate players to a team in a higher category/division.
 - d. All OMAHA Recreational (house) leagues shall submit rules & regulations, list of associations/teams competing, contact numbers, league schedules & playoff formats & schedules to the OMAHA Division Director & the BCH District Director responsible for the division prior to commencing league play.
 - e. All non-carded Hockey Canada Teams participating in OMAHA administered leagues shall have properly certified/qualified team officials prior to league participation. (Refer to BCH Reg. 2 & HC Reg. E)
2003. HC registered players released after January 10 shall not be eligible to register with any HC Team for the remainder of the season. (HC Reg. H7)

REGULATION THREE ~ PLAYING REGULATIONS

3000. All HC and BCH rules and regulations shall apply wherever applicable unless specifically varied by OMAHA.
- a. All Minor Hockey Associations will make every effort to provide a non-body checking recreational team and a body checking recreational team.
 - b. In the event circumstances do not allow this, the Minor Hockey Association's Executive will make the final decision.
3001. Any ineligible team official or ineligible player who participates in any sanctioned game will cause their team to forfeit the game regardless of the score of the game. The team official verifying the game report will be suspended indefinitely pending an investigation. Information will be forwarded to the District Directors.
3002. The home team shall be responsible for arranging for qualified game officials, minor officials, and a supply of pucks.
3003. When house league teams are travelling to games within the OMAHA District, they and the team hosting them shall be subject to all OMAHA regulations.
3004. Only approved team uniforms as registered with OMAHA shall be used in any Rep league or play off game. In the event of team uniforms being so similar that in the opinion of the referee this will cause confusion, it shall be the

responsibility of the home team to change uniforms to a contrasting colour. If a team has two sets of sweaters, one shall be "light" and shall be the home colour.

3005. Rep players must keep the same sweater number for the whole season as it makes it much easier to keep stats. Some stats are kept by referring to the sweater number rather than looking up the name. Division Directors are to be notified of and approve sweater changes.
3006. Smoking is prohibited in the players' box, dressing room, and around minor hockey players during the game. Alcohol or illegal drug consumption by coaches, managers, players, and/or game officials before, during or after a hockey game will not be tolerated and may draw a lengthy suspension.
3007. Game Reports
- a. The home team shall be responsible for supplying an OMAHA approved Game Reports.
 - b. All Rep league games shall be identified by a game number which is given on the league schedule sent out by the division directors. Exhibition and tournament games should be so indicated.
 - c. At the conclusion of all Rep league, play off, exhibition and tournament games, copies of all Game Reports are to be distributed as follows:
 - i. Original - to division director unless kept by the referee.
 - ii. Second copy - sent to director in place of the original.
 - iii. Third copy - to visiting team
 - iv. Fourth copy - to home team.
 - d. Team officials' and game officials' names shall be clearly printed on the Game Report.
 - e. Only the team official verifying the eligibility of each player shall be required to sign the Game Report. All team members on the players bench must be listed on the game report. Players not in uniform are not permitted on the players' bench.
 - f. All Game Reports shall be postmarked no later than the SECOND business day following the game. If a Game Report has a postmark for the THIRD business day or longer following the date of the game, the Home Association will automatically incur a fifteen (\$15.00) dollar fine. The home Association shall update the OMAHA website with all Game Report data prior to the expiry date of the game. Failure to do so will automatically incur a minimum fifteen (\$15.00) dollar fine and a maximum fifty (\$50.00) fine for each occurrence. For the final two weeks of league play and all playoff games, the fine shall increase to thirty (\$30.00) dollars. During the last two weeks of league play and during playoffs, Game Reports are to be sent via facsimile or transmitted electronically immediately after the game and the original mailed.
 - g. If two Rep teams having different division managers play in the same game, they are both responsible for sending a copy of the Game Report to their division directors.
3008. Ice times.
- a. Associations are to allocate ice times for scheduled games which are reasonable in relation to ages of players involved, and also the distance visiting teams must travel. Midget, Bantam, and Pee Wee Division teams having a maximum 45 minute travelling time may book mid week games with the stipulation they begin no later than 7:00 P.M. for Bantam and Midget and 6:00 P.M. for Pee Wee.
The Division Director and the OMAHA President shall have the final decision on what is an acceptable mid week game and reasonable time for all league games.

- b. All Rep league and play off games shall be regulation three (3) twenty (20) minute stop time periods. However, in league games where available ice makes this impossible, the last ten (10) minutes of the third period must be stop time. If a flood is to occur half way through the second period, it shall be at the first stoppage of play after the ten minutes. Play will resume where the stoppage of play occurred. There is no overtime in league games.
 - c. Teams requesting changes to Rep schedules after League Scheduling of the current playing season will be required to pay OMAHA \$100.00 per game change. \$50.00 of this fee will be forwarded by OMAHA to the Association requested to make the change.
 - d. In the event a game may not resume before the allocated ice time permits, due to circumstances beyond the control of the participating teams, the game shall be completed at the earliest possible opportunity. The game to be completed shall be scheduled and shall commence with the exact time showing on the clock as was remaining and the score posted as in the suspended game. The OMAHA President and Division Director shall make the final ruling.
3009. Points for games will be allocated on the basis of
Win - 2 points
Tie - 1 point
Loss - 0 points
- a. Statistics are kept by the division directors and will be updated on the web site throughout the season.

REGULATION FOUR ~ DEFAULT OF GAME

- 4000.
- a. If a team fails to present itself at the time and date appointed to start any scheduled game, unless such failure is caused by an unavoidable accident or unforeseen circumstance, the offending team shall be liable for a fine of \$250.00 and possible costs incurred for ice and officials. It shall also forfeit all points if the game is not rescheduled.
 - b. If a team defaults a game, the offended team shall complete a Game Report for the game, with team names, date, and game number, etc., and across the game report write "default" and forward to the division director.
 - c. The onus of proof for the legitimate reason for the failure to appear lies with the offending team.
 - d. Payment of the fine for default must be received by the Executive Director of the Society within seven (7) days of written notice of the fine. Failure to comply with this provision will result in automatic suspension of the team until the fine is paid.
4001. Should the schedule permit, and the division director, in consultation with the President of the Society, rule the game could be made up at a later date, the division director will arrange with the ice ambassadors for the time and place for the re scheduled game. This game must be played no later than one week prior to the finish of league play.
- a. In the event that a team defaults a second game, it will be liable for suspension.
4002. The above regulations apply to all levels of hockey within OMAHA.

REGULATION FIVE ~ PENALTIES

5000. All Match Penalties, Gross Misconduct Penalties and Refusal To Start Play Write-Ups are to be sent by the referee to the appropriate BCH Representative

as designated in the BCH Suspension Guidelines issued by the BCH President for the current season. These Suspension Guidelines are also printed in the BCH Handbook. All Referee Reports for Match Penalties, Gross Misconduct Penalties and Refusal To Start Play must be submitted to the designated BC Hockey Representative via facsimile or transmitted electronically. All Referee Reports for Match Penalties, Gross Misconduct Penalties and Refusal To Start Play must be submitted within twenty-four (24) hours following the game. A fine of fifteen (\$15.00) dollars will occur for non-compliance to the Home Association. For the final two weeks of league play and all playoff games, the fine shall increase to thirty (\$30.00) dollars.

5001. All penalties shall be governed by the Official Rules as established by the HC or as specifically varied by the BCH or OMAHA.
5002. Game misconduct penalties which occur in exhibition, tournament, league or play off games may result in an additional suspension as determined by the division director, especially in cases involving dangerous play or obscene or abusive behaviour.
5003. Where Game Misconduct and 10 minute Misconduct Penalties occur in League, Playoff, Tournament or Exhibition play within the District, OMAHA rules will be enforced. The Referee shall report full details to the Division Director so further disciplinary action may be taken if necessary. Write up procedures shall be in accordance with HC Rules and BCH Regulations and must be submitted to the appropriate OMAHA District Director via facsimile or transmitted electronically. Referee Reports for Misconduct Penalties and Game Misconduct Penalties must be submitted no later than the second business day following the game. A fine of fifteen (\$15.00) dollars will occur for non-compliance to the Home Association. For the final two weeks of league play and all playoff games, the fine shall increase to thirty (\$30.00) dollars.
5004. OMAHA special rules and game misconduct rules do not apply in BCH play offs. HC and BCH rules will prevail. However, all OMAHA suspensions already in force shall be served before participation in BCH play offs.
5005. A suspended player, on ice Official, or any official of any team, league or association shall not participate in any capacity with any team, league or association within the confines of this Society or affiliated organizations during the term of the suspension. No person under suspension in any other league can participate in any capacity for any club or association

REGULATION SIX ~ LEAGUES AND PLAYOFFS

6000.
 - a. The League and Playoff arrangement for each BCH Tier 1, 2, 3, 4 & Female A league shall be determined by the OMAHA Executive subject to approval of the membership.
 - b. Teams declaring to participate in a higher OMAHA Tier League other than their Association designation as per BCH Tiering Category (BCH Reg. 1) shall remain in that Tier for the duration of the current league and playoff and proclaim their BCH Provincial Playoff intentions at that level.
6001. All play off games shall be three (3) regular twenty (20) minute stop time periods. In case of a tie at the end of regulation time, the puck shall be faced off at centre ice and the play shall continue with a 10 minute sudden victory overtime period. If the score remains tied after the sudden victory 10 minute overtime period, the teams would take the normal between period break and return to play 20 minute sudden victory periods.

6002.

- a. The team finishing highest in league play will have the extra home game and when ice time permits this shall be the first game. When ice time availability becomes a problem, the director will work out suitable arrangements with the ambassadors involved.
- b. In case of a tie after league play, to determine final placement and/or league winner the following procedure will be used:
 - i. For Divisions with those teams that schedule an equal number of games, BC Hockey Regulation 5.22 will be used to determine the final standings.
 - ii. For Divisions where two zones are combined into one league, and the tied teams play in different zones and an inequitable number of games are scheduled, the team with the best goal for/against ratio of all league games played will receive the highest placement.
 - iii. If still tied, the team with the lowest average penalty minutes per game will receive the highest placement.
 - iv. If still tied, after previous methods have been applied, then the winner will be decided by the toss of a coin.

6003. It will be the responsibility of the team officials (coaches and/or managers) to ensure all CHA carded players are eligible during league and play off games.

6004.

- a. Only teams participating in OMAHA Tier 1, 2, 3, 4 and Female A League competition will be eligible for OMAHA League and Playoff banners. Guest teams will not be eligible for Playoff Banners.
- b. All HC carded teams that meet BCH/HC requirements participating in OMAHA Tier 1, 2, 3, 4, Female A or Atom Development League competition shall be eligible to participate in OMAHA playoffs that will determine the qualifying teams(s) representing the District in the BCH Provincial Championships. Guest teams will not be eligible to participate in OMAHA playoffs.
- c. OMAHA Playoffs shall have precedence over sanctioned tournaments (BCH Reg. 3)
- d. Non-voting member teams may be accepted into OMAHA administered Scheduled Exhibition Series or Rep League play. A fee of \$250.00 per each accepted team apply.

REGULATION SEVEN ~ EXHIBITION GAMES AND TOURNAMENTS

7000.

- a. For a team to travel to the United States or invite a team from the United States to play in B.C., permission must first be obtained from the BCH District Director.
- b. For a team to travel to another Branch or invite team(s) from another Branch to B.C., permission must be obtained from the District Director of the BCH.
- c. Failure to acquire the necessary permission may cause all insurance to be nullified.

7001. All tournaments, jamborees and festivals held in the OMAHA District shall comply with all applicable HC, BCH and OMAHA Constitutions, By Laws and Regulations.

REGULATION EIGHT ~ WINTER GAMES

8000. Male Under 16 & Female Under 16 (Winter Games) Competitions will be in accordance with BCH Regulations.

REGULATION NINE ~ REFEREES AND LINESMEN

9000. Only HC carded officials shall be used for all BCH/OMAHA league, exhibition, or tournament games, and are to be allocated by the referee assigner for that home association. In male and female carded semi-final or final series or 3rd game of any play off series, the referee is assigned by the Society's President or the Referee Committee member, and the linesmen are assigned locally. Should a series not require the 3rd game, it is the responsibility of the Home Association of Game 2 to notify the respective RCM within 2 hours of the conclusion of the Game in order to cancel the assigned referee. Failure to do so will result in the payment of Game and travel fees payable to the referee scheduled for Game 3.
- a. The referee in charge of a game should have the necessary qualifications for that level of hockey.
 - b. The age of the official should be appropriate with the category of competition.
9001. Preferably, all divisions will use the three (3) man system for officials. In play offs, the three (3) man system is mandatory. If owing to illness or accident the referee is unavailable then one of the linesmen will perform such duties as devolved upon the referee. If one of the linesmen is unavailable, the referee may appoint another in his place, if he feels it is necessary. He may continue with one linesman. (HC Rule 41).
9002. Officials fees and travel expenses for semi and final male and female play offs shall be in accordance with BCAHA By Law 13.

REGULATION TEN ~ DISCIPLINE

10000. Association Responsibilities
- a. Each association is required to attend all Society meetings.
 - b. Any association not presenting itself for regularly scheduled Society meetings shall be fined in the sum of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for each meeting it misses.
- c. Each association, (including coaches and managers), is responsible to ensure proper control of all players on and off the ice, and players and fans both inside and outside the arenas.
10001. The Division Director shall maintain overall discipline and enforce Regulations, By-Laws, and the Constitution of the Okanagan Mainline Amateur Hockey Association.
10002. The division director may investigate all reports of profane, obscene, or abusive language by players or team officials and may take the necessary disciplinary action.

REGULATION ELEVEN ~ PROTESTS

11000. League Game Protests
- a. League game protests shall be transmitted in writing to the Society's President within seventy two (72) hours of completion of the game in question. This protest must be on Association letterhead, signed by the Association President and accompanied by a payment of \$50.00.
 - b. The protested team or association shall be notified of the protest by the Society's President and given seventy two (72) hours to file a defence. This defence must be in writing on Association letterhead, signed by the Association President and accompanied by payment of fifty (\$50.00) dollars.
 - c. The Division Director and the Society's President will rule on the protest within

seventy two hours and inform the parties involved. A refund of the \$50.00 deposit may be forthcoming to one or other party involved.

- d. Either party has the right to appeal the ruling to the OMAHA Appeals Committee. (refer to OMAHA By Law Fifteen)

11001. Play off Game Protests

- a. Play off game protests shall be transmitted in writing to the Society's President within 24 hours of completion of the game in question. This protest must be on Association letterhead, signed by the Association President (or designate), and accompanied by payment of fifty (\$50.00) dollars.
- b. The protested team or association shall be notified by the Society's President and given twelve(12) hours to file a defence. This defence must be in writing on Association letterhead, signed by the Association President (or designate) and accompanied by a \$50.00 payment.
- c. The division director and the Society's President will rule on the protest within twelve(12) hours and inform the parties involved of the ruling. A refund of the \$50.00 payment may be forthcoming to one or other party involved.
- d. For protests of play off games, the decision of the President and Director is final, and is not appealable.

11002. Arrangements may be made with the OMAHA President for an alternate method of payment for protests.

11003. If a team or association has serious concerns or complaints regarding game officials, they are to submit these concerns in writing, on Association letterhead, signed by the Association President, to the BCH Referee Committee member for the area that the referee is assigned from. A copy of the game sheet(s) should accompany this letter.

REGULATION TWELVE BOUNDARIES

12000. The OKANAGAN MAINLINE AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION DISTRICT boundaries are as follows:

NORTH

- Where the North Thompson River dissects Highway 5 approximately 40 Km north of Blue River.
- West along the Azure Mt. across Wells Gray Park to the eastern end of Lac Des Roche.
- South west to Chasm along the Bonaparte River. West south west to Jesmond and Big Bear Creek. Continue south west to include Gold Bridge and Bralorne.

WEST

- From Bralorne to the eastern end of Anderson Lake including Shalalth and Seton Portage. South along Skihist Mt. following the height of land to Keefers.
- South east from Keefers, staying north of Boston Bar and North Bend, to Highway 5 at the Toll Plaza south of Merritt.
- South east to the eastern boundary of Manning Park. From there to the 49th Parallel.

SOUTH

- The 49th Parallel from Manning Park's eastern boundary to a point on the American border where the western boundary of the Kootenay Regional District and Okanagan Similkameen Regional District boundaries meet.

EAST

- Starting at a point on the American border where the western boundary of the Kootenay Regional District and Okanagan Similkameen Regional District

boundaries meet, following that boundary between the Kootenay, Boundary, and Okanagan Similkameen Regional Districts north to a point directly west of where Saunier Creek joins Wilkins Creek and continuing east to Trapping Creek, north east following Trapping Creek to the height of land at the headwater and directly north to the boundary between the Kootenay, Boundary, and North Okanagan Regional District boundaries just south of Jubilee Mt.

- North east following the height of land west of the Christian Valley Road to the junction of the Christian Valley Road and Highway 6.

- North east to the Upper Arrow Lake and following the Upper Arrow Lake to the northern tip of the northeast arm at Shelter Bay, not to include Galena Bay.

- From Shelter Bay north east to the village of Camborne, but not including Camborne. Following the highest point of land to Highway 1 at the Northlander Hotel in Glacier National Park, but not to include the Northlander.

- From the Northlander go north west to the junction of the North Thompson River and Highway 5, paralleling the Columbia Reach and Canoe Reach, to include Mica Creek.

All Minor Hockey Association changes shall be recorded and forwarded to OMAHA and BCAHA District Director for registry. Submissions shall include signed letters of agreement by all Associations affected.

OMAHA HISTORY

The Okanagan Valley Minor Hockey Association was formed in November, 1952, with acceptance of a Constitution and the election of an Executive. The Okanagan Valley was a separate District within the confines of the BCAHA and was composed of Penticton, Vernon and Kelowna.

The first Executive consisted of:
President - John Krassman, Kelowna
1st Vice - Ed Sherwood, Vernon
2nd Vice - Art Fisher, Penticton
Secretary - George Jochim, Vernon

The initiation fees were set at ten dollars (\$10.00) and remain so today. The annual dues were set at sixteen (\$16.00) and remained that until 1967.

In 1957, Summerland became the first addition to the Okanagan Valley Minor Hockey Association. In 1961, the Northern district was split with the Mainline being added to the Okanagan Valley, forming the Okanagan Mainline District. This added Merritt, Kamloops, North Kamloops, Salmon Arm and Revelstoke.

Lumby and Enderby joined the O.M.M.H.A. in 1968, followed by Oliver in 1969, Armstrong in 1971, and Brocklehurst in 1973. There were major changes in the Kamloops area in 1974 which saw the three associations in that area amalgamate to form what is now known as Kamloops Minor Hockey Association.

Osoyoos and Rutland became members of the O.M.M.H.A. in 1974 and in 1975 the Okanagan Mainline was extended to include the Clearwater area of the North Thompson which allowed Clearwater Minor Hockey to join, along with Winfield and Westside all in the same year. In 1977 Princeton Minor Hockey became a member, bringing the number to an eighteen member Association.

Logan Lake and Thompson Cariboo applied for and were granted membership in 1979 and in 1981. The last association to gain membership in the O.M.M.H.A. was Sicamous, bringing the number to twenty one associations. After that, the number of associations started to decline due to amalgamation. In 1982, Kelowna and Rutland joined together

to form the Kelowna Minor Hockey Association, and the following year, 1983, Osoyoos and Oliver amalgamated to form the South Okanagan Minor Hockey Association.

In 1982, the O.M.M.H.A. registered with the Registrar of Companies under the Society Act and in 1984, the Okanagan Mainline Minor Hockey Association changed its name to the Okanagan Mainline Amateur Hockey Association so as to differentiate itself from its member associations.

In 1985, Vernon Minor Hockey Association disbanded and a new association was formed, to be known as Greater Vernon Minor Hockey Association.

The final association to join was Lillooet which was granted membership in 1988.

In 1991, Armstrong Minor Hockey and Enderby Minor Hockey amalgamated to form one new association under the name of North Okanagan Minor Hockey Association.

In 2000, Chase Minor Hockey Association became a member of OMAHA.

LIFE MEMBERS

ART FISHER* 1982	GORDON STRACHAN 1990
DUNC JAMIESON* 1987	JOHN MICHIE *1993-2007
AL BERG 1999	ELINOR ADOLPHE 2002
DONNA HENDERSON 2003	WILF LIEFKE 2010

PAST PRESIDENTS

JOHN KRASSMAN	1952 1954	KELOWNA
ED SHERWOOD	1954 1956	VERNON
ART FISHER	1956 1959	PENTICTON
EMIL BOUCHARD	1959 1960	KELOWNA
JACK MERTZ	1960 1961	PENTICTON
DON WHITE	1961 1962	KELOWNA
BILL BROWN	1962 1963	VERNON
DOUG DAWES	1963 1966	KAMLOOPS
ART FISHER	1966 1981	KELOWNA
GORDON STRACHAN	1981 1984	KELOWNA
JOHN MICHIE	1984 1990	WESTSIDE
AL BERG	1990 1993	ARMSTRONG
BILL TOMIAK	1993 1995	VERNON
ELINOR ADOLPHE	1995 1999	PENTICTON
DONNA HENDERSON	1999 2000	KAMLOOPS
GREG HOWARD	2000 2000	ASHCROFT
WILF LIEFKE	2001 2004	VERNON
JACK KOTELES	2004-2007	SOUTH OKANAGAN
PAT SULLIVAN	2007-2009	LILLOOET
GORDON MATTHEWS	2009-2010	ASHCROFT

ASSOCIATION OF THE YEAR

1980-1981	WESTSIDE	1996-1997	WESTSIDE
1981-1982	KAMLOOPS	1997-1998	GREATER VERNON
1982-1983	no applications	1998-1999	WESTSIDE
1983-1984	SOUTH OKANAGAN	2000-2001	MERRITT
1984-1985	no applications	1999-2000	CLEARWATER
1985-1986	THOMPSON CARIBOO	2001-2002	GREATER VERNON
1986-1987	SUMMERLAND	2002-2003	CHASE
1987-1988	KELOWNA	2003-2004	SALMON ARM
1988-1989	PRINCETON	2004-2005	KAMLOOPS

1989-1990	ARMSTRONG	2005-2006	Not awarded
1990-1991	ARMSTRONG	2006-2007	LUMBY
1991-1992	GREATER VERNON	2007-2008	CHASE
1992-1993	LUMBY	2008-2009	CLEARWATER
1993-1994	KAMLOOPS	2009-2010	KELOWNA
1994-1995	PENTICTON	2010-2011	Not Awarded
1995-1996	THOMPSON CARIBOO		

OMAHA AWARDS

Scholarships:

Jesse Akers - Clearwater - 2009–2010	Kyle Ovens - Westside - 2009–2010
Brittany Schroeder - Vernon - 2009–2010	Mark Sherwood - Osoyoos – 2009–2010
Dana Dew - Lillooet - 2010–2011	Alexander Gange - Westside – 2010–2011
Scot Freberg - Kamloops - 2010–2011	Matthew Jones - Clearwater - 2010–2011

John Boscha:

Bruce Swakum - Merritt 2008–2009	Michael Hails - Vernon 2010–2011
Ben Weber - Clearwater 2009–2010	

Allan Philcox:

Revelstoke Bantam Tier 4 Team 2008–2009	Kelowna Bantam Tier 2 - 2010–2011
Penticton Bantam Tier 3 Team 2009–2010	

Margie Moss Award:

Emily Edmundson - Kamloops - 2009–2010
Tyra Jamieson - Kamloops - 2010–2011

Jack Koteles Award:

Bantam Female - Megan Sebastian - Kelowna - 2009–2010
Midget Female - Emily Edmundson - Kamloops - 2009–2010
Pee Wee - Jagger Williamson - Lumby - 2009–2010
Midget - JJ Zakall - South Okanagan - 2009–2010
Midget - Jordie Akers - Clearwater - 2010–2011

Officiating Summer School

Dylana Elliot - Clearwater - 2009–2010	Alexis Gottfriedson - Kamloops - 2009–2010
Karson O’Keefe - Chase - 2009–2010	Devon Krenz - Kamloops - 2009–2010
Cache Cook - Princeton - 2010–2011	Dylan Dodge – Salmon Arm – 2010–2011
Branden Heinz - Chase - 2010–2011	Adam Luchkanych - Salmon Arm - 2010-2011

NOTES

2011

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