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CONSTITUTION

LORD SELKIRK MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
INCORPORATED

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MISSION STATEMENT:

There are five fundamental Fair Play Rules to be adopted for “A” level hockey within the Association:

Respect the Rules

Respect the Opponents

Respect the Officials

Equal Participation

Maintain Self-Control Always

The application of these 5 basic rules will promote the best interests of the children that participate in “A” level hockey. The goals of the program are to:

Have Fun: If the children are not having fun, then the program will have failed to meet its primary obligation. The goal of the program is to ensure that each child will want to come back the next year.

Teach Respect and Responsibility: If the children just go out and have fun but learn nothing about respect and responsibility, then the program will have failed to live up to its next obligation. Community Club sports should be a training ground for the kind of values that we want to instill in our children that will carry them into their adulthood.

Build Self Esteem: By participating in sports, children should be encouraged to set realistic and achievable individual and team goals. Part of having fun is to challenge the participants to go farther than they have gone before. Lord Selkirk Minor Hockey should be a place where success is achieved through developmental related processes, rather than winning being a primary focus.

Build Friendships: Children will build friendships through Community Club sports that will last a lifetime. The best way to make those friendships meaningful is to create a team concept and have the children stick together.

Teach Skills: Very few children will make sports a career. However, teaching skills goes hand in hand with building self-esteem. It goes hand in hand with keeping the children challenged and competitive so that they will want to come back the next year. Teaching skills will help the kids achieve the goal that is last on the list, playing competitively.

Play Competitively: Playing competitively with the intention of winning is one of the goals of Community Club sports. Teams that do not win their fair share of games face a huge challenge in keeping the fun and self-esteem goals satisfied. However, it is a success to compete to the best of your ability with 100% effort.

If you make winning your priority the program will fail. You cannot control both your and other program’s natural ability level. You also cannot control other program’s commitment to fair play. However, you can control your own program’s commitment to fun, fostering respect and responsibility, building self-esteem and friendships, teaching skills, and playing competitively with hard work and dedication. In other words, commit to fair play and you will make the program a success, regardless of whether your team wins or loses on the scoreboard. When you commit to fair play, your team is guaranteed to win where it counts most, in every kid’s heart.

Article 1: Organization name:

The name of this organization shall be the “Lord Selkirk Minor Hockey Association Incorporated” (L.S.M.H.A.) Boundaries are identified by the following: Please see appendix B – Special Rules and By-Laws.

Article 2: Definitions:

In this Constitution,

“L.S.M.H.A.” and “Association” means Lord Selkirk Minor Hockey Association;

“Minor Hockey” means hockey in all age groups up to and including Midget;

“Executive” means the governing body, elected and appointed, of this Association;

“Association Area” means that the areas governed by the L.S.M.H.A., the boundaries are defined in Appendix B of this document;

“Executive responsibilities” – see Appendix A;

“Executive members in good standing” are those that have not missed three consecutive meetings without just cause (as determined by the Executive); Do not act in a manner that is outside the scope of the mandate that is given by the Executive and the Constitution (as determined by the Executive); Do not act in a manner that is contrary to the interests of the Area Association (as determined by the Executive); Do not act in a manner that brings into disrepute the Area Association (as determined by the Executive); Have not been voted by a two thirds majority vote of the Executive as not being in “good standing” with the Executive. Have been returned to “good standing” either by a two thirds majority vote of the Executive or by Election to the Executive at the Annual General Meeting.

“Life members” are those that are nominated and elected by a two-thirds majority vote at the Annual General Meeting on a recommendation from a member of the outgoing Association Executive for providing outstanding long-term service to hockey. Not more than one life member shall be appointed per year.

“Special Rules and By-Laws” are significant changes to the ongoing Rules within the Association that must be passed by two-thirds majority; these may be passed at any General Meeting provided Executive Members are given 7 days’ Notice of change.

“Coach” is defined as a team official who is identified as such on the Winnipeg Minor Hockey Association Roster and shall include “other team officials” and any person who may be behind the bench during games.

Article 3: Responsibility:

The Association shall organize and operate the minor hockey program within the area (Appendix B) by virtue of approval of this constitution by the Greater Winnipeg Minor Hockey Association (Hockey Winnipeg) and the Manitoba Amateur Hockey Association (Hockey Manitoba).

Article 4: Objectives:

The objectives of this Association are:

- To see that all young people within the Association area have an equal opportunity to participate in the game of hockey at a level according to their ability, within the fundamental principles of fair play as outlined herein;
- To provide a quality of leadership within this organization and provide representation at Winnipeg Minor Hockey Association (Hockey Winnipeg) that will foster sportsmanship, good character, and fair play in all who participate in the hockey program;
- To promote the improvement of all hockey skills through clinics for players, coaches and game officials;
- To facilitate the assessment and selection of coaches;
- To ensure that there is effective communication between the Executive and members of the Association.

Article 5: Composition of the Association:

- (a) The elected Executive,
- (b) All parents or guardians and coaches of children registered within the Association for the season;
- (c) Life members;

Article 6: The Executive shall consist of the following offices:

15 Executive – 15 maximum Votes

- President
- Vice President “AA”
- Vice President “Female Hockey”
- Vice President “U9”
- Vice President Registration
- Registrar
- Treasurer
- Director – U13
- Director – U15-U18
- Director of Development
- Director of Coach Development
- Referee-In-Chief
- Public Relations
- Equipment Manager
- Past President (2 Years)

Article 7: Voting Members:

The Executive, except for Past President, shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting by voting members in good standing. Any office not filled by election at the Annual Meeting will be filled by appointment by the Executive body upon formal motion passed by a majority vote.

Election of the Executive

The Election of the Executive shall take place once per year at the Annual General Meeting. The voting will be by secret ballot, in the event of a tie there shall be further balloting until there is a candidate chosen by a simple majority.

Voting Rights

For all positions on the Executive, the following will have the right to vote at the Annual General Meeting or General Monthly Meeting.

Executive members in good standing; (Each Executive can only have 1 vote regardless if filling multiple positions. Past President does not get a vote.

Life members that have attended the last general meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting and has indicated he or she will be voting; Members of the Association that have attended in *their entirety or a major portion thereof (as determined by the Executive)* a minimum of 4 consecutive Lord Selkirk Minor Hockey Association General Meetings since the previous Annual General Meeting; and are in good standing (*as defined in article 2*) as determined by a vote of the Executive at the General Meeting immediately prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Registration of Voters

Guests in attendance at the Annual General Meeting shall sign in at the beginning of the meeting. The Secretary will then confirm that the voter was on the Guest List a minimum of 5 General Meetings since the last Annual General Meeting. The Secretary shall provide a list of eligible voters to the President. The President or designate who is chairing the Annual General Meeting shall announce who the eligible voters are prior to the vote taking place. The President will announce who is present and will vote. No votes by proxy are allowed unless 2/3 vote by executive to waive.

Nominations for Executive Positions, Excluding President

Nominations for Association Members that are not part of the Executive must be submitted by a Member of the Association in good standing to the Secretary of the Association no less than 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting. Such notice shall include the name, address and telephone number of the individual being nominated, as well as the position to which he or she is seeking election. Nominations of those that are Executive members from the current year may be made from the floor of the Annual General meeting. Nominations for Executive form a Member association will only be accepted if member has attended a minimum of 5 General Meetings since the last AGM. Minimum may be waived by Executive with a 2/3 vote.

Nomination of the President

To be eligible for the position of President a nominee must meet two of the following three criteria:

- 1) Be an Executive member on LSMHA Board for at least 2 years.
- 2) Be nominated by an Executive member.
- 3) Have attended a minimum of seven Lord Selkirk Minor Hockey Association General Meetings since the previous Annual General Meeting, as confirmed by the Secretary of the Association.

Nominees to have the Right to Address Voters

A person that is nominated for the position of President and any position on the Executive will have the

opportunity before a vote is held to make a five-minute presentation to those in attendance at the Annual General Meeting.

Article 8: Powers and Duties of the Executive:

During their term in office the Executive shall have the powers to administer all the affairs of the Association, to conduct its business and to authorize all expenditures and without limiting the generality of the foregoing its powers shall include:

(a) The passing of all By-Laws and special rules required for the administration of the Association;

(b) At a meeting following the AGM, committees will be determined to manage hockey related duties for the upcoming season. The committees shall consist of a minimum of 4 representatives appointed by the LSMHA Board. See Appendix C – Committees. Nominations to these committees must come from a member in good standing. Each Committee will make decisions (rules and regulations) regarding the day to day operations of their program and report back to the LSMHA Board at subsequent meetings. The LSMHA board would have the right (as with respect to any decision by the Director) to reverse any decisions made by the Committee. For those rules and regulations to be given effect they must be approved by simple majority vote of the Board of Directors and are subject to the Constitution. For them to become bylaws they would require a two / thirds majority vote.

(c) The termination of all questions arising from situations not otherwise specifically provided for, including the taking of disciplinary action as deemed appropriate;

(d) Appoint to the Executive, from the Executive membership, to fill any vacancies that may occur; Any Executive member missing three consecutive meetings without a valid reason and/or previously being excused shall be suspended and the position ruled upon at the next regular Executive meeting; The suspension of any elected officer or member in accordance with this constitution by a two-thirds majority of the Executive present and voting. Note: Does not include Life members; A quorum shall require a minimum of four elected executive present and voting.

Article 9: Meetings of the Executive

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General meeting of the Association shall be held at the call of the President, at or near the conclusion of the hockey season and no later than June 30th of each year. Actual take-over of the new Executive may be delayed (transition) as agreed at the Annual General Meeting by the Executive.

Only a member of the Lord Selkirk Minor Hockey Association Incorporated area may be elected to the Executive.

The Annual General Meeting shall have the following agenda:

- Roll call of the members and the signing in of the guests;
- Adoption of minutes from last Annual General Meeting;
- Business arising out of minutes;
- President's report;
- Executive reports;
- New Business from the floor;
- Amendments to the Constitution;

- Election of Officers;
- Dissolution of the Previous Executive;
- Adjournment.

General Meetings

General meetings to conduct the business of the Association will be held at the call of the President but shall be held at least 10 times per year. There must be at least 10 meeting per calendar year between Annual General Meetings. Meeting dates must be posted on LSMHA website minimum 10 days prior to meeting.

The following order of business shall be observed at all General Meetings of the Executive
Roll call of members and signing in of the guests;

- Adoption of minutes;
- Business arising out of minutes;
- President's report;
- Executive 's reports;
- Committees' Reports;
- New Business, including amending or passing of By Laws or Special Rules;
- Adjournment.

Special Meetings

The President is required to call and/or attend a Special Meeting **upon the written request of 5 board members to be held within 72 hours or sooner to deal with an urgent issue;**

If possible, notice of the Special Meeting along with the reason for the Special Meeting is to be posted on the LSMHA website 7 days prior to being held.

Meetings are to be open to the public including the Annual Meeting and all General Meetings.

In Camera Meetings

Due to the complexity of issues that arise throughout a season, at the direction of the Executive it may be determined that discussions at meetings may need to be had without the general public being present. These meeting will be referred to as "in Camera Sessions."

Notice of Meetings

Notice of the date of the monthly General Meetings shall be posted on the LSMHA website at least 14 days prior to the meeting. Notice of the date of the Annual General Meeting shall be LSMHA website at least 14 days prior to the meeting. Failure to give notice will void any election, appointment, resolutions, amendments, and by -laws or special rules that are passed therein.

Article 10: Amendment to the Constitution:

This Constitution may be amended at the Annual Meeting of the Association by a two-thirds majority of members present and voting. A notice of motion to amend this Constitution shall be presented to a

member of the Executive, in writing, a minimum of two weeks before the Annual General Meeting.

That notice shall be in the form that will be presented to the Executive. Any member that receives such a motion shall immediately advise the President and the Public Relations representative of the Association, who will provide a copy of the proposed amendment forthwith to the Executive Members.

Article 11: Resolutions

Resolutions are motions that are passed at meetings of the Association. Motions may be made and voted on by Executive Members and Board members (If applicable) at General and Special Meetings. No resolutions may be passed at an Annual General Meeting until the Executive is dissolved and the New Executive is formed.

Article 12: By-Laws and Special Rules:

By Laws and Special Rules may be instituted or amended at a general Meeting of the Executive, by a two-thirds majority of members present and voting. The By Laws and Special Rules shall be attached to the Original Constitution, which will be kept by the President and the Public Relations representative of the Association. Each Executive Member, Board Member and Life Member shall be provided with a copy of the Constitution at the meeting following the Annual General Meeting. A copy of the Constitution shall be provided by the Secretary upon request to any member of the Association in attendance at a General Meeting.

Special Rules and By Laws

Appendix A – Executive Positions and Duties

Appendix B – Association Boundaries

Appendix C – Committees

Appendix D – Player Registration

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Appendix H – Apparel and Equipment

Appendix I – Female Hockey “A” & AA

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Appendix K – Male Hockey “AA” and “AAA”

Appendix L – LSMHA Policies

