

SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1.

This non-profit organization shall be known as the Sault Major Hockey Association Inc. and herein called the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC.

ARTICLE 2.

The purpose of the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. shall be to encourage organized hockey among Atom AA-AAA, Pee Wee AA-AAA, Bantam HL-BB-AA-AAA, and Midget HL-BB-AA-AAA players in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. ***revised May 27th, 2008 ***

ARTICLE 3.

The SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. will be governed by the Northern Ontario Hockey Association and the Ontario Hockey Federation (O.H.F.) suspension rules, rules and policies with respect to the rules of the game of hockey, the signing of clubs, club officials, players and the disciplining of the same, with the exception of the rules and regulations provided for under Article 20 "Player and Team Regulations". ***revised May 27th, 2010**

ARTICLE 4.

a) Bantam and Midget hockey clubs willing to comply with, and abide by the rules, regulations and policies of the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. may be admitted to membership upon annual application and payment of prescribed fees to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee (elected Directors) will select successful clubs based on the needs each year per category. Needs will be determined by team and player registrations." ***revised May 27th, 2009***

b) No coaching staff member may referee or line any SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. game in which there exists a conflict of interest. A conflict of interest exists when the member referees or lines the same division or league in which or she participates as a coaching staff member. ***added May 30th, 2006***

ARTICLE 5.

The Constitution of the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. shall not be altered except at the Annual Meeting. Notice of proposed alterations shall be given to the Executive Committee Secretary, in writing, by a hockey club or club official at least two (2) weeks before the day of the meeting. The Executive Committee Secretary shall notify the Team Managers and the Executive Committee of the proposed changes at least one week prior to the Annual Meeting.

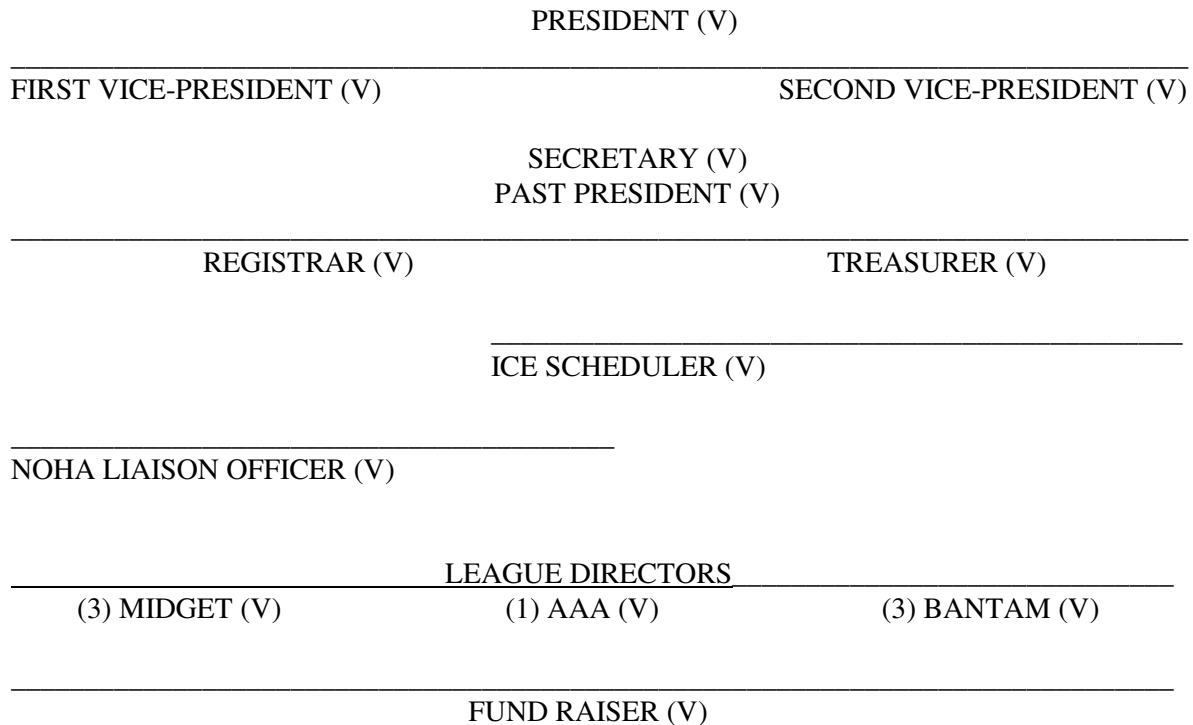
In the event of an omission or interpretation in the Constitution, the Executive Committee shall hold the right to set a by-law to cover the balance of the existing season and the omission or interpretation shall be discussed and/or passed at the next Annual Meeting. ***revised May 27th, 2010**

ARTICLE 6. ***revised May 27, 2010***

The SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. shall be governed by the Executive Committee.

- a) The Executive Committee members shall consist of:
1. President
 2. 1st Vice President
 3. 2nd Vice President
 4. Secretary
 5. Past President
 6. Registrar
 7. Treasurer
 8. Ice Manager/Scheduler
 9. Fund Raiser
 10. League Directors (7) AAA-MAA-MBB-MHL-BAA-BBB-BHL
 11. NOHA Liaison Officer

“Organizational Chart”



- b) All League Directors may appoint an Assistant that must be approved by the Executive Committee. The Assistant has voting privileges at Sault Major Executive meetings when the League Director is absent. ***revised May 27th, 2008***
- c) Each Executive Committee member shall have one (1) vote, with the exception of the President who votes only in the event of a tie, if in attendance at the meeting.
- d) Each club duly registered with the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. will have one (1) vote, if in attendance, provided they are in good standing with SMHA Inc. ***revised May 27th, 2010***
- e) The Executive Committee may not have more than one (1) vote for each registered club in attendance.
- f) The newly elected Executive Committee to take office as of June 1st of each year. **revised April 23, 1998**

ARTICLE 7.

Membership shall be granted to those who desire to share in the aims of this organization as volunteer workers.

ARTICLE 8.

Honorary membership may be provided by unanimous vote of the Executive Committee in recognition of distinguished service to the League.

ARTICLE 9.

- a) There will be seventeen (17) Executive Committee Members of the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. sixteen (16) will be elected at Annual Meetings, plus Past President. ***revised May 27th, 2008***
- b) Executive Committee Members will serve for a two (2) year term after the 1998 elections. **revised April 23, 1998**
- c) Specified Executive Committee Members will be elected each year at the Annual Meeting from a proposed slate of officers and from nominations from the floor.
- d) When there is only one nomination for a given position and the person chooses to allow their name to stand they will be deemed to be acclaimed to the position nominated. When there is more than one nomination for a given position and more than one individual chooses to allow their name to stand then all parties nominated will be elected by secret ballot.

- e) If a nominee due to other commitments is unable to attend the elections his/her acceptance of a nomination to a given position or if defeated an alternate named position or positions must be submitted to the Executive Committee prior to the Annual Meeting in writing.
- f) Persons nominated for the positions of President, 1st Vice -President and 2nd Vice-President must be members in good standing with the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. for the past two (2) years. Persons nominated for those above positions that have less than the two (2) years, must have approval from the General Membership prior to allowing his/her name to stand.
- g) One person cannot hold more than one elected position at one time.
- h) If an elected Executive Committee Member is unable to complete his/her term, the President with the approval of the Executive Committee may appoint someone to fulfill the duties of that member until the next Annual Meeting. The remainder of the term will be filled by the member elected to do so in the usual manner.
- i) A nominating committee composed of the Past President, one Executive Committee Member and one member at large shall present a proposed slate of officers for consideration at the Annual Meeting.
- j) No Executive Committee Member of the Executive Committee may have any affiliation with any team in the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. unless approved by the Executive Committee.
- k) If the Executive Committee unanimously recommends, after one year, a current appointed position would benefit the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. by becoming a permanent Executive Committee position with full Executive Committee privileges, the said position would then be presented at the Annual Meeting for approval by the membership. This position cannot increase the current number of Executive Committee Member positions already in place, unless increase is approved by the General Membership. ***revised May 25, 2004***

ARTICLE 10.

The Executive Committee shall manage the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC., its finances, office equipment room(s), and equipment purchases. It may appoint sub-committees and/or team personnel to take charge of various SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. activities, fund raising or other duties to maintain an active hockey program.

ARTICLE 11.

Only the Executive Committee of the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC., Managers, Coaches and Trainers may attend monthly SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. meetings. SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. meetings will be held bi-monthly during active and inactive hockey season. **revised 2002**

ARTICLE 12.

Membership in the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. shall be terminated and all rights enjoyed by the Executive Committee Member cancelled when:

- They fail to attend three (3) general meetings without proper excuse.
- They resign in writing notifying the Executive Committee Secretary or the Executive Committee.
- They are guilty of misconduct or neglect of their elected duties as described, which, in the opinion of the Executive Committee is detrimental to the best interest of SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC.
- As an Executive Committee Member, fails to attend three (3) consecutive Executive Committee meetings without a proper excuse.

ARTICLE 13.

An Executive Committee Member having his/her membership terminated under the terms of Article 12 shall have the right to appear before the Executive Committee to explain his/her absence or conduct. Should he/she neglect to appear or having appeared fails to satisfy the Executive Committee, it may suspend or permanently expel him/her. Limit for the notification of all parties concerned with respect to an appeal meeting date, time, place, shall be seventy-two (72) hours.

ARTICLE 14.

Appointed Members ***revised May 27th, 2009***

(a) With the approval of the Executive Committee, the President may appoint:

- (i) Steel City Tournament Chairperson
- (ii) Head Timekeeper
- (iii) Statistician(s)
- (iv) Website Administrator
- (v) Office Assistant

(b) Each of these will be responsible for the direction as outlined in the current operations policy for that area. These positions are non-voting appointments and attendance at Executive Committee Meetings is welcomed. The term of each appointment shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 15.

The duties of the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. Executive Committee Members shall be as follows:

(1) PRESIDENT

- a) Shall take command of the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC., preside at all meetings, and enforce the rules and regulations of the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC.
- b) Shall be an ex-officio member of all Committees.
- c) May at times appoint additional Directors or Committees for special services on the approval of the Executive Committee.

(2) 1st VICE-PRESIDENT *revised May 27th, 2008*****

- a) Shall be responsible for all off ice operations as assigned by the President.
- b) In absence of the President or 2nd Vice-President officiate in his/her stead.
- c) Shall be a member of all Committees of off-ice operations.
- d) Shall perform such duties as are assigned to him/her by the President and shall report directly to the President.
- e) Shall deal with all off-ice complaints
- f) Shall be responsible for dealings with guest member team Associations (Wawa, Soo Michigan, Desbarats etc.)
- g) Shall chair the Discipline Committee composed of three Executive Committee Members and the Recording Secretary. The duties of the Committee are as outlined in the policy section.

(3) 2nd VICE-PRESIDENT *revised May 27th, 2008*****

- a) Shall be responsible for all on ice operations and any other duties assigned by the President.
- b) In the absence of the President or 1st Vice President officiate in his/her stead.
- c) Shall be a member of all committees of on-ice operations.
- d) In conjunction with the League Director he/she shall deal with all Sault Major Hockey Association on-ice complaints.

(4) SECRETARY *revised May 30, 2006*****

- a) Shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings of the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC..
- b) Shall possess the official copy of the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. Constitution and playing rules.
- c) Shall conduct the correspondence of the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC..

- d) Shall file all records, reports and communications connected with the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC.
- e) Shall act as Recording Secretary of the Executive Committee.
- f) Shall report to the President and both Vice-Presidents.
- g) At the direction of the President and/or either Vice-Presidents shall schedule all meetings.
- h) Shall give all teams and Executive Committee Members written notice of all submissions of motions to change the Constitution for their consideration at least one (1) week prior to the Annual Meeting and shall also have written copies available for distribution to the general public at the Annual Meeting.

(5) REGISTRAR ***revised May 27th, 2010***

- a) Shall receive all player registrations, record each and forward financial information to the Treasurer and player information to the 1st Vice-President and the 2nd Vice-President.
- b) Shall provide the Executive Committee with the factual registrations to aid in making decisions as to the number of teams required at each level.
- c) Shall be responsible for Hockey Canada Electronic Registry (HCR) for Sault Major Hockey Association Inc.
- d) Shall perform other duties as required by the President.

(6) TREASURER ***added May 30, 2006***

- i) Shall issue all accounts.
- j) Shall receive all monies due the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC.; pay all accounts approved by the Executive Committee and keep a correct account of the same.
- k) Shall make a report of the money in his/her hands at any time when requested by the President. Shall present at the Annual Meeting a report of the financial affairs of the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. for the past year, a full account receipt and disbursements and the financial condition of the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC.
- l) Shall place the funds in a chartered bank from which they shall be withdrawn or paid out only on the signature of the Treasurer and the President. All such withdrawals must be approved by the Executive Committee.
- m) Shall prepare a financial statement to be approved at the General Meetings.

(7) PAST-PRESIDENT

- a) Shall chair the Nominating Committee as per Article 9 (I).
- b) May accept other duties as assigned by the Executive Committee.

(8) DIRECTORS ***revised May 27th, 2008***

Reports directly to the 2nd Vice-President, the Directors shall assist in the administration and enforcement of the rules, regulations and policies established by the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. The Directors will attend games and team functions as decided upon and scheduled the Executive Committee. An introductory parent, player and coaching staff team meeting will be included in the list of team functions that should be attended by one of the Directors. The AAA Director will be responsible for dealings with the association AAA teams, and Atom AA and PeeWee AA teams. Directors may be assigned additional duties as deemed necessary by the 2nd Vice-President.

(9) ICE MANAGER/SCHEDULER

- a) Shall book and schedule all ice commitments for the league upon the request of the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC.
- b) Shall ensure that Timekeepers and Referees have been provided for all SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. functions.
- c) Shall issue a monthly written report for the costing by arena of all ice, timekeepers and referees.
- d) Shall bill all teams in the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. for ice and services used by that team.
- e) Shall attend all ice schedule meetings with the City and other Organizations.
- f) Shall submit to the Executive Committee a schedule of all the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. games for their approval.
- g) Shall notify the League Director involved of any schedule changes in that league.
- h) Shall report to the President and both Vice-Presidents.

revised May 25, 2004

(10) NOHA LIAISON OFFICER ***added May 29, 2007***

- a) Shall be the official liaison of Sault Major Hockey Association Inc., and the Northern Ontario Hockey Association.
- b) Shall report to President and both Vice Presidents.
- c) Shall perform other duties as required by the President.

(11) FUNDRAISER ***added May 27, 2010***

- a) Shall be responsible for Sault Major Hockey Association fundraising activities.
- b) Shall be responsible for Sault Major Hockey Banquets and security at SMHA events.
- c) Shall give a written report to the President annually.
- d) Shall report to the President.
- e) Shall perform other duties as required by the President.

ARTICLE 15A.

The duties as outlined in Article 15 can be re-designated by the Executive Committee in any one-year if it is agreed that the assignments do not serve the best interests of the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. Such re-designation shall be in effect only until the Annual Meeting after which the original duties as per Article 15 shall prevail.

ARTICLE 16.

Each Executive Committee Member and one Team Representative of each registered Team shall receive sufficient notice of the time, date and place of meetings. Such notice shall be issued by the Executive Committee Secretary on the instructions of the President or any three (3) Executive Committee Members.

ARTICLE 17.

The President or Vice-Presidents shall assume the duties of the Chairperson at all meetings. A Quorum shall be two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members at any specific meeting. Emergency meetings may be called by the President or Vice-Presidents only. Requests for emergency meetings may be made by any Executive Committee Member. Such requests must be made in writing.

Executive meetings will be held monthly during active hockey season. President, Vice Presidents, and Secretary may meet as required and report to Executive Committee. **added May 27th, 2010***

ARTICLE 18.

GENERAL MEETINGS

- a) Frequency of not less than four (4) during the active season.
- b) There shall be no less than three (3) days notice given to members of a general meeting.
- c) The following business shall be transacted at the general meetings:
 - (1) approval of minutes or previous general meeting
 - (2) matters arising out of these minutes
 - (3) treasurer's report
 - (4) committee reports
 - (5) new business
 - (6) adjournment

NOTE: All voting will be done by a show of hands or by a ballot. Each Executive Committee Member and registered Team Representative shall have one (1) vote. The President will vote only to break a tie. See Article 6(c).

ARTICLE 19.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting shall be held prior to the fiscal year, which shall be May 31st at Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. The following business shall be transacted:

- (1) approval of minutes of the last annual meeting
- (2) matters arising out of these minutes
- (3) receive President's report for the year
- (4) motions for which notice has been given
- (5) receive Treasurer's report
- (6) election of officers and committees for the ensuing year, if required
- (7) new business
- (8) adjournment

NOTE: All voting will be done by a show of hands or by a ballot. Each Executive Committee Member and registered Team Representative shall have one (1) vote if they are in attendance. No proxy voting is allowed. An amendment to the Constitution requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the eligible members voting therein.

ARTICLE 20.

Player and Team Regulations

- a) Any Bantam or Midget aged player fitting into the program of the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. is eligible to register with the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. Bantam (age **13 and **14 years) and will be registered under the Hockey Canada Registry system as Bantam player only, and Midget (**15, **16 and **17 years) will be registered under the Hockey Canada Registry system as Midget player, excluding the "AAA" Bantam and Midget categories. To allow a major bantam aged player to sign a midget "AAA" playing certificate and play at the "AAA" Midget level is subject to the approval of the "AAA" Bantam and "AAA" Midget organizations. "AAA" Bantam and Midget organizations to review annually. To allow a Pee Wee aged player to sign a Bantam "AAA" playing certificate the player must come from a "AAA" organization only, and is subject to the approval of the Sault Major Hockey Association Inc. Executive. *** revised May 27th, 2010***
- b) All players must be registered in the Hockey Canada Registry (H.C.R.) system with the Northern Ontario Hockey Association. Non-registered players may practice with a member team. Hockey Canada Registry registered players may skate with any team during the inactive season, but in no case later than September 1st. *** revised May 27th, 2010***
- c) A player registered with SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. will not be allowed to play in an organized ice hockey league, as determined by SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC., unless with an approved affiliated team, during the regular SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC., hockey season ***revised May 24, 2005***

- d) Any AAA player who is released by their Team prior to the first official league game may play with any AA or BB team, subject to draft rules.
- e) After the first league game, said player referred to in (d) must go to the team in the last position in the league standings, and if not accepted, to the other teams in ascending order. In the event of a tie in the league standings, the Executive Committee will place the player on one of the tied teams.

NOTE: A minimum of five (5) games must have been played to determine original standings.

- f) A player desiring to transfer from a club outside of SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. jurisdiction after November 1st must go to the last place team in the AAA standings and if not accepted be offered to the other AAA teams ascending in order of standings. Should the player not make a AAA team the process repeats with the AA teams.
- g) If a player is offered to the bottom place team, that team will have been deemed to have filled their void and will not have the preference on the next player entering the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. until a complete rotation of teams has been done. (e.g.) - If the last place team refuses an incoming player the second last place team takes the player, then the next player entering the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. will be offered to the third last place team.
- h) All Teams who are registered members of the N.O.H.A. must have a Level One (1) Hockey Trainer's Certificate within the last two (2) years. A minimum of one (1) member per team.

Addition of Players after the Season Commences

1. Teams may not increase their rosters beyond the number of players on the list submitted to the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. upon completion of the draft including affiliate players.
2. **Players from within the area** shall apply to the Executive Committee for entry to the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. If they are admitted, refer to Article 20 (e) and (g). (Final deadline November 30).
3. The Executive Committee may increase a team's roster from their original submitted team list, by adding a player the Executive Committee has approved of for entrance into the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. after the draft has been completed. This will apply in accordance to player placement as described in the constitution. ***revised May 25, 2004***

NOTE: The Executive Committee may intervene and place the player should there be an undue delay in finding him a place at his own competence level. Teams may waive a player's services without actual ice tryouts but must do so in writing. If the team who refused a player moves up in the standings they will not be eligible for another player until all teams have had an option to pick up a player. The Executive Committee will have the right to intervene in rules (d), (e) and (f) if an imbalance to the league is evident e.g. in the event of defected players to other leagues, withdrawals or severe injuries.

4. Teams must apply to the Executive Committee and received approval to add players to their roster.
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5. If a team has a player injured and the player cannot return for the balance of the season and the playoffs, the team can add a player under Rule 3 or 4 with the understanding the injured player will no longer be eligible to play for the team for the balance of the season. The Executive Committee must receive in writing from the injured player and the team, that the player and the team understand the conditions which are being applied and agrees with them. The injured player will still be considered part of the team and the team roster would be increased by one should this action take place.
added May 30, 2006

NOTE: Under the NOHA affiliation rule it states – “A player having participated in more than (5) five league or playoff games after January 10 with the higher team, shall not revert to the lower team category in the same season. **The policy of SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. is that once five (5) league or playoff games have been played by an affiliate, player must return to play for own team.**

TRAVEL TO PLAYDOWNS

- a) Any team traveling out of town to represent the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. in N.O.H.A., Regional or National playoffs, be they Bantam, Midget “AAA”, “AA”, “BB”, “CC” Minor or Major must apply in writing for financial assistance from the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. to help defray the cost of travel and accommodations. The amount given to the teams shall be at the discretion of the Executive Committee. Travel assistance must come from money allocated from the fiscal budget.
- b) Executive Committee representation from the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. to the above-mentioned playoffs be they League Directors or Executive Committee Members shall receive funding for travel and lodging. The amount shall be determined by the Executive Committee. Travel assistance must come from money allotted from the fiscal budget.

ARTICLE 21.

Registration Fees

- a) The existing Executive Committee shall decide the Team and Player fees for the next season.
- b) Each player shall pay all fees in full on a date to be determined by the Executive Committee.
revised May 30, 2006
- c) Returning players with fees owing from the previous year may not participate until such outstanding fees are paid in full.

- d) No refunds are made after registration except in special cases by Executive Committee decision. No refund may be made should a player quit, is released or goes to another League. The Executive Committee may approve a partial refund to a player because of long term injury. Decisions on refunds for injured players will be made on an individual basis and not before the completion of the last scheduled game of the season.
- e) Players entering the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. after the starting date will pay a pro-rated registration fee depending on the number of games remaining in the schedule.
- f) Players owing funds to last year's team in the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. will not have registration accepted unless the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. is satisfied with the reason for non-payment. Teams must notify team parents and the Executive Committee, in writing, the names of the players and parents not paying. ***revised May 25, 2004**
- g) **Financial Suspension Policy** ***added May 24, 2005***

Each Member Team is required to submit a financial report accounting for player contributed funding to the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. on December 31st and March 1st of each season.

Each Member Team requires each individual player to pay teams fees to assist in the funding of team related activities.

The SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. has the ability to suspend individual players

1. the submission of the team financial report must include the names of any individuals or organization owing monies to the teams, including but not limited to individual players;
2. upon submission of the team financial report, the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. may suspend any player who has not paid the team fees for as many games as it, in its absolute discretion deems appropriate, as long as the team fees remain outstanding.

ARTICLE 22.

Statistics

In the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. group leagues, the league and individual scoring statistics will be determined from games scheduled by SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. ***revised May 30, 2006***

N.O.H.A. Playoff Representatives

revised May 24, 2005

1. The first place team at the end of the regular season will be the NOHA rep. If there are two divisions and two first place finishers, a special playoff will be conducted to decide which team will be the NOHA rep. The playoff format will be decided by the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. Executive Committee.
2. Should further teams be requested by the hosting NOHA Association, application for further representation of additional SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. teams will be made to the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. Executive Committee by the hosting centre and the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. Executive Committee will determine if SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. will comply with the request.
3. No SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. team will be allowed to apply for the NOHA playoffs without the approval of the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. Executive Committee.
4. Any monetary disbursement for NOHA reps will be determined by the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. Executive Committee.

League Playoffs

Playoff format will be as follows: *** Revised May 25, 2004 ***

All teams make the playoffs

Quarter or semi-finals will be played as follows:

<u>THREE TEAM LEAGUE</u>	- semi-finals	- best of five – 2 vs 3	
	- finals	- 1 st place bye	
		- best of seven (7)	
<u>FOUR TEAM LEAGUE</u>	- semi-finals	- best of five (5)	- (1 vs 4)
			- (3 vs 2)
	- finals	- best of seven (7)	
<u>FIVE TEAM LEAGUE</u>	- quarter finals	- best of three (3)	- (4 vs 5)
			- 1st, 2nd, 3rd bye
	- semi-finals	- best of five (5)	- (1 vs 4 or 5)
			- (3 vs 2)
	- finals	- best of seven (7)	

SIX TEAM LEAGUE

- quarter finals
- best of three (3)
- (3 vs 6)
- (4 vs 5)
- 1st, 2nd bye
- semi finals
- best of five (5)
- 1st vs team who finished lowest in regular season and won quarter finals
- 2nd vs remaining team
- finals
- best of seven (7)
- 1st vs team who finished lowest in regular season and won quarter finals

SEVEN TEAM LEAGUE

- quarter finals
- best of three (3)
- (2 vs 7)
- (3 vs 6)
- (4 vs 5)
- 1st bye
- semi-finals
- best of five (5)
- 1st vs. team who finished lowest in regular season and won quarter finals.
- Remaining two winners of quarter-finals.
- finals
- best of seven (7)

EIGHT TEAM LEAGUE

- quarter finals
- best of three (3)
- semi-finals
- best of five (5)
- Team who finished highest in regular season and wins quarter finals vs team who finished lowest in regular season and wins quarter finals. Remaining two teams.
- finals
- best of seven (7)

EXONERATION OF MEMBERS **added May 24, 2005**

As a non-profit Association regulating amateur hockey in Sault Ste. Marie, the SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC., its Executive Committee Members and Officials, assume no responsibility for injury or damage to players under any circumstances.

****revisions May 24, 2005****

All reference to i.e. SMHA, Association etc. amended to read "Sault Major Hockey Association Inc."

All reference to i.e. Executive etc. amended to read "Executive Committee and/or Executive Committee Members"

All reference to General Assembly Members etc. amended to read "General Membership"

All reference to Convenors, League/ Directors etc. amended to read "League Directors"