

West Kootenay Minor Hockey Association

Rules and Regulations 2016-2017

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Changes from BC Hockey restructuring are highlighted in blue

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SECTION ONE – WKMHA EXECUTIVE AND CONTACTS

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Grand Forks Minor Hockey Association

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WEST KOOTENAY MINOR HOCKEY EXECUTIVE

Refer to email links at www.wkmha.com for executive members and Executive. Governors and Statisticians lists sent to member associations.

SECTION TWO – IMPORTANT DATES

Notes: 1) Associations will be issued a two hundred and fifty dollar (\$250) fine for each WKMHA meeting or WKMHA RIC meeting missed; 2) Unless specified otherwise, all WKMHA meetings take place at 10am at the Castlegar Sandman hotel.

RIC meetings TBA	Association RICs will be notified by WKMHA RIC or RCM
August 21, 2016	WKMHA meeting
September 18, 2016	WKMHA meeting (final notification of teams participating in WKMHA league schedules)
September 18, 2016	WKMHA Scheduling meeting for Rep teams (start after WK meeting, est. duration 3 hrs)
October 1, 2016	WKMHA Scheduling meeting (start/end time tbc – est duration 6 hrs)
October 14, 2016	WKMHA League schedule begins (teams must submit WK Roasters before first game)
October 16, 2016	WKMHA meeting
November 20, 2016	WKMHA meeting
December 11, 2016	WKMHA meeting
December 21, 2016	Christmas break begins
January 4, 2017	Season resumes
January 10, 2017	Final rosters must be submitted to WKMHA
January 15-21, 2017	Tentative, Minor Hockey Week and BCH Penalty Free Challenge (tbc)
January 15, 2017	WKMHA meeting
February 12, 2017	WKMHA house leagues finished for Peewee and Midget
February 19, 2017	WKMHA house leagues finished for Atom B and Bantam
February 26, 2016	WKMHA house league finishes for Atom A
February 19, 2017	WKMHA Tier 2, 3, and 4 Peewee, Bantam, and Midget leagues completed <i>(May change to February 26 once team declarations w. Tiering info is confirmed)</i>
February 19, 2017	WKMHA meeting
February 17-19, 2017	WKMHA house league playoffs for Peewee and Midget
February 24-26, 2017	WKMHA house league playoffs for Atom B and Bantam
March 4-5, 2017	WKMHA house league playoffs for Atom A
March 19-23, 2017	BC Hockey Provincial Championships
April 3, 2017	WKMHA meeting
April 23, 2017	WKMHA AGM (tentative date; time to be confirmed)
May 14, 2017*	WKMHA meeting
June 9-11, 2017	BC Hockey AGM, Sun Peaks
June 25, 2017	WKMHA meeting (tentative, if required)

*Meeting date may change based on when BC Hockey issues AGM Motions

SECTION THREE – REGULATIONS

Any errors or omissions in this book referring to Hockey Canada Rules and Regulations, BC Hockey Rules and Regulations or West Kootenay Minor Hockey Association (WKMHA) Rules and Regulations shall be superseded by the bylaws and regulations of those bodies.

REGULATION ONE – COMPETITION

- 2000** Open to players of the following ages or younger on December 31 of the current playing season:
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| JUVENILE | 20 years and younger |
| MIDGET | 17 years and younger |
| BANTAM | 14 years and younger |
| PEEWEE | 12 years and younger |
| ATOM | 10 years and younger |
| NOVICE | 8 years and younger |
| INITIATION | 6 years and younger |
- 2001** Teams wishing to compete in WKMHA leagues and be eligible for Provincial and National competition must fulfill the following conditions:
- Be affiliated with an association which is in good standing with Hockey Canada, BC Hockey and WKMHA.
 - Declare teams that are to participate on or before the first league scheduling date.
- 2002** Associations shall be classified Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3, or Tier 4. Refer to BC Hockey Regulation 4, Article 4.05, Determination of Minor Hockey Categories.
- 2003** WKMHA supports female participation on integrated teams, the formation of female teams and will allow dual carding. (i.e. female players of minor age may participate on both a minor female team and a minor integrated team if selected following tryouts and female players of minor age may participate on a Senior female team and a minor integrated team where no female minor team exists.) as per BC Hockey Policy 1.05.

REGULATION TWO – TEAM REGISTRATION

Hockey Canada Registered Teams (Rep)

- 2100** Registration of players as per BC Hockey Regulation 2, Article 2.01
- 2101** The residence rule shall be that adopted by BC Hockey, Regulation 2, Articles 2.02-2.03.
- 2102** Team rosters must be submitted on the WKMHA roster form to the WKMHA Division Governor and Statistician before playing the first scheduled WKMHA league game. Failure to submit roster will result in League games being forfeited until roster is submitted.
- (a) The HCR rosters sent to the WKMHA Governors and Statisticians must include all team players and personnel, their names, dates of birth, HCR numbers, jersey numbers and HCR status. HCR rosters are to be submitted to the appropriate Governor and Statistician no later than December 1.
 - (b) These rosters must include all affiliates and must be updated as affiliates are added.
 - (c) If you are using team to team affiliation then the lower team HCR roster must accompany the registered team HCR roster, (e.g., if your Peewee team is affiliated with your Bantam team then the Peewee registration must accompany the Bantam registration and be sent to the Bantam Governor and Statistician).
- 2103** The WKMHA Division Governor and Statistician must be notified, in writing, of any team roster change.
- 2104** Affiliate Players (Rep):
- (a) Affiliate players must be clearly identified as AP on the score sheet
 - (b) Any player registered on a BC Hockey team may play on a higher division or classification team as an affiliate player, provided that player is eligible to register with that team on a card (same geographic subdivision, etc.)
 - (c) An affiliate player includes any player from a recreational or house team or any 'carded' player at Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3, or Tier 4 levels.
 - (d) The Rep team using the affiliate player must have the player approved on a BC Hockey Affiliation form and registered with the team as an affiliate player prior to using the player.
 - (e) The team for which the player would normally play must give prior approval (from the Association President) EACH time that player is to be used as an affiliate. House commitments are a priority.
- Affiliate Player is also defined by the Hockey Canada Constitution "PART III – REGULATIONS: Regulation E: Affiliation" (Hockey Canada Articles, By-laws, Regulations, History: Effective 2001-2002 Season)
- 2105** "Casual Player" cards are no longer in use. Refer to Bulletin #2001-15-I
- 2106** Deadline for submission of final team roster is January 10 (no changes or additions to roster after this date).
- 2107** Associations with teams wanting to tier higher for the purpose of BC Hockey Championships must notify West Kootenay President and Secretary by the November WKMHA meeting of the current season.
- 2108** Associations with teams not wishing to attend BC Championships must notify West Kootenay President and Secretary prior to December 15 of the current season, and must include rationale in the notification.

Recreational Teams (House and Atom)

- 2120** There will be equal ice time for all players in House and Atom hockey. No power play units and no penalty killing units. Contravention of this rule may result in sanctions by WKMHA.
- (a) Upon notification of abuse of the WKMHA fair play policy, the appropriate Division Governor will investigate, and in conjunction with the WKMHA President (or delegate), may apply the following:
 - i) Verbal warning to bench staff of the offending team.
 - ii) Written warning to bench staff of the offending team.
 - iii) Any further instances after i) or ii) may result in the suspension of the offending team's coach, in consultation with the Division Governor and the WKMHA President (or designate).
 - (b) Disciplinary measures will be reviewed at WKMHA monthly meetings.
- 2121** Team rosters must be submitted on the WKMHA roster form to the WKMHA Division Governor and Statistician before playing the first scheduled WKMHA league game. Failure to submit roster will result in League games being forfeited until roster is submitted.

- (a) The HCR rosters sent to the WKMHA Governors and Statisticians must include all team players and personnel, their names, dates of birth, HCR numbers, jersey numbers and HCR status. HCR rosters are to be submitted to the appropriate Governor and Statistician no later than December 1.
- (b) These rosters must include all affiliates and must be updated as affiliates are added.
- (c) Repealed.

2122 The WKMHA Division Governor and Statistician must be notified, in writing, of any team roster change.

2123 Overage Players (Refer to 'WKMHA Overage Player Policy' below)

- (a) Associations must submit WKMHA Overage Player Request Form for use of overage players. The request will include a brief explanation of why the player wishes to play down a division, short history of player's hockey experience, and if first (1st) or second (2nd) year overage.
- (b) Requests for overage players must be approved by the WKMHA Executive Board prior to playing. The overage player's penalty minutes will be closely monitored by the Division Statistician and Governor.

2124 Affiliate Players (House): (Refer to WKMHA House Affiliate Player Policy on following page)

- (a) Affiliate players must come from the next lower house division in within the association.
- (b) Affiliate players must be clearly identified as AP on the score sheet.
- (c) If WKMHA creates an Atom pool A, it will be declared at a higher level than other Atom pool(s) for affiliation purposes.

2125 Deadline for submission of final team roster is January 10 (no changes or additions to roster after this date).

2126 Overage Policy

Request and Approval Process:

1. Associations must submit overage player requests in writing to WKMHA Executive on the 'WKMHA Overage Player Request Form. All requests must be signed by the Minor Hockey Association President.
2. All requests will be reviewed by the WKMHA Executive Board before the player can play in WKMHA games.
3. The following criteria will be reviewed:
 - (a) Number of players currently on team
 - (b) Level player played at in last four (4) years
 - (c) Skill level of player
 - (d) Size of player
 - (e) Penalty minutes player received in previous season

After Approval:

1. The player must be identified on the team roster with OA (overage).
2. The player must be identified on the official score sheet for all games with OA (overage). Failure to identify overage players on score sheets will result in game being forfeited.
3. Teams are limited to three (3) overage players playing in a league, tournament, or playoff game.
4. All overage players will be closely monitored by the Division Governor and Statistician the entire season for the following:
 - (a) Penalty minutes
 - (b) Major penalties
 - (c) Impact on game (goals, assists, dominance in game play)
1. All overage players will be reviewed at the November WKMHA meeting. If the player is in a league below Midget, he/she may be moved to age appropriate division at this time.
2. WKMHA has the right to declare an overage player ineligible at any time during the season for any of the following:
 - (a) Excessive penalty minutes or misconducts
 - (b) Player dominance in games.

2127 Affiliate Player (AP) Policy – Recreational Players

1. Players can only be brought up if the requesting team's numbers fall below fifteen (15).
2. Requesting team can only bring up enough players to bring the total number of players to fifteen (15).
3. Player can only be brought up through releasing team's coach.

4. First priority for releasing players is their house schedule. The player's own team commitments come before playing as an AP for another team.
5. Once a player is brought up for a game, the existing players on the requesting team and the affiliate player(s) should have equal ice opportunity.
6. Once a player has been brought up, he/she cannot be utilized as an AP again until the remaining eligible players have had the opportunity to play as an AP or refuse.
7. **Players are required to be rostered on the HCR to the affiliated team prior to participation.**

NOTE: Each individual association is responsible for determining which players in their association are eligible to be brought up as AP.

REGULATION THREE – PLAYING REGULATIONS

- 2150** All Hockey Canada, BC Hockey and WKMHA Rules and Regulations shall apply.
- 2151** 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 sheet will be suspended indefinitely pending an investigation by WKMHA. Information will be forwarded to the **West Kootenay BC Hockey Minor Hockey Operations Coordinator**.
- 2152** Assigning Officials:
- (a) The host association shall be responsible for arranging appropriate certified on-ice officials.
 - (b) League Play: Each association within the West Kootenay District must submit in writing to the WKRIC or designate the assigned schedule of officials twenty-four (24) hours in advance of all league games played at that location. Failure to submit a schedule of assignment of officials to the WKRIC or designate 24 hours prior to all league games played at that location will result in a penalty fine to the association of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per game for each game played.
 - (c) Tournaments: The host association must submit to the WKRIC or designate the assigned schedule of officials forty-eight (48) hours prior to the commencement of a scheduled tournament. Failure to submit a schedule of assignment of officials to the WKRIC at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to all tournaments will result in a penalty fine to the host association of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per tournament.
 - (d) Limitations and Restrictions:
 - i) Hockey Canada/BC Hockey certified officials in the West Kootenay District will only be assigned to officiate three (3) games in one (1) day, provided that official receives a minimum two (2) hour break (or one game) between the 1st and 2nd assigned games or 2nd and 3rd assigned games.
 - ii) Hockey Canada/BC Hockey certified officials in the West Kootenay District will only be assigned to officiate four (4) games in one (1) day, provided that official receives a minimum two (2) hour break (or one game) between the 2nd and 3rd assigned games.
 - iii) No Hockey Canada/BC Hockey certified official in the West Kootenay District will be assigned on-ice officiating responsibilities for more than four (4) games in one (1) day.
- 2153** It is the responsibility of the Home Team to ensure adequate dressing room facilities are available at least forty-five (45) minutes prior to game time.
- 2154** Goal nets must be anchored for all games played in the West Kootenay District.

Game Format

Hockey Canada Registered Teams (Rep)

- 2160** Each association must allocate a minimum of two (2) hours for rep league games and two and one half (2½) hours for Rep playoff games.
- 2161** Time Keeping:
- (a) Five (5) minute warm-up
 - (b) 1st Period – twenty (20) minutes stop time
 - (c) Two (2) minute break – teams stay on ice
 - (d) 2nd Period – twenty (20) minutes stop time
 - (e) Two (2) minute break – teams stay on ice
 - (f) 3rd Period – twenty (20) minutes stop time. Game officials are to ensure that a minimum of the last five (5) minutes is played stop time.
 - (g) There is to be no overtime in league games
 - (h) Ice cleaning times are to be declared prior to the start of the game and the referee, opposition team and rink attendant notified.

Recreational Teams (House and Atom)

- 2170** 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.

- 2171** Each association must allocate a minimum of one and one-half (1 ½) hours for house league games without an ice clean and one and three quarters (1¾) hours for house league games with an ice clean. Ice clean will normally occur at the first whistle after the ten (10) minute mark of the second period.
- 2172** Time Keeping
- (a) Five (5) minute warm-up
 - (b) 1st Period – twenty (20) minutes running time
 - (c) Two (2) minute break – teams stay on ice
 - (d) 2nd Period – twenty (20) minutes running time
 - (e) Two (2) minute break – teams stay on ice
 - (f) 3rd Period – twenty minutes stop time. If there is a five (5) goal spread, or larger, running time will prevail. The five (5) goal spread may be ignored by the mutual agreement of the referee and both coaches.
 - (g) There is to be no overtime in league games
 - (h) Ice cleaning times are to be declared prior to the start of the game and the referee, opposition team and rink attendant notified.

Game Sheets

- 2180** The host team shall be responsible for supplying a WKMHA approved score sheet. Score sheets are to be filled out in clear precise printing by an official on each team.
- 2181** All league games shall be identified by a game number. League games will be assigned a number during league schedule. Assigned game numbers appear on division schedules. All exhibition games will be identified on the score sheet with EXH.
- 2182** Verification of Information:
- (a) Team Official: The team official verifying the eligibility of each player shall be required to sign the game sheet. All team members on the players' bench must be listed on the game sheet. Suspended players are to be entered at the bottom of the players list with their name circled stating that they are suspended and not playing.
 - (b) On- and Off-Ice Officials: Each on- and off-ice official will print their name legibly and sign the game sheet in the appropriate space. All penalties and goals will be recorded in clear, accurate, legible precise printing by all officials.
 - (c) Failure to submit legible game sheets will result in a fine to the host association of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per illegible game sheet.
- 2183** Distribution of Game Sheets:
Copies of each game sheet for all WKMHA league, playoff, and exhibition games played are to be distributed as follows by the home team:
- (a) Original – mailed, faxed, or emailed as scanned document to the WKMHA Division Statistician within seventy-two (72) hours, with original to follow electronic copy by mail. If the original copy is taken by the game official, the second copy must be mailed, faxed, or emailed as scanned document to the Statistician and a copy sent to the Division Governor.
 - (b) (Second copy – mailed, faxed, or emailed as a scanned document to WKMHA Division Governor within seventy-two (72) hours, with original to follow electronic copy by mail.
 - (c) (Third copy – to visiting team immediately following game.
 - (d) Fourth copy – to home team.
- When the game sheets are e-mailed, originals must be submitted by mail monthly unless requested sooner by WKMHA.
- 2184** At the conclusion of all sanctioned tournaments held by a WKMHA Association, the tournament organizer will mail, fax, or email as scanned document all game sheets to the Division Governor and Statistician within seventy-two (72) hours.
- 2185** All WKMHA teams are to send copies of game sheets for games and tournaments played outside the West Kootenay District to the Division Governor and Statistician within seventy-two (72) hour following the game or tournament. Failure to notify and/or submit game sheets will result in a fine to the offending team of twenty five dollars (\$25.00) per game played.
- 2186** All game sheets must be mailed, faxed, or emailed as a scanned document to the WKMHA Division Statistician and Governor within seventy-two (72) hours.

Failure to mail, fax, or email as a scanned document the game sheet to Division Governor and Statistician within seventy-two (72) hours will result in a fine to the host association of twenty five dollars (\$25.00) per late game sheet. If the Division Governor and Statistician have not received the game sheet within fourteen (14) days of completion of the games, the Head Coach will be suspended until such time as the Division Governor and Statistician are in receipt of the required game sheets.

2187 During the final two (2) weeks of league play and during playoff games, a host team official will communicate game results to the Division Governor and Statistician by telephone or e-mail within twelve (12) hours of the end of the game. All game sheets will be sent by mail in addition to fax or email as a scanned document to the Division Governor and Statistician within seventy-two (72) hours.
Failure to mail, fax or email the game sheet to Division Governor and Statistician within seventy-two (72) hours will result in a fine to the host association of thirty dollars (\$30.00) per late game sheet.

2188 All WKMHA teams are to notify their Division Governor, Division Statistician and **West Kootenay BC Hockey Minor Hockey Operations Coordinator** prior to playing in exhibition games and tournaments outside the WKMHA area. Failure to notify the Divisional Governor or Statistician prior to playing outside the WKMHA will result in a fine to the offending team's association of twenty five dollars (\$25.00).
Future travel permission may be denied by the Division Governor if game sheets are not submitted within seventy-two (72) hours of completion of the final game in a tournament.

2189 On-ice officials are responsible for properly completing and submitting any required game report(s) for that game. Game reports of all incidents must be consistent with all definitions, rules, regulations, and bulletins as set forth by Hockey Canada, BC Hockey and West Kootenay Minor Hockey Association.
Failure of on-ice officials to submit proper game reports will result in a fine to the host association of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per score sheet.

2190 Novice teams must submit any and all score sheets to the Novice Governor and the WKMHA President.

Jerseys

2194 Players must keep the same sweater number for the whole season. If it should become necessary for players to change numbers, the coaches must make a note on the game sheet for the Statistician.

Statistics

2197 Statistics are to be kept by the Division Statistician:
(a) League standings
(b) Major penalties for individual players

REGULATION FOUR – CHANGE/DEFAULT OF GAME

No-Show

- 2200** A fine of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) will be assessed to an association for any team which fails to participate in a scheduled game unless just reason can be shown to WKMHA. Fine payable to WKMHA. The association will be assessed the actual cost incurred (as submitted to WKMHA by the offended association), payable to WKMHA to be forwarded to the offended association. In addition, the offended team is required to submit a game sheet to the Division Statistician postmarked within seventy-two (72) hours after the date of the game, or it will be subject to a fine of twenty five dollars (\$25.00) for a late game sheet.

Game Change

- 2210** In the event that it becomes necessary for a team to reschedule a game, the representative of the home team shall advise the WKMHA Division Governor the FULL DETAILS IN WRITING, at least one (1) week prior to the game that is being rescheduled. In the cast of emergency, the WKMHA Division Governor or President must be notified by phone at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the game that is being rescheduled. Others to be notified include, Referee-in-Chief (or designate), Division Statistician, and both associations involved in the rescheduling.

All game changes must be approved by the WKMHA Division Governor (or designate) prior to the originally scheduled game date.

Failure to properly notify of game change will result in a fine to the home team association of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per game change.

Teams requesting changes to schedules after November 15 of the current season will be required to pay fifty dollars (\$50.00) per game change. Twenty five dollars (\$25.00) of this fee will be forwarded by WKMHA to the association requested to make the change.

NOTE: WKMHA Game Change Form is available under Downloads → Forms on the WKMHA web site.

- 2211** The team requesting the game to be rescheduled will be responsible for any additional costs incurred by the home team due to the rescheduling.

Forfeited Game

- 2212** The Governor will notify the WKMHA Vice-president within two weeks of all forfeited games. The WKMHA Vice-President will then issue a letter to the offending Association's Executive and the Governor (for statistical purposes) notifying them of the forfeiture. On games that are forfeited, a score of 3 to 0 will be given to the non-offending team for statistical purposes.

REGULATION FIVE – PENALTIES/SUSPENSIONS

- 2220** No person under suspension can participate in any capacity, for any team or association. If this is proven, the team concerned shall forfeit its points for those games in which the suspended person participated. In addition, further disciplinary action may be taken against the offending person and team officials.
- 2225** Teams are responsible for reviewing score sheets. In the event that a player or coach has a penalty or misconduct that results in a game suspension, it is the responsibility of the team to ensure that the suspension is served. Failure to serve suspension will result in the head coach of the team being suspended one (1) game for every game the suspended player has played while under suspension.
- 2226** Suspensions taken on behalf of the association or team prior to any suspensions given by West Kootenay shall be considered as part of the suspension time served. The team shall notify the Division Governor of any voluntary suspensions given by the team or respective association.

Match/Gross Misconduct

- 2230** All match penalties and gross misconduct penalties will be in accordance with BC Hockey guidelines. For the purpose of serving suspensions, WKMHA will recognize only games that are sanctioned by BC Hockey, as in the case of tournaments, and/or have a game number assigned (sanctioned) by the league scheduler. Ad-hoc make-up games will not be recognized.

Game Misconduct/Misconduct

2235

- (a) **GAME MISCONDUCT** (Refer to Hockey Canada official Rule Book)
In Minor and Female Hockey, any player or team official, who is assessed a Game Misconduct in the last ten (10) minutes of regulation time, or any time in overtime, or at the conclusion of the game and prior to the player or team official entering his dressing room, shall automatically be suspended for a minimum of the next regular league, playoff, or sanctioned game or **seven (7)** days, whichever comes first.
- (b) **MISCONDUCT**
In Minor and Female Hockey, any player or team official who is assessed a misconduct penalty in the last ten (10) minutes of regulation time, or any time in overtime, or at the conclusion of the game and prior to the player or team official entering his dressing room, shall automatically be suspended for a minimum of the next regular league, playoff, or sanctioned game or **seven (7)** days, whichever comes first.
- (c) All Game Misconduct penalties that occur in any league, exhibition, tournament, or playoff games or any game that engages BC Hockey certified on-ice officials, may result in an additional suspension as directed by the WKMHA President or designate.
- (d) Any player or team official ejected from a game shall go directly to the team's dressing room. No further involvement with the game in progress should occur or additional suspension(s) by WKMHA President will result.
- (e) Any player(s) not dressed for the game or team official(s) who become involved with fans, team officials, game officials or other players may be subject to suspension at the discretion of the WKMHA President (or designate).

Disciplinary Suspensions

- 2236** The purpose of disciplinary suspension is to reduce major penalties and misconduct penalties. The penalty statistics for individual players will be monitored, and at the discretion of the WKMHA President, in consultation with the Division Governor, disciplinary suspensions may be administered.
- (a) All incidents occurring during pre-game warm up or at the end of a game will be reported to the WKMHA President and disciplinary suspensions may be imposed.
- (b) After a player or team official has received three (3) major penalties and/or misconduct penalties, each specific incident will be reviewed (game reports, game sheets, etc.). Depending on the severity of the incidents, the player may receive a disciplinary suspension of one (1) game. This will be the next league, exhibition, tournament, playoff or sanctioned game.
- (c) After a player or team official has received another three (3), or a total of six (6), major penalties and/or misconduct penalties, each specific incident will again be reviewed. The player may then receive a disciplinary suspension of two (2) more games. This will be the next two (2) league, exhibition, tournament, playoff, or sanctioned games.

- (d) When a player or team official has received another three (3) more, or a total of nine (9), major penalties and/or misconduct penalties, a review of the player's penalty history will be conducted. Once reviewed, specific disciplinary suspensions will be administered by the WKMHA President on a case by case basis.
- (e) A player incurring five (5) or more penalties in one (1) games will receive an automatic game ejection and game suspension for his/her next scheduled game or ten (10) days. If the fifth (5th) penalty is misconduct in the last ten (10) minutes, it will be a two (2) game suspension. A double minor penalty will count as one for the purposes of this rule.
- (f) Repealed.
- (g) Repealed.

Special Rules – BC Hockey Playoffs

- 2240** Hockey Canada, BC Hockey, and WKMHA rules will apply to Provincial District Playoffs.
- 2241** No team shall be allowed to compete in district or provincial playoffs if this team has not completed its league schedule without WKMHA approval.

REGULATION SIX – LEAGUE WINNERS AND PLAYOFFS

Hockey Canada Registered Teams (Rep)

League Winners

- 2250** Upon completion of league play, standings will be determined as follows:
- (a) Most points obtained during league play.
 - (b) If two (2) or more teams are tied for any position, the standings will be decided by the WKMHA tie-breaking formula as follows:
 - i) The team winning more games against the other team during league play.
 - ii) If still tied – the team with the most goals scored against the other team during league play.
 - iii) If still tied – the team with the least penalty minutes accumulated against the other team during league play.
- 2251** The league winner (whether designated Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3, or Tier 4) will be awarded the WKMHA Rep League banner.

Playoff Format

- 2255** The playoff format will be the same in all divisions and categories. All playoffs will be a first team to four (4) points series (2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, 0 points for a loss). All semi-finals will be first (1st) vs. fourth (4th) and second (2nd) vs. third (3rd), except where there are less than four (4) teams in a division. In this case, the first (1st) place team will get a bye and second (2nd) will play third (3rd) with the winner playing off against first (1st) place.
- 2256** All playoff games shall be three (3) regular twenty (20) minute stop time periods. There will be no overtime in the first three (3) games. In the event of a tie in points after the third (3rd) game of the playoffs, then a fourth (4th) game will be played. The location of this game is to be determined by a coin toss before the start of the first (1st) game of the playoff series, so that ice can be booked. In the case of a tie at the end of regulation time of the fourth (4th) game, the puck shall be faced off at center ice and the play shall continue with a ten (10) minute sudden victory overtime period. If the score remains tied after the sudden victory ten (10) minute overtime period, the teams would take the normal between period break and return to play twenty (20) minute sudden victory periods. If ice time is not available, then schedule another game with the location determined by a coin toss.
- 2257** The team finishing highest in league play will have the extra home game and when ice time permits, this shall be the first (1st) game. When ice time is not available, the first (1st) game may be played at the lower finisher's arena, but in that event, the next two (2) games will be at the arena of the higher placed finisher. When ice time is not available for the second (2nd) game, it may be played in the same arena as the first (1st) game and the higher placed finisher will host the third (3rd) game, if necessary and ice is available. The Division Governor shall make the final decision on this rule.
- 2258** Guidelines: Two (2) weeks prior to the end of the season, the top three (3) or four (4) teams are to submit a three-(3)-game playoff schedule to the Division Governor for approval. The first round is to start by the weekend following the final weekend of league play with the final round possibly being rescheduled due to unforeseen circumstances (2 or 4 games needed). Each round will have a maximum of eight (8) days to play. The eight (8) days to play any round after the first, starts the day after completion of the previous round. Mid-week games are to start no later than 6:30 p.m., unless a later start is agreed to by both teams and approved by the Division Governor.

Recreational Teams (House and Atom)

League Winner

- 2270** Upon completion of league play, standings will be determined as follows:
- (a) Most points obtained during league play.
 - (b) If the teams play an unbalanced schedule, where teams have not played the same number of games, the winning percentage would determine the final standings, not total points. This is determined by the following formula:
$$\frac{\text{(Total points obtained by team)}}{\text{(Total points available to team)}}$$

- (c) If two (2) or more teams are tied for any position, the standings will be decided by the WKMHA tie-breaking formula as follows:
- i) The team winning more games against the other team during league play.
 - ii) If still tied – the team with the most goals scored against the other team during league play.
 - iii) If still tied – the team with the least penalty minutes accumulated against the other team during league play.

Playoff Format

- 2275** All teams must participate in league playoffs. Failure to participate in league playoffs will result in a fine to the team's association of five hundred dollars (\$500.00)
- 2276** WKMHA house playoff formats shall be used for all playoffs. Divisions with ten (10) or more teams will be tiered for the playoffs using overall league team standings. The Division Governor will make recommendations for the tiering split for approval by the WKMHA Board at the last WKMHA meeting prior to playoffs. Use winning percentage if divisions are not balanced. Higher finishing teams in one tier and lower finishing teams in another tier. Higher finishing teams will play the lower finishing teams in their tier. There will be no overtime in round-robin games. If the final games are tied after regulation time, then play five (5) minutes sudden victory stop-time overtime. If still tied, go to a 3-shooter total point shoot-out. Repeat shoot-out as necessary until one team wins. Whole roster must shoot before any shooters can repeat.
- 2277** Game format shall be the same as used during regular league play.
- 2278** Upon completion of play within the groups, the group standings will be determined as follows:
- (a) Most points obtained in group play.
 - (b) In the event teams are tied for a position, use BC Hockey Regulation **5.22 – Tie Breaking Procedure**
<<note to draft – this rule no longer exist in BC Hockey handbook>>
- 2279** The hosting association must submit a preliminary playoff schedule and a budget to the Division Governor for approval no later than January 15th. Teams will be slotted into the schedule after the final league standings are available. League standings will be finalized within twenty-four (24) hours of league completion. One (1) week after the playoff is complete; the hosting association is to submit a final financial statement to the Division Governor.
- 2280** Division Governors will be reimbursed for costs for attending WKMHA playoffs – mileage (minimum 50 km.), hotel and meals (as per BC Hockey).
- 2281** House playoff games will not be played prior to 4:00 p.m. on Fridays. An exception would be considered if both teams and the Division Governor are in agreement.
- 2282** Repealed.
- 2283** All round-robin play must be completed by Saturday night.
- 2284** Playoff dates will be determined at the August WKMHA meeting, and playoff host associations will be determined at the October WKMHA meeting. Prospective host associations must state their interest to host in writing prior to the October WKMHA meeting through both the WKMHA President and WKMHA Secretary. Prospective host associations must confirm that they have sufficient ice available to host playoffs within the timeframe specified in Rule 2281, or provide the dates and times of early games if required. The ability of an association to host playoffs within the timeframe specified in Rule 2281 will be taken into account when approving host associations.

Playoff host locations

	Atom A	Atom B	Peewee	Bantam	Midget
2012	Beaver Valley	Kaslo	Castlegar	Nelson	Nelson
2013	Spokane	G. Forks/Bound.	Castlegar	G. Trail	G. Trail
2014	G. Trail	G. Forks/Bound.	Kaslo	Castlegar	G. Trail
2015	Spokane	Kaslo	G. Forks	Nelson	G. Trail
2016	G. Trail	G. Trail	Boundary	Castlegar	Castlegar

2285 50/50 draws and raffle tables may be held at any WKMHA playoffs. Travel costs for officials for WKMHA playoffs and proceeds from 50/50 draws and raffle tables will be shared equally between all teams attending playoffs. WKMHA will provide game sheets to the host association.

Refer to Downloads → Policy & Procedures on WKMHA Web site for detailed WKMHA House Playoff Format

REGULATION SEVEN – EXHIBITION GAMES/TOURNAMENT PLAY

Exhibition Games

- 2300** Games versus all non-BC Hockey affiliated teams will be in accordance with BC Hockey Regulation 5, Exhibition Games.
- 2301** Exhibition games will not be eligible to be served for a suspension of any WKMHA, BC Hockey, or Hockey Canada suspensions unless scheduled at pre-season scheduling. (Also see BC Hockey Rule 8.04-8.06.)

Tournaments

- 2310** All tournaments held in WKMHA district will be in accordance with BC Hockey Regulation 5, Tournaments. Associations will try to avoid hosting WKMHA tournaments of the same level on the same weekends.

REGULATION EIGHT – ON-ICE OFFICIALS/OFF-ICE OFFICIALS

On-Ice Officials

- 2320** Only currently certified Hockey Canada on-ice officials shall be used for all BC Hockey/WKMHA exhibition, league, playoff and tournament games. Officials are allocated by the referee-in-chief or designate for the host association.
- 2321** On-ice officials must be impartial and qualified to officiate at the level of hockey assigned to them.
- (a) Coaches and other team officials will not be on-ice officials in their own games.
 - (b) Anyone who is potentially in a conflict of interest, such as an immediate relative and so on, will not be assigned on-ice officiating responsibilities as a referee in that game.
 - (c) All on-ice officials must be at least two (2) years older than the age of the players in the game or from the division above the players in the game.
 - (d) On-ice officials will be certified to a minimum of referee Level I. Level I carded officials MAY NOT officiate Bantam and Midget Rep games.
 - (e) All House and Rep games (exhibition, league, playoff and tournament) will use a three (3)-person system for Peewee, Bantam, Midget, and Female divisions.
 - (f) Atom A pool must use a three (3)-person system. Atom A tournaments and playoffs will use a three (3)-person system. The use of a three (3)-person system at all Atom games is encouraged to help facilitate the development of officials.
 - (g) The four (4) person system is encouraged at the Midget Rep and Bantam Rep levels but is not necessary at the Midget House and Bantam House levels. It is to be utilized if and when qualified officials are available at the discretion of the assigning RIC.
- 2322** Official fees for WKMHA Rep games shall be:
- Referee (each) \$40.00
 - Linesperson (each) \$30.00
- 2323** Official fees for WKMHA House games will be those decided by each local association.
- 2324** When officials are asked to officiate for an association other than their own, they will be paid, as a minimum, their home association fee rate. Payment will be made at the end of the officiated game.
- 2325** If mileage is to be paid, it will be at \$0.52 per kilometer, as per WKMHA kilometer chart. Payment will be made immediately at the end of the officiated game.

WKMHA KILOMETER CHART (Kilometers Return)

BV	78	244	282	346	370	142	46	26
	Castlegar	192	226	294	292	86	72	52
		Grand Forks	418	102	484	278	198	218
			Kaslo	520	188	140	298	278
				Midway	586	380	300	320
					Nakusp	294	364	344
						Nelson	158	138
							Rossland	20
								Trail

2326 Repealed.

2327 West Kootenay District Officiating Awards

Officials of the Year

WKMHA will provide two (2) officiating awards annually to West Kootenay officials that meet the following guidelines:

- (a) A recipient must not be a former recipient of this award.
- (b) Nominations are to be submitted by the local referee-in-chiefs no later than February 1 during the current year with final selection made at the February meeting by the WK RIC and the WKMHA board of directors.
- (c) The award will be a suitably engraved WKMHA whistle or plaque.

Awards Recipients

	Official of the Year	Most Improved Official
1999-2000	Cris Waugh (Rossland/Trail)	Owen Spisak (Grand Forks)
2000-2001	Erik Laughton (Nelson)	Ben Lang (Kaslo)
2001-2002	Fred Schneider (Nelson)	Bill Duff (Grand Forks)
2003-2004	Michael Boisvert (Rossland/Trail)	Jennifer Berrarducci (Nelson)
2010-2011	Harvey Craig Sr (Nelson) Jordan Croteau Jr (Castlegar)	
2011-2012	Dave Smith Sr (Nelson) Ross Lautard Sr (Boundary) Dylan Lenarduzzi Jr (Rossland/Trail)	
2014-2015	Sr. Official: Ryan Blake (Nelson) Jr. Official: Anjela Szabo (Castlegar)	

Off-Ice Officials

- 2330** Off-ice officials are under the general supervision of the referee for the playing of each game.
- 2331** Off-ice officials must be aware of instructions as stated in the Hockey Canada Rulebook (see Hockey Canada Rules 43-46 and Appendix (A) in the 'Off-Ice Officials Manual' and related bulletins). It is the responsibility of each association to ensure all on-ice and off-ice officials are properly trained and aware of all appropriate instructions.
- 2332** Off-ice officials must print their name legibly and sign the game sheet in the appropriate space. All penalties and goals must be recorded in clear, accurate, legible precise printing by officials. Failure to submit legible game sheets will result in a fine to the host association of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per illegible game sheet.

REGULATION NINE – DISCIPLINE

Association

2340 The Division Governor shall maintain overall discipline and enforce regulations, by-laws, and the constitution of the WKMHA.

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- (a) Each association in the West Kootenay District must have their updated local harassment and abuse policy dealing with on-ice and off-ice officials forwarded to the WKRIC or designate prior to the commencement of the current season
- (b) Each association must have their harassment and abuse policy posted in their respective officials' room so they are informed accordingly, as well as visiting officials.
- (c) Each association must have their harassment and abuse policy posted in their respective arena. It should be posted where it is visible easily to visitors and spectators.

Team

2350 The Division Governor may investigate all reports of profane, obscene, or abusive language by players or team officials and may take the necessary disciplinary action.

REGULATION TEN – PROTESTS

Protests Committee

2360 All game protests will be ruled on by a committee comprised of the WKMHA President and the applicable Division Governor.

Procedure

2370 League Game Protests:

- (a) League game protest must be transmitted in writing to the WKMHA President within seventy-two (72) hours of completion of the game in question. This protest must be signed by the local association President (or designate) on association letterhead and accompanied by a payment of two hundred dollars (\$200.00). This will be refunded if the protest is upheld.
- (b) The protested team or association shall be notified of the protest by the WKMHA President and given seventy-two (72) hours to file a defense. This defense must be in writing and signed by the local association President (or designate) on association letterhead.
- (c) The WKMHA President and the applicable Division Governor will rule on the protest within seventy-two (72) hours and inform the parties involved of the ruling.
- (d) Either party has the right to appeal the ruling to the WKMHA Appeals Committee.

2371 Playoff Game Protests:

- (a) Playoff game protests must be transmitted in writing to the WKMHA President within twenty-four (24) hours of completion of the game in question. This protest must be signed by the local association President (or designate) and accompanied by a payment of two hundred dollars (\$200.00). This will be refunded if the protest is upheld.
- (b) The protested team or association shall be notified of the protest by the WKMHA President and given twenty-four (24) hours to file a defense. This defense must be in writing and signed by the local association President (or designate).
- (c) The WKMHA President and the applicable Division Governor will rule on the protest within twenty-four (24) hours and inform the parties involved of the ruling.
- (d) If scheduling of games does not permit sufficient time to comply with the procedure above (i.e. there is less than twenty-four (24) hours between games), the protesting team's head coach shall make a verbal protest immediately following the game to the person in charge of the game (WKMHA Division Governor or designate), with the protest fee which will be forfeited if the protest is disallowed. If the person in charge is not the Division Governor, the person receiving the protest shall contact the WKMHA Division Governor immediately. This person will immediately convene a meeting with the team officials involved and record all facts pertaining to the case. The final ruling will be made by the WKMHA Division Governor, in consultation with WKMHA President or designate.
- (e) For protest of playoff games, the decision of WKMHA is final, and is not appealable.

2373 If an association has serious concerns or complaints regarding on-ice officials, they are to submit these concerns in writing on association letterhead, and signed by the local association President (or designate), to the BC Hockey Referee Committee Member for the area that the referee is assigned from. A copy of the game sheet(s) should accompany this letter. Send a copy of the complaint and game sheet(s) to the WKMHA **West Kootenay BC Hockey Minor Hockey Operations Coordinator** and the WKMHA RIC (or designate).

REGULATION ELEVEN – APPEALS

Appeals Committee

- 2400** The appeals committee shall be comprised of the Vice-President, who shall be **Chair**, and three (3) other members to be appointed by the President at the Annual General Meeting.
- 2401** The duties of the appeals committee shall be to hear appeals from decisions made by the President or his delegate on any matter over which the WKMHA has jurisdiction.
- 2402** The appeals committee may re-admit any association, player, official of any association, league or team, or uphold or modify any decisions made by the WKMHA President or his designate.

Procedure

- 2420** The association, league, team, player, or any official of an association, league, or team may appeal any suspension or decision of the WKMHA President his designate.
- 2421** Any appeal to the appeals committee by the aggrieved party must be in writing outlining all particulars pertaining to the case and must be accompanied by either a cash payment or a certified cheque for one hundred dollars (\$100.00) payable to the WKMHA.
- 2422** The appeal must be delivered to the WKMHA Secretary within fourteen (14) days from the date of the notice advising of the suspension or ruling.
- 2423** The appeal shall be dealt with by the appeals committee within fourteen (14) days of receiving the notice of appeal.
- 2424** If the appeal is dismissed or the suspension modified, the \$100.00 shall go the WKMHA. If the appeal is upheld, the \$100.00 shall be returned.
- 2425** When an appeal hearing is granted, all pertinent information on which the ruling was made shall, upon request, be made available to the appealing individual prior to the hearing.
- 2426** When an appeal is filed, there shall be no stay of any suspension imposed which is the subject of the appeal.
- 2427** If an appeal involves another member association of WKMHA, it shall be the duty of the WKMHA to notify that association of the appeal.
- 2428** Once a WKMHA Committee has concluded an investigation and has rendered a decision, there shall be no further attempt by team management, officials or players to contact the involved Committee regarding the same investigation or ruling. Should any team official or player contact the Committee to discuss, dispute, or voice an opinion regarding such decision, the team shall be fined one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the first occurrence, two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for the second occurrence, and then five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each occurrence thereafter.

Appeal to the Executive

- 2440** Any association, team, league, player, referee, minor hockey official, or any official of an association, league, or team, may appeal the decision of the appeals committee to the executive of the WKMHA.
- 2441** Any appeal to the executive by the aggrieved party shall be in writing outlining all particulars pertaining to the case and shall be accompanied by cash payment or a certified cheque for two hundred dollars (\$200.00), payable to the WKMHA.
- 2442** The appeal must be delivered to the WKMHA Secretary within fourteen (14) days from the date of notice of the decision of the appeals committee.
- 2443** The appeal will be heard at the next meeting of the executive.

- 2444** If the appeal is dismissed, or the decision modified, the \$200.00 shall go to WKMHA. If the appeal is upheld, the \$200.00 shall be returned.
- 2445** Any decision made from a playoff game protest is final and cannot be appealed to the executive of the WKMHA.
- 2446** 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 the officers of the WKMHA.
- 2447** Once the WKMHA Committee has concluded an investigation and has rendered a decision, there shall be no further attempt by team management, officials or players to contact the involved Committee regarding the same investigation or ruling. Should any team official or player contact the Committee to discuss, dispute, or voice an opinion regarding such decision, the team shall be fined one hundred dollars (\$100;00) for the first occurrence, two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for the second occurrence, and then five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each occurrence thereafter.

REGULATION TWELVE – BOUNDARIES

Associations

2460 The association boundaries shall be those which are registered with BC Hockey for the West Kootenay District.

Boundary - Starting at the point on the American border where the western boundary of the Kootenay-Boundary meet following that boundary between the Kootenay-Boundary and Okanagan-Similkameen Regional Districts north to a point directly west of where Savnier Creek joins Wilkinson Creek and continuing east to Trapping Creek, northeast following Trapping Creek to the height of land at the head water and directly northeast following that boundary to the height of land to the east of Christian Valley road, south to Gable Mountain, turning southeast following the height of land west of the Granby River Crossing Highway No. 3 at Eholand continuing south to the American border, the American border will serve as the southern border

Castlegar - Starting from the mouth of China Creek and following the boundary between the Central Kootenay and Kootenay-Boundary Regional Districts west and then north to Johnston Creek, east down Johnston Creek to the Arrow Lake, east in straight line to the northern boundary of the Village of Winlaw, south of Highway No. 6 to the Slocan junction, across Kootenay River to the height of land on the east side of Kootenay River, south to the summit of Highway No. 3 between Castlegar and Salmo, following Champion Creek to the Columbia River, across the river, up China Creek to the Nancy Greene junction on Highway No. 3 and north of Highway No. 3 to the Paulson Bridge.

Grand Forks - Starting at the American border heading north crossing Highway No.3 at Ehol and following the height of land to the west of the Granby River to Gable Mountain and north to the junction of Highway No. 6 and the Christian Valley road, then southeast along the height of land to the south of Highway No. 6 to the height of land west of the Lower Arrow Lake to the Canadian Pacific Rail right-of-way and south crossing Highway No.3 at the Paulson bridge and following the height of land to the east of Christina Lake to the American border, the American border will serve as the southern boundary.

Greater Trail - Starting at the American border, north up the Columbia River to the mouth of Beaver Creek, to the west boundary of Montrose and following the height of land on the east side of the Columbia River to Champion Creek, east to the summit of Highway No 3, east to the junction of Highway No. 6 and the Hidden Creek road, up Hidden Creek to the height of and that crosses Highway No. 3 at the summit in Stagleap Park and south to the American border where the American border will serve as the southern boundary.

Starting at the American border and north following the height of land east of Christina Lake to the Paulson bridge on Highway No. 3 and north to the boundary between the Kootenay-Boundary and Central Kootenay Regional Districts and east to China Creek, crossing the Columbia River to the height of land on the east side of the river and south along that height of land to the west boundary of Montrose to the mouth of Beaver Creek and following the Columbia River south to the American border with the American border being the southern boundary.

Kaslo - Starting at Queen's Bay a point one kilometer north of Highway No.'s 3A and #1, up to the height of land above the north shore of the west arm of Kootenay Lake and running west to the southwest corner of Kokanee Glacier park, turning north following the height of land to the west of Kootenay Lake crossing Highway No. 31A at a point 23 kilometers west of Kaslo, north following the height of land to the west of Kootenay lake, to the height of land south to the Lardeau River to Trout Mountain, northeast to the southern boundary of Trout Lake, east following the south side of Lardeau Creek to the north end of Duncan Lake, east following the south side of East Creek to the height of land east of Howser Creek, south following the height of land east of Kootenay Lake to the north side of Luki Creek and down Kootenay Lake to Queen's Bay.

Nakusp - Starting at the junction of Highway No. 6 and the Christian Valley road, then southeast along the height of land south of Highway No. 6 to the height of land west of the Lower Arrow Lake, crossing the Lower Arrow Lake at Johnstone Creek and extending east to the height of land on the west side of Highway No. 6, then following that height of land north crossing Highway No. 6 at Summit Lake (23 kilometers from the southern boundary of the town of Nakusp) to the height of land in the Slocan Mountain Range, north to Trout Mountain crossing Highway No. 31 at the southern boundary of the town of Trout Lake, north to the Village of Camborne returning to the Upper Arrow Lake at the northern tip of the northeast arm, down the Upper Arrow Lake to Ledge Creek, then turning south along the height of land to the west of the Upper Arrow Lake to the junction of Highway No. 6 and the Christian Valley road.

Nelson - Starting at the northern boundary of the Village of Winlaw, east following the height of land on the north side of the Kootenay River to one kilometer north of Highway Nos. 3A and 31, across the west arm of Kootenay Lake, north along the east arm of Kootenay Lake to Tam O'Shanter Creek, then following Tam O'Shanter Creek to the height of land, following the height of land south to Lu France Creek, then following the north side of Lu France Creek west to Kootenay Lake, south along the west

side of Kootenay Lake to Cultus Creek, up Cultus Creek to the height of land between the creek and Hidden Creek, west following Hidden Creek, across Highway No. 6 to the summit on Highway No. 3 between Castlegar and Salmo, then following the height of land to the east side of the Kootenay River to cross the Kootenay River north of Shoreacres to the Slocan junction, and north on Highway No. 6 to the northern boundary of Winlaw.

Residency Rule

2470 The residence rule shall be that adopted by Hockey Canada. Refer to Hockey Canada Regulations F.3, F.4, and F.6.

2471 Player movement between associations is in accordance to BC Hockey Policy 1.15:

- (a) The player may apply to go to any adjacent association.
- (b) If the association which the player applies to does not accept the player, the player may apply to go to another adjacent association.
- (c) If two (2) or more players from one (1) association wish to apply to go to adjacent associations, the players do not have to go to the same association.
- (d) If a player registers with an adjacent association, the player must complete the balance of the season in that association or return to their home Minor Hockey Association
- (e) When players wish to move to an adjacent association, they must make a written request to the adjacent association and the WKMHA. The applicable adjacent minor hockey association and WKMHA must both give approval for the player movement.

Exceptions

2480 Application for relief from the residency rule can be made to BC Hockey as defined in Hockey Canada Regulation F.4 (a).

SECTION FOUR – WEST KOOTENAY MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

- 2600** The West Kootenay Minor Hockey Association adopts the concept of the Initiation Program and will support the Initiation Program in the West Kootenay.
- 2601** Elected WKMHA executive members (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, RIC, WK Registrar) can act as association representatives at WKMHA executive meetings for up to one (1) meeting per year in the event that there are no other representatives from their association present. This is in addition to the ability of an association to not be represented for up to one (1) meeting as per Rule 2611(a).

Association Responsibilities

- 2610** Each association is required to attend all WKMHA meetings.
- 2611** Any association not presenting itself for regularly scheduled WKMHA meetings or regularly scheduled RIC meetings, will be fined two hundred and fifty (\$250.00) for each meeting missed.
(a) Each association will be permitted to, with 24-hour written notice to the WKMHA President, miss one (1) scheduled WKMHA meeting per season without being fined. The reasons acceptable for missing the meeting would have to be: poor travel conditions, no appropriate representative available to attend, or other matters deemed appropriate.
- 2612** Each association shall ensure proper fan control at all home games. Whenever an assigned official is threatened, verbally abused or harassed during a sanctioned WKMHA game, the game will immediately be stopped (the clock will also be stopped). The person will be reported to the home team coach or a designate who will have the person removed immediately from the interior of the arena.
The game will not commence until the person has left the arena to the satisfaction of the officials. Game officials involved are responsible for any documentation required for follow-up action by the host association, WKMHA, BC Hockey, etc.
- 2613** Each association shall post a two hundred and fifty dollar (\$250.00) bond with WKMHA to cover the cost of team and/or association financial penalties. This bond is due and payable at the WKMHA October meeting each year. Any member association in arrears with the initial dues/bonds after regular League play begins loses all rights to discuss or vote in the association until such fees are paid in full. This bond must be maintained as it gets depleted.
- 2614** An association may request the return of the remaining portion of their bond at the end of the hockey season.
- 2615** Each member association shall contribute **volunteer resources** to WKMHA based on its size.
- Tier 2 associations shall have one association representative, plus three (3) participating representatives.
- Tier 3 associations shall have one association representative, plus two (2) participating representatives.
- Tier 4 associations shall have one association representative, plus one (1) participating representative.
All Associations are to ensure that volunteer contributions are to be fulfilled by September 15 of the current season.
Association representatives will represent their associations on the board of directors of the WKMHA. Participating representatives will actively participate in the day-to-day administration of the WKMHA. Duties of each participating representative will be assigned by the board of directors of the WKMHA.
- 2617** West Kootenay association fee of one hundred fifty (\$150.00) per association and player fee of five dollars & fifty cents (\$5.50) per player for all Atom, Peewee, Bantam, Midget and Female team players are due and payable at the WKMHA October meeting each year. Player fees do not apply to Novice, AAA Female Midget, or Major Midget League players.
- 2618** All associations within the West Kootenay District shall appoint a local referee-in-chief (RIC)
(a) Association RICs must be a current certified Level Two (2) Official
(b) Association RICs must be over the age of nineteen (19) years.
- 2619** The association RIC is responsible for assigning officials and for the officiating development program for the associations. All associations belonging to the WKMHA must use certified on-ice officials from associations within the WKMHA.

- 2620** All non-member associations participating in WKMHA will pay the same fees and be assessed the same fines as WKMHA member associations.

Appointed Officials

- 2625** Governors: With the authority of the President of the board of directors, shall regulate and administer the affairs of those teams playing within their division of responsibility. They shall follow the 'Directives for Governors' as approved by the Board of Directors of WKMHA.

2626 Directives for Governors:

- (a) Ensure the Constitution, Bylaws, and Regulations of Hockey Canada, BC Hockey, and WKMHA are complied with by all teams.
- (b) Attend monthly meetings of WKMHA and submit a written report to each meeting.
- (c) Forward WKMHA house playoff format to host venues.
- (d) May recommend to the WKMHA President that a team forfeit games for, but not limited to:
 - i) Not starting on time (e.g. half hour late)
 - ii) Not providing game officials
 - iii) Not playing scheduled games
 - iv) Not sending legible game sheets in on time
 - v) Not making up postponed games
 - vi) Not providing sufficient ice time to play game
- (e) Decisions are subject to appeal.
- (f) Governor does not have the power to change league regulations or to make new rules.
- (g) If the Governor has any doubts or questions, he shall contact the WKMHA President.
- (h) Before the Governor recommends a suspension to a player or team, he is to discuss appropriateness of the suspension with the WKMHA President or **West Kootenay BC Hockey Minor Hockey Operations Coordinator**.
- (i) Governor is to give a written summary of all suspensions to the WKMHA Secretary at the end of the season.
- (j) Division Governor will be responsible for playoffs in their division. Playoff schedules will be finalized within forty-eight (48) hours of league completion.
- (k) Governors are to compare players on BC Hockey cards or team sheets to players on league registration forms.
- (l) Governors, in their year-end report, should identify the teams which started in the League, who dropped out, who was added, what teams eventually finished the season and the results of teams that moved up or down.
- (m) Immediately advise the WKMHA President of any protests.
- (n) Become familiar with and utilize the WKMHA web site for communicating information regarding division to WKMHA membership.

2627 Duties of Statistician:

- (a) Statisticians shall summarize and publish statistics of:
 - i) Division Standings: Games won, lost and tied for total points
 - ii) Team Statistics: Goals for and against each team
 - iii) Player Statistics: Major penalties for individual players. Individual player's statistics (goals, assists, penalties, etc.) are not published, but may be provided upon request, at Statistician's discretion.
- (b) Statisticians shall send out statistics to all associations in that division twice (2) per year.
- (c) Statisticians shall advise the Division Governor of any penalty thresholds for individual player so teams.
- (d) Enter Division's WKMHA League schedule on the WKMHA web site.
- (e) Enter game scores on WKMHA web site and maintain up to date standings on web site.

2628 The following positions shall be appointed by the WKMHA Board of Directors:

Novice Governor
Atom Division Governor and Statistician
Peewee Division Governor and Statistician
Bantam Division Governor and Statistician
Midget Division Governor and Statistician
Female Division Governor and Statistician
WKMHA Scheduler
WKMHA Rules Committee

SECTION FIVE – POLICY

Schedule

2700 League games will be set at scheduling meetings which will take place in September each year.

Conflict of Interest

2710 WKMHA Conflict of Interest Policy:

1. **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this policy is to clarify how WKMHA will handle decisions or transactions which give rise to a real or perceived conflict of interest between individual interests and the broader interests of the organization's members.

2. **APPLICATION:**

This policy applies to directors, officers, committee members, volunteers, and other decision-makers within WKMHA.

3. **STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS:**

WKMHA is incorporated under the British Columbia Society Act and is governed by the Act in matters involving a real or perceived conflict between the personal interests of a director or officer (or other individual involved in decision-making or decision-influencing roles) and the broader interests of the Society.

4. **CONFLICTS INVOLVING DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, and OTHER DECISION MAKERS**

Decisions or transactions which involve a real or perceived conflict of interest by a director, committee member, or volunteer may be approved by WKMHA provided that:

- 1) The nature and extent of the individual's interest is immediately and fully disclosed to the body which is considering or making the decision.
- 2) After disclosure, the decision or transaction is properly approved.
- 3) The interested individual abstains from any involvement in discussing or voting on the proposed decision or transaction.
- 4) The interested individual is not included in the determination of quorum for the proposed decision or transaction and
- 5) The decision or transaction is in the best interest.

5. **ENFORCEMENT**

A breach of any provision in this policy may give rise to discipline in accordance with WKMHA's Code of Conduct and Discipline Policy.

6. **SIGNING**

This policy must be signed each year by all those covered by it.

7. **REVIEW and APPROVAL**

This policy was approved by the Board of Directors on August 13, 2000 and will be reviewed by the Executive Committee on an annual basis.

Social Media Guidelines

2720 WKMHA Social Media Guidelines

The following are suggested guidelines to be followed by WKMHA when dealing with social media issues as they come to light. Please ensure that all avenues available to associations have been exhausted before coming to the WKMHA Executive for further action. These guidelines apply to all minor hockey members (players, parent, coaches, officials).

1. A complaint must be submitted in writing and signed by the home association where the complaint originated, and by the home association that the complaint is about.
2. Due diligence is to have been done by the association(s). An investigation will have taken place on both sides and a meeting between the parties is to have taken place in order to facilitate resolution between the two parties.

If the issue cannot be resolved by the association(s) meeting on their own and discussing the issue, the following steps will be taken:

1. The association(s) will submit a complaint in writing to the WKMHA President.
2. A committee will be formed. It will comprise of the WKMHA President, one WK Executive Member, Association President(s), head of Association(s) investigation committee(s), and representative(s) from each party involved.

3. All information pertinent to the issue gained in the investigation by the association(s) will be submitted to the WK committee within 14 days of the complaint being submitted to the WKMHA Executive.
4. The WKMHA Committee has 14 days from the date the information is submitted to meet and make their decision. This decision will be made based on the information submitted.
5. The minimum penalty from WKMHA is three games for social media threats. This number can be made higher at the discretion of the committee and is to be served as soon as the Association(s) is(are) notified. Individuals other than players and bench staff will be assessed on a case by case basis.