

**RAT RIVER (SAINTS)  
MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION (RRMHA)  
CONSTITUTION**

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FROM: Rat River Minor Hockey Association – RRMHA

TO: All Interested Parties

THE FOLLOWING:

The Rat River Minor Hockey Association By-Laws are in seventh draft.

Updates to these documents are ongoing, and will be reviewed by minor hockey at their AGM.

# **RAT RIVER MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS**

The following by-laws were adopted by the Rat River Minor Hockey Association to be part of Minor Hockey's Constitution as it continues to be formulated. The Constitution and By-Laws can only be changed:

- a) By motions presented to the RRMHA and will be adopted, amended, revised or repealed at a Special Executive Meeting, in accordance with the methods as set forth thereof in By-law Article 21 and will be presented at the Annual General Meeting.
- b) Proposed changes to the constitution must be received in writing and given to RRMHA at least 1 week prior to the holding of the Special Executive Meeting.
- c) The notice of General Meeting must state that all motions adopted, amended, revised or repealed will be presented.
- d) Details of the proposed motion(s) shall be made at the time of the AGM meeting notice.

*That where the provisions of this Constitution, By-Laws, or Regulations are inconsistent with the Constitutions, By-Laws, and Regulations of Hockey Canada and Hockey Manitoba, Hockey Canada and Hockey Manitoba Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations shall prevail.*

## **Article 1**

This Organization shall be known as Rat River Minor Hockey Association. In later articles and discussions will be referred to as RRMHA.

## **Article 2**

- a) The objectives of RRMHA shall be to promote, improve and govern organized Minor Hockey for the communities of St. Pierre Jolys and St. Malo and the Municipality of DeSalaberry.
- b) The "Home Association" (as directed by Hockey Manitoba) is St-Pierre Minor Hockey.
- c) The Home Arena of each player with in the RRMHA is the closest arena as defined by Hockey Manitoba.

## **Article 3**

As stated in the RRMHA Mission Statement our goal is to ensure the viability of the arenas in both St. Pierre Jolys and St. Malo. RRMHA method of achieving this goal is to schedule ice times as evenly as possible between both arenas.

#### **Article 4**

An Annual General Meeting shall be held following the closure of the hockey season at which time to elect new officers.

#### **Article 5**

The position of President will be elected within the board at the meeting prior to the AGM. All other vacancies will be filled at the AGM.

#### **Article 6**

- a) Additional positions, as defined by the executive, will be elected to complete the governing body. Additional positions:
  - Referee in Chief
  - Coach Convenor
  - Ice Convener
  - Equipment Convener
  - Player/Coach Development
  - Website Coordinator
  - Member at large
- b) All members of the governing body will have one (1) vote except the President. The President will only vote to break a tie.
- c) Duties of RRMHA Board Positions: see Appendix A of the RRMHA Policies.
- d) The RRMHA shall be governed by a Board of Directors consisting of no more than 11 members.

#### **Article 7**

Board members will be elected during the spring AGM for two (2) year term positions. In the event that positions are not filled at the AGM, the Board will look for people to fill the vacant position(s), and will then appoint them to the Board. The Board will aim to have a maximum of half of the terms expire every year.

## **Article 8**

Any elected or appointed member of Minor Hockey not conducting themselves in proper manner as deemed proper by the majority of the elected members of RRMHA will be held accountable for their actions and may be relieved of their position in RRMHA for the remainder of their term.

Any RRMHA Board member relaying confidential Board discussions to anyone other than a Board member can be released from their term by the Board.

Any RRMHA Board member who is absent without being excused by the President for two (2) consecutive meetings may be requested to resign.

## **Article 9**

- a) At the creation of a vacancy in the elected body, the remaining elected body will fill the vacancy at their discretion.
- b) Any resignation must be in writing and presented to the RRMHA Board.
- c) Any appointed representative of RRMHA wishing to resign must remain until an adequate replacement is found. Circumstance will be taken under advisement.

## **Article 10**

- a) In the event of family members on the Board only one family member can have signing authority.
- b) No one (1) elected member of Minor Hockey may hold more than two (2) positions in Minor Hockey elected or appointed.

## **Article 11**

Decisions made at Minor Hockey meetings will be released to the public by the President or the President's appointee.

## **Article 12**

- a) Minor Hockey will take under advisement only those complaints presented in writing to the President for the next regular meeting. This person may be requested to make a personal appearance before the Board.
- b) Any unrequested appearance at a Minor Hockey Board Meeting must be accompanied by written request prior to that meeting.

### **Article 13**

The President of RRMHA will delegate duties to the other members.

### **Article 14**

Persons interested in coaching or assisting a coach must provide that request via the Rat River Minor Hockey Association "Coach Application" for to the Coach Convenor prior to or at the time of preseason registration. In the absence of a Coach Convenor, coach applications must be sent the president.

### **Article 15**

Minor Hockey will assign coaches to each team. (NOTE: A member of the RRMHA board interested in coaching will be excluded from the selection committee for said team.) Assistant coaches and manager will be selected by the assigned coaches and must be approved by RRMHA. Each team's manager will be responsible to represent their team at all RRMHA meetings when requested.

### **Article 16**

In the event of a two (2) or more team system per level, tryouts will be held to determine the athlete's team placement.

### **Article 17**

All RRMHA teams will operate as per their respective league's constitution, i.e. Eastman Minor Hockey.

### **Article 18**

The RRMHA Committee shall have the right to appoint sub-committees when required and dissolve that committee upon completing its purpose.

### **Article 19**

#### **RRMHA Coach, Parent and Player Responsibilities**

- 1) RRMHA assigns players to teams to maintain an adequate level of players per team.
- 2) All players attending practices/games must be in full dress as per Hockey Manitoba regulations.
- 3) Use of foul language by coaches or players in the dressing room or in the arena shall not be tolerated and will be subject to disciplinary action by the RRMHA Board.

- 4) Parents are responsible for all willful damage done by their sons or daughters and must settle with the RRMHA or the St. Pierre Recreation Centre or the St. Malo Arena before the next regular game.
- 5) Fighting with any player (s) resulting in a suspension, will be reviewed by the coach and the RRMHA Board.
- 6) All players on the bench must be assigned to a line. A chance for equal participation must apply and shall be checked periodically by the RRMHA. This rule is mandatory up to the midget category.  
NOTE: The last 5 minutes of a game should belong to the coach.
- 7) Any suspensions or repercussions may jeopardize a player's chance for out of town travel / tournament play.
- 8) Coaches are responsible to maintain the diplomatic character of their team towards player opponents, parents, or custodians of all players in Minor Hockey.
- 9) All players must co-operate during practice and instruction time to avoid injuries and or embarrassment to other players.
- 10) All families are responsible for informing the coaching staff of their child's team in the event they are unable to attend practices or games.
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  - a) Team equipment / supplies will be assigned to the coach or manager. This equipment is only for use in RRMHA practices and games. Team sweaters are to be assigned to team manager and will be distributed and collected by same.
  - b) Goalie equipment will be supplied by RRMHA at the Atom level and below. This will be assigned to the coach, who in turn will assign it to the player to keep and maintain as long as the player remains on the team. Special consideration will be given to teams Pee Wee and above when a goaltender has to be selected from the player group if no established goalie is available.
- 12) Registration fees are for league associated games, referee fees, for game and practice ice.
- 13) Any player considered for playing at the next level must provide written parental or guardian consent to RRMHA for approval.
- 14) All coaches are required to obtain proper certification as specified by Hockey Manitoba. The costs for said required certification will be paid for RRMHA.

## **Article 20**

All proposed changes to the constitution must be submitted in writing to the RRMHA one week prior to the Special Executive Meeting prior to the April AGM.

- a) Any such adoption, amendment, revision or repeal made at any Annual Meeting or Special Meeting (other than a Board of Directors meeting), shall not be made unless notice in writing thereof has been given to the Executive Director of the Association at least 1 week prior to the holding of such meeting and subsequently communicated by the Executive Director to the members attending said meeting at least 2 days prior to the holding of said meeting.
- b) A motion to amend the Rat River Minor Hockey Association Constitution, By Laws and/or Regulations can be made by the following:
  1. Properly registered members (parents) in good standing eligible to vote.
  2. Life Members and Past Presidents

## **Article 21**

A Special Executive meeting will adopt, amend, revise or repeal By-Laws or Regulations for the governance of Rat River Minor Hockey upon the affirmative majority vote of the Rat River Minor Executive members present voting at such meeting. This meeting will take place prior to the April AGM.

## **Article 22**

The Board will govern itself according to the RRMHA Policies which they can review and amend as needed.