

# Constitution of the K.C.O.H.L.

Introduction

The purpose of the Key City Oldtimers Hockey League (K.C.O.H.L.) is to organize, promote and govern adult, male, 35 and over hockey play in a safe, enjoyable and healthy atmosphere of camaraderie and community spirit in the city of Cranbrook and surrounding district.

As of Oct. 29, 1997 the K.C.O.H.L. became incorporated under the Society Act (number S-37522) and as such falls under its guidelines. Players must be 35 as of Sept. 31st of the year in question. (goalies may be exempted from this rule if numbers dictate)

### Aim

The aim of this constitution is to outline the structure of the K.C.O.H.L. and the guidelines governing its operation.

### Structure

The K.C.O.H.L. will be made up of however many teams are deemed feasible on a yearly basis and directors as listed below.

1. President
2. Vice- President
3. Secretary- Treasurer
4. Past President
5. Referee in Chief
6. Team representatives
7. General Membership

### Responsibilities

#### 1. President

(a) The Pres. shall preside at all meetings of the league executive and any committees that may be formed from time to time. He may, at his discretion, call meetings as he deems necessary.

(b) The Pres. shall preside over the election of officers at the annual general meeting. If the office of Pres. is up for election, an alternate chairman will be appointed. Such elections to be held in alternate years unless a resignation occurs.

(c) The Pres. shall be responsible for the co-ordination of all aspects of the league operation and with the league executive be responsible for implementation and enforcement of any bylaws as deemed necessary.

(d) The Pres. shall have voting power only in the case of voting ties.

(e) The President term of office shall be two (2) years with a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms of office.

#### 2. Vice-President

(a) The Vice-Pres. shall act as Pres. in his absence.

(b) The Vice- Pres. shall assist the Pres. in his above duties.

(c) The Vice- Pres. shall have full voting rights on all issues.

(d) The Vice-Pres. term of office shall be two (2) years with a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms of office. Such term(s) of office to be staggered opposite the term(s) of office of the Pres. if possible.

#### 3. Secretary-Treasurer

(a) The Sec-Treasurer shall be responsible for keeping the minutes of all meetings and the handling of all correspondence on behalf of the league.

( b ) The Sec-Treasurer shall maintain an account in a recognized financial institute for the league and shall be responsible for the receiving, safe custody and accounting for all monies and disbursement of monies as directed by the executive. Such account will be of the multiple signing authority necessary type. ( Signing authorities to be members of the executive )

( c ) The Sec-Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all business of the league and shall prepare a detailed statement annually or more often as directed by the executive

( d ) The Sec-Treasurer shall have full voting rights on all issues.

( e ) The Sec-Treasurer term of office shall be two (2) years with a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms of office.

#### 4. Past President

( a ) Shall assist the current President in an advisory capacity when requested.

( b ) Shall have full voting rights on all issues.

( c ) The Past President term of office shall be one (1) year.

#### 5. Team Representatives

( a ) Formalize league rules and regulations.

( b ) Attend all meetings as directed by the executive. including adhoc meetings; League draft, player discipline and general meetings.

( c ) Act as a go between for the players and executive of all information concerning league business.

( d ) Shall have full voting rights on all issues.

( e ) Term of office is one (1) year.

( f ) Appointed by the team members, may appoint an alternate to attend meetings.

#### 6. Referee in Chief

( a ) Shall be responsible for supplying two (2) officials for each league game and tournament game

( b ) Shall provide pertinent technical advice to the league executive.

( c ) Shall attend all league Meetings.

( d ) Shall have full voting rights on all relevant issues.

( e ) Term of office is one (1) year, Appointed by the executive.

#### 7. General Membership

( a ) Shall abide by and support the league in all areas and to communicate with team reps. on any questions or concerns. Shall notify team reps. of any predictable game absences.

( b ) Welcome to attend all meetings with exception of disciplinary actions unless requested by the executive.

( c ) Allowed input at all meetings when recognized by the chair although not allowed voting rights unless acting as an alternate for a team rep.

( d ) May run for office when a position opens.

( e ) Shall have full voting rights in regards to elections.

### League Composition

1. A league registration will take place in early Sept. followed by a full player draft to fill a set number of teams prior to the start of the season. Fees will be determined yearly based on predicted expenses and are payable upon registration. Dates of said registration and draft will be announced in local media.

2. Players will be drafted in the following order;



- ( a ) Returning veterans from the previous year.
- ( b ) Returning veterans who have missed a year.( See item 3 below )
- ( c ) Returning spares from the previous year in the order they signed that year
- ( d ) Newly registered players

3. In regards to item # 2 (b) above.

( a ) A player may make written application to the league executive for a " Leave of Absence " for a period of 1 year for good and sufficient cause without losing his veteran status in regards to the draft in the following year.

( b ) Such application will be accepted or denied in writing by the league executive

( c ) If such application is accepted part way through the year that player will be refunded a pro-rated portion of his entry fee based on games remaining.

4. Newly registered players;

( a ) Will be drafted in order of registration as needed to bring team rosters up to their full complement of players.

( b ) Remaining players not used in the draft will be put on a spare list and will be called upon to replace players on teams who are forced to drop out for any reason approved by the executive again in their order of registration.

( c ) A spare who is " Drafted " part way through a season will pay an entry fee pro-rated based on number of games remaining.

( d ) Spares may be used during the season from time to time as determined by the executive without being drafted but may not participate in the year end playoffs unless they have been drafted and have played a minimum of three (3) games with that team.

5. The Draft

( a ) Teams will be drafted by the goalies and/or team reps from previous year or another person familiar with most players as appointed by the executive.

( b ) After the team rosters have been filled the goalies for each team will be drawn at random such that each goalie will likely not play for the team he drafted.

( c ) If part way through the season there appears to be a vast imbalance in the quality of certain teams the executive shall retain the right to swap players from one team to another to achieve a better balance.

( d ) A player who misses three or more consecutive games without notifying his team rep. may be replaced from the spare list as deemed by the executive.

( e ) During the season , excluding playoffs, a player or goalie may play for any other team than his own providing that team has less than 10 of its own members and time was not available to call upon the spare list.

( f ) Neither team or individual stats will be kept by the league during the regular season. All teams shall make the playoffs which is in the form of a yearend tournament with a format as determined by the organizing committee

## Rules and Regulations

1. The K.C.O.H.L. is a no contact, no slapshot league and play shall be in accordance with C.O.H.A. official hockey rules and the provisions of this constitution.

2. A high stick is defined as above the players shoulder. Penalties for high stick infractions are; (a) accidental contact ( no injury ) 3 min. minor.

(b) accidental contact ( injury [ blood] ) double minor.

(c) intentional ( contact or not ) 7 min. major + game

3. Illegal body contact will result in a minor or major penalty at the ref's discretion based on the intent or violence of the action.

4. Golf swinging at the puck will constitute a high-sticking penalty.

5. A Slap-shot will be defined as a player having raised his stick above his knees while in the act of taking a shot. Any player who fakes a slap-shot will be assessed a minor penalty. Any player who takes a slap-shot will be assessed a three minute penalty. These include using such anywhere on the ice. A second offence in a game will receive an automatic ejection from the game.

6. Contacting the puck with a high stick is a minor penalty.

7. Any player who interferes with a goalie with a stick or by body contact will be assessed a minor or a major penalty at the ref's discretion.

### Suspensions Regulations

1. Any player receiving three (3) penalties in any one game is automatically ejected from that game.

2. Any player who receives a major penalty, with the exception of an accidental high stick, shall also receive a game misconduct.

3. Any player who is assessed a major penalty for ;

(a) Attempting to injure ( whether an injury occurs or not )

(b) Fighting

(c) Abuse of an official ( physical or verbal )

(d) Gross misconduct ( making a travesty of the game )

shall also be assessed a match penalty. A match penalty will be defined as a three (3) game suspension commencing immediately including playoff games.

4. The league executive shall have the power to suspend summarily any player, coach, manager, person or club for any breach or violation of any of the provisions, rules or regulations of this constitution. This would include repeat offenders of any of the above rules or regulations. The executive also has the power to rule on any appeals resulting from any above actions taken. The executive must deal with any issues within one (1) calendar week of their occurrence. Such decisions will apply to all regular and playoff games

### Amendments

Any changes to any of the foregoing clauses of this constitution must be ratified by a minimum of Seventy-Five Percent ( 75%) majority with a minimum of Seventy-Five (75%) of voting members in attendance.