



HOCKEY CANADA BY-LAWS

MEMBERSHIP

8. Member Classes

- 8.1 Hockey Canada shall have only one class of Members. Those Members are the duly constituted Provincial, Regional or Territorial Associations/Federations (commonly referred to as Branches) listed in By-Law 9.1 that are responsible for the management of amateur hockey within their geographic region and that shall have the responsibility for representing their constituents at Hockey Canada meetings.

9. Members

- 9.1 Each of the following geographic regions shall be governed by one Member registered with Hockey Canada in accordance with these by-laws, namely:
- (a) the British Columbia Amateur Hockey Association shall have jurisdiction over the Province of British Columbia and the Yukon Territory;
 - (b) Hockey Alberta shall have jurisdiction over the Province of Alberta;
 - (c) the Saskatchewan Hockey Association shall have jurisdiction over the Province of Saskatchewan;
 - (d) Hockey Manitoba shall have jurisdiction over the Province of Manitoba;
 - (e) Hockey Northwestern Ontario shall have jurisdiction over that part of Northwestern Ontario west of the 85th meridian;
 - (f) Hockey Eastern Ontario shall have jurisdiction over the portion of the Province of Ontario lying east of and including the Counties of Leeds, Lanark and Renfrew except the town of Gananoque and the portion west of Highway number 32 and south of Highway number 15;
 - (g) the Ontario Hockey Federation shall have jurisdiction over the Province of Ontario other than those portions described in subparagraphs (e) and (f) herein;
 - (h) Hockey Québec shall have jurisdiction over the Province of Québec;
 - (i) Hockey New Brunswick shall have jurisdiction over the Province of New Brunswick;
 - (j) Hockey Nova Scotia shall have jurisdiction over the Province of Nova Scotia;
 - (k) Hockey PEI shall have jurisdiction over the Province of Prince Edward Island;
 - (l) Hockey Newfoundland and Labrador shall have jurisdiction over the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador; and

- (m) Hockey North shall have jurisdiction over the Northwest Territories and Nunavut.
- 9.2 Each Member, as a condition precedent to membership in Hockey Canada, shall adopt By-Laws, Regulations, Playing Rules and Policies that conform to the By-Laws, Regulations, Playing Rules and Policies of Hockey Canada. Membership shall be acquired by application in writing to the Board through the Chief Financial Officer of Hockey Canada, expressing compliance with and adherence to the By-Laws, Regulations, Playing Rules and Policies of Hockey Canada, accompanied by the requisite fee for membership and a copy of the applicant's By-Laws, Regulations and Policies. Membership shall take effect upon approval of the application by the Board by Ordinary Resolution.
- 9.3 Members may establish conditions for accepting new Members.
- 9.4 A Special Resolution passed by the Members is required to create a new class or group of members, or to change a condition required for being a Member.

10. Members' Rights

- 10.1 Members have the following rights:
- (a) to receive notices of Members' Meetings;
 - (b) to attend and speak at Members' Meetings;
 - (c) to submit Proposals for inclusion on the agenda of Members' Meetings;
 - (d) to vote in accordance with Hockey Canada's By-Laws at any Members' Meeting on matters including, but not limited to, By-Law, Regulation and Playing Rule changes and the election of the Board;
 - (e) to attend Congresses;
 - (f) to participate in competitions and other programming organized by Hockey Canada;
 - (g) to classify the teams under their jurisdiction into Divisions consistent with Hockey Canada's age limits;
 - (h) to exercise all other rights and privileges arising from the By-Laws and Regulations of Hockey Canada, and such other rights and privileges as the Board may, from time to time, determine.
- 10.2 A Member may exercise total autonomy by way of interpreting and applying Regulations, Playing Rules, Policies, Board of Directors' decisions and national rulings in a more restrictive manner.
- 10.3 A Member may make special application to the Board to have Regulations, Playing Rules, Policies, Board of Directors' decisions and national rulings applied in that Member's geographic region in a less restrictive manner.

- 10.4 A Special Resolution passed by the Members is required to change any of the rights described in this By-Law.

11. Member Obligations

- 11.1 Each Member is obliged and empowered to foster, conduct and control amateur hockey within its geographic region in a manner consistent with Hockey Canada's By-Laws, Regulations, Playing Rules, Policies and Board decisions. All games played within a Member's geographic region, and the qualification of all Registered Participants competing in such games, must conform to such By-Laws, Regulations, Playing Rules, Policies and decisions.
- 11.2 Subject to By-Laws 10.2 and 10.3, no Member shall amend its By-Laws, Regulations, Playing Rules or Policies in a manner that conflicts with the By-Laws, Regulations, Playing Rules or Policies of Hockey Canada. Every Member shall submit all amendments or changes to its By-Laws or Regulations, together with a complete list of its board of directors or similar executive body, in writing annually to the Chief Financial Officer of Hockey Canada, who will include the details of such compliance in his annual report to the Board.
- 11.3 Each Member shall pay an annual assessment, which shall be determined by the Board. An interim payment, based on fifty percent (50%) of the current year's assessment will become due and payable to Hockey Canada on December 1 with the remainder due and payable on April 1 the following year. Any Member who does not pay such fees in total by April 1 shall be notified within seven (7) Days by the Chief Financial Officer of Hockey Canada and may have its membership rights suspended. Failure to pay by July 1 may result in disciplinary sanctions including, without limitation, expulsion from Hockey Canada.
- 11.4 Each Member shall ensure that the Board, through a qualified auditor, shall have immediate access on demand to all books, vouchers, receipts, and records that generally pertain to the finances and operation of that Member, or of any league or Club affiliated with such Member. If the auditor's report to the Board documents a qualified or adverse opinion, the Board may take appropriate disciplinary measures.
- 11.5 Each Member shall comply fully with all other duties arising from the By-Laws, Regulations, Playing Rules and Policies of Hockey Canada.

11.6 A Special Resolution passed by the Members is required to make any addition, change or deletion to the obligations of membership described in this By-Law.

11.7 A membership in Hockey Canada is not transferrable