

# **YORKTON MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS as at 2026-05**

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***NOTE: YORKTON MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION - Here-in-after known as YMH***

### **CONSTITUTION**

#### **Article 1: Name of Organization**

- 1.1 This organization shall be known as Yorkton Minor Hockey Association.
- 1.2 This Association shall be the governing body for Yorkton Minor Hockey.
- 1.3 Yorkton Minor Hockey shall be affiliated with and shall operate under the jurisdiction of all rules, regulations and by laws of the Hockey Canada and Hockey Saskatchewan (formerly known as Saskatchewan Hockey Association).
- 1.4 Operating by-laws and guidelines introduced and adopted by Yorkton Minor Hockey must meet or exceed those of the Affiliated Associations.

#### **Article 2: Memberships**

- 2.1 Any parent or guardian may become a member of Yorkton Minor Hockey Association by virtue of the fact his/her child is registered with any of the activities organized by Yorkton Minor Hockey.
- 2.2 Any adult volunteering his/her services in the development of a child's ability and sportsmanship with any activity organized by Yorkton Minor Hockey is eligible for membership.
- 2.3 All members of Yorkton Minor Hockey shall be required to pay membership fees as deemed appropriate by the YMH Board of Directors.
- 2.4 Any member of Yorkton Minor Hockey may withdraw their participation from the Association, and shall only be entitled to a refund of membership fees prior to evaluations/tryouts. This does not include players who are dealt with in Section 21 # 5 of the **YMH** Regulations.

#### **Article 3: Objectives of the Association**

The objectives of the YMH Association are to administer, foster and promote amateur Hockey for youths between the ages of three (3) and seventeen (17) years of age as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year. The Association shall operate the appropriate hockey divisions, which may include

1. U7 / Recreation Division; and
2. Representative Tier I Team Division; and
3. Representative Tier II Team Division

Yorkton Minor Hockey shall be governed by the YMH Constitution and its By-Laws. Changes to the YMH Constitution and its By-Laws shall be by the membership at the Annual General Hockey Meeting or Special Meeting after Notice of Motion, as provided by the Yorkton Minor Hockey Constitution and By-Laws.

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The Yorkton Minor Hockey (YMH) Regulations establish the framework by which YMH operates each season.

- Annual amendments — Changes to the YMH Regulations may occur after the conclusion of a season and before the start of the next.
- In-season changes — No changes may be made during the regular season unless a situation arises that warrants a Special Resolution.
- Board approval process — All motions to amend the YMH Regulations must be recorded in the YMH Board of Directors meeting minutes and voted on by the YMH Board. A majority vote is required for a motion to pass. The YMH President votes only in the event of a tie.

### **Article 4: Board Committee and Officers**

Yorkton Minor Hockey will operate under the guidance of a YMH Board, which will be comprised of a Board consisting of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Past President and Board of Directors consisting of elected members as per, Article 5.

To qualify for nomination for any board position, the candidate must be in good standing with the Board.

To be nominated to the position of President, the candidate must have served as a member of the YMH Hockey Board for a minimum of one (1) year within the last five (5) years of being nominated and not have been removed from any YMH Hockey Board position by “Special Resolution”.

In the event there is no past YMH board member willing to fill President roll, following the AGM, YMH Hockey Board members can leave the position unfilled and the Vice President fills in where required; or, the YMH Hockey Board may choose to solicit applications from the general YMH membership, interview and appoint a Quasi-President for a one (1) year term; with a minimum of seven (7) board members approving the appointment. After this term is complete this person could now be nominated for President position at AGM for the remaining 1 year, should they accept a nomination and win the vote.

A \$500 honorarium will be awarded to those volunteers on the Executive board each year. If annual fulfillment of duties is not accomplished, then said honorarium will not be paid out at the end of the season.

If a vacant position is filled any time after September 1st of current year the honorarium will be a prorated amount.

Yorkton Minor Hockey Directors are subject to the same Criminal Record Check protocol as outlined in Section 4.

All Yorkton Minor Hockey Directors shall complete the Respect in Sport program.

All YMH Board Directors are eligible to vote on motions at YMH Board meetings. Note, the YMH President can only vote in the event of a tie.

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**Article 5: YMH Board Members and Election Procedures**

The YMH Board shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting to be held no later than June 1 of the current year. If all YMH Board positions are not filled at the Annual General Meeting, the YMH Board has the option to appoint members to fill the vacant positions.

1 year position: U7 Director

2 year positions: Odd Years

President

Secretary

Hockey Development Director 2 & 4

Referee Advisor

Goalie Liaison

Member at Large

Even Years

Vice-President

Treasurer

Hockey Development Director 1 & 3

Tier 1 Hockey Director

Communications Director

Member at Large

**BY-LAWS**

**By-Law 1: Annual General Meeting**

- 1.1 The Annual General Meeting shall be open to attendance by, existing YMH Board of Directors, association members and interested persons.
- 1.2 The Annual General Meeting shall be conducted no later than June 1<sup>st</sup> of any given year.
- 1.3 The President of Yorkton Minor Hockey shall act as Chair of the Annual General Meeting, but may relinquish this position to a person of his/her choice.
- 1.4 All persons in attendance shall be entitled to one vote per motion tabled.
- 1.5 The President shall cast a vote only in the event of a tie vote on a motion.
- 1.6 Voting may be done by a show of hands unless:
  - a) a minimum of three Board positions request differently; or,
  - b) a majority of those present request a ballot vote if more than one is running.
    1. Election of the Directors must be by a ballot vote.
    2. Except for "Special Resolution" an affirmative vote shall be determined by 3/4 or more of the eligible vote.
    3. In the event of a tied vote the President may choose to cast the deciding vote or may wish to have a motion defeated by virtue of the tie vote.
- 1.7 Special General Meeting may be called by the President or by a majority of the Board, place and time to be determined by the YMH Board of Directors.
- 1.8 Annual General Meetings shall be advertised a minimum of three and a maximum of five weeks prior to its occurrence.

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- 1.9 Should a controversial subject or dilemma arise procedures shall be governed by and solved in accordance with "Roberts Rules of Order".

### **By-Law 2: Board of Directors**

The Business affairs of this association shall be governed and dealt with by the duly elected executive positions (YMH Board of Directors) of this Association as set out in the Article 5: YMH Board Members and Election Procedures.

### **By-Law 3: Executive Positions**

- 3.1 All executive positions shall be for a two-year term, with the exception of the U7 Director – this is a one-year term.
- 3.2 Outgoing members of the executive must retire upon completion of the two-year term, but may permit their name to stand for re-election to the YMH Board of Directors.
- 3.3 All executive positions shall be filled by a ballot vote.
- 3.4 In the event a vacant position on the executive exists the Board may appoint an individual to the position for the balance of the term.
- 3.5 Any elected officer may be removed from any position by "Special Resolution".

### **By-Law 4: Executive Elections**

- 4.1 At the Annual General Meeting a Board will be elected as laid out by the YMH regulations.
- 4.2 The immediate Past President shall remain on the executive for a period of one year as a special advisor to the new executive.
- 4.3 The YMH Board of Directors shall meet as often as they deem necessary but on a regular schedule so the membership can attend. If a director is absent from more than 2 consecutive meetings they will receive a letter from the Board stating if a third meeting is missed they will be disqualified from the Board, unless the absence is authorized by a resolution of the YMH Board of Directors.
- 4.4 A Quorum for a meeting of the YMH Board shall consist of 7 Board members.

### **By-Law 5: Powers of the YMH Board**

- 5.1 The powers of the Board are to formulate, proscribe, change and correct operating rules and regulations of the Association on the condition that changes are in accordance with the goals and stipulations of the constitution.

It shall be within the power of the Board to make decisions on all matters of business submitted.

- 5.2 To regulate and organize all activities of the Association.
- 5.3 To sanction the activities under the jurisdiction of the Association and to solve controversial situations held in appeal.

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- 5.4 To appoint, suspend, or dismiss individuals and establish operating guidelines for the appointed positions.
- 5.5 To nominate and appoint permanent and special committees or individuals to take charge of special or specific events or order of business.
- 5.6 To budget received funds and to authorize expenses.
- 5.7 To supervise and co-ordinate the work of the committees of the Association without prejudice to the rights and powers of the committees.
- 5.8 The signing officers for the Association will be any two of the President, Secretary, Treasurer or anyone of them with the Executive Director.

**By-Law 6: Policy Documents**

- 6.1 The YMH policy Documents can consist of a copy of the YMH Constitution & by-laws and YMH Regulations pertaining to any or all activities under the jurisdiction of Yorkton Minor Hockey.
- 6.2 The policy Documents shall be made available to all coaches and managers of all sporting events under the jurisdiction of Yorkton Minor Hockey.

**By-Law 7: Exclusive Domain**

- 7.1 At any Annual General Meeting of the Association, YMH Constitution and/or by-laws may be amended by 3/4-majority vote of members present.
- 7.2 All expenditures, other than daily operating expenses, over \$10,000 must be approved in a motion at an Annual Meeting, or by a special in season vote of the membership.
- 7.3 At any YMH Board meeting, YMH Constitution and/or by-laws may be added to, deleted from, or revised by a unanimous vote. However, the additions, deletions or revisions must be considered as temporary or 'Interim Policy Only' until the next Annual General Meeting at which time they must be placed on the floor as a Motion and be voted on and approved by a 3/4 Majority before an change can be permanently adopted.