



Woolwich Minor Hockey Association  
(WMHA)

Constitution

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# 1. Glossary

1. WMHA - Woolwich Minor Hockey Association
2. OMHA - Ontario Minor Hockey Association
3. Executive - The Directors and Officers as elected or appointed in accordance with the Constitution and/or Bylaws as applicable.
4. Members - The membership of the Association
5. Team Officials - The Head Coach, Assistant Coaches and Trainer of a WMHA team

# 2. Organization

## 2.1. Name

1. The name of this organization shall be the Woolwich Minor Hockey Association Inc., and abbreviated to WMHA or referred to as the Association.

## 2.2. Organization Type

1. The organization is incorporated in the province of Ontario as a not for profit corporation.

## 2.3. Head Office

1. The head office of the Corporation shall be in the Township of Woolwich in the Province of Ontario, and at such place therein as the Executive may from time to time determine.

# 3. Objectives

## 3.1. Jurisdiction

1. To promote, encourage and govern all age categories of minor hockey governed by the OMHA in the Township of Woolwich, Ontario and surrounding district as determined by OMHA ruling.

## 3.2. Mutual Interest

1. To protect the mutual interest of all of its Members.

## 3.3. Competition

1. To promote competition at the highest appropriate level.

### 3.4. Recreation

1. To promote fun for and holistic development of youth through participation and coaching.

### 3.5. Funds

1. To raise, receive and maintain funds and to use all or part thereof for the purposes authorized by the Executive of the Association.

## 4. Membership

### 4.1. Composition

1. The membership in the Association shall not be limited.
2. At any time and from time to time, the following shall be Members of the Association:
  - a. Directors
  - b. Officers
  - c. Registered and paid participants (including sponsored participants) in Association programs who are themselves eighteen years of age or older; legal guardians of registered and paid participants in Association programs where such participants are under eighteen years of age
  - d. Team Officials of any Association team; and adult volunteers of the Association as determined by the Executive.
  - e. Life members as awarded by the Executive.
3. The rights and obligations of all members of the Association are set out in the Constitution, Bylaws and Policies & Procedures of the Association.

### 4.2. Voting

1. Each individual member of the Association in good standing shall be eligible to a single vote at each Annual Meeting of the Association, even if any such individual is a Member by virtue of more than one of the criteria for Membership in the Association as set out in section 4.1.2 above.

## 5. Executive

### 5.1. Composition

1. The Executive of the Association will consist of:

- a. Officers
  - b. Directors
2. The Executive of the Association shall be duly elected or appointed, as applicable, in accordance with the Bylaws.

## 5.2. Officers

1. The Officers of the Association will consist of:
  - a. President
  - b. Vice President Representative Teams
  - c. Vice President Local League Teams
  - d. Vice President Coaching
  - e. Vice President Player Development
  - f. Vice President U9 and Below
  - g. Secretary
  - h. Treasurer
  - i. Immediate Past President
2. The Officers shall be duly elected by the Members in accordance with the Bylaws.
3. In the case of any vacancy in any Officer role at any point during a term, the remaining members of the Executive shall have the authority to fill such vacancy by majority vote for the remainder of the term.
4. The Executive shall also have the authority to remove and to replace, by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote at any time, any Officer for failure to fulfill the responsibilities of the role as set out in the Bylaws at any time
5. The Executive shall also have the authority to add or remove, by majority vote at any time any Officer role from the slate of Officers of the Association; any such addition or removal shall be effective until the subsequent Annual Meeting of the Association, at which time such addition or removal shall be ratified or rejected by majority vote of the Members present. Such decision of the Members shall govern the composition of the slate of Officers of the Association going forward.

## 5.3. Directors

1. The Directors of the Association will consist of a minimum of three (3) up to a maximum of ten (10) Directors duly elected from the Members in accordance with the Bylaws.
2. In the case that the Executive includes less than ten (10) Directors at any point during a term, the members of the Executive shall have the authority to appoint one or more additional Directors, to a maximum of ten (10) Directors, by majority vote for the remainder of the term.
3. In the case of any vacancy in any Director role at any point during a term, the remaining members of the Executive shall have the authority to fill such vacancy by majority vote for the remainder of the term.
4. The Executive shall also have the authority to remove and to replace any Director by majority vote for failure to fulfill the responsibilities of the role as set out in the Bylaws at any time.

## 5.4. Voting

1. Each member of the Executive shall be entitled to one vote on any matter before the Executive (unless such member, or the majority of the remaining members of the Executive, feel that such member should not be entitled to a vote on such matter due to a conflict of interest). For clarity, guests or paid staff of the Association participating in any meeting of the Executive are not entitled to vote on matters before the Executive.
2. In the event that an individual comes to fill more than one Executive role at any time, whether due to filling a vacancy or otherwise, such individual shall have one vote on all matters before the Executive regardless of the number of Executive roles being filled by such individual.

## 6. Amendments

### 6.1. Voting

1. Changes or amendments to the Constitution of the Association may be made only at the Annual Meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Association Members present.

### 6.2. Submission Deadline

1. All proposed changes / amendments are required to be submitted to the Executive no later than the January Executive meeting of any given year.