

Gloucester Rangers Minor Hockey
Association

CONSTITUTION

April 25, 2016

ARTICLE 1 – NAME AND AFFILIATION

- 1.1 This organization shall be known as the GLOUCESTER RANGERS MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, hereinafter referred to as the GRMHA.
- 1.2 GRMHA is a member of the Gloucester Hockey Association (GHA) and by virtue of its affiliation with the GHA, is a member of the Hockey Eastern Ontario Minor (HEO MINOR), Hockey Eastern Ontario (HEO) and Hockey Canada, the governing body of amateur hockey in Canada.
- 1.3 GRMHA shall have sole jurisdiction to govern and administer Competitive/Representative “A” and “AA” minor hockey within GHA and/or any other district or areas so authorized by the HEO MINOR or GHA.
- 1.4 The GRMHA Constitution, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations shall govern its structure, elections and operations.

ARTICLE 2 – OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 To organize, supervise and finance through methods such as registration fees, sponsorships and grants, minor hockey for boys/girls and young men/women.
- 2.2 To foster among its members, supporters and teams, a general community spirit.
- 2.3 To teach the fundamentals of hockey, to help players develop their personal skills, to instill in them an attitude of sportsmanship and above all, to give them opportunities to have fun as they learn and play the game through organized programs, activities and competition.
- 2.4 To provide the opportunity for players to participate in competitive “A” and “AA” minor hockey within the GHA or with other leagues and/or associations as applicable.
- 2.5 To exercise a general supervision and direction over its players, teams, parents/guardians and Board Members with emphasis on the enhancement of healthy recreation, good character and citizenship.
- 2.6 To maintain and increase interest in the game of hockey by providing to all who desire, where it has in its power to do so, the opportunity to participate in hockey, giving due consideration to their individual capabilities.
- 2.7 To provide opportunities for GHA hockey players to participate in a positive competitive hockey environment to develop positive life-long skills and values in a fun and safe environment.
- 2.8 To encourage healthy competition and optimize skill development for GRMHA competitive players.
- 2.9 To use all revenue solely for the promotion of these objectives.

ARTICLE 3 – MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 The association membership shall consist of the registered players, their parents or guardians, and volunteers serving GRMHA, whom are members in good standing.
- 3.2 Any member not adhering to the GRMHA Constitution, Bylaws and/or the Rules & Regulations shall cease to be a member upon a majority vote of the GRMHA Board.

ARTICLE 4 – MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 4.1 There shall be an Annual General Meeting of the GRMHA held no later than May 31st of each year. The exact date and time will be decided by the President.

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- 4.2 The order of business at the Annual General Meeting shall be as follows:
 - 4.2.1 Call to Order
 - 4.2.2 Adoption of Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
 - 4.2.3 Business Arising from the Minutes
 - 4.2.4 Presentation of Financial Statements
 - 4.2.5 Proposed Changes to the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations
 - 4.2.6 Reports from the Executives and Directors
 - 4.2.7 Nomination and Election of Executive Board Positions
 - 4.2.8 New Business
 - 4.2.9 President's Remarks
 - 4.2.10 Adjournment
 - 4.3 When attending the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting, voting rights shall be:
 - 4.3.1 Elected and Appointed Board of the GRMHA
 - 4.3.2 One vote per member of all GRMHA registered player(s). This vote can be exercised by a parent or a guardian, or a registered hockey player of age of majority (18 years of age).
 - 4.3.3 Volunteers serving GRMHA who are not parents or guardians of a registered player.
 - 4.4 For voting purposes during a meeting, the following applies:
 - 4.4.1 Each voting member present will be allowed one vote.
 - 4.4.2 Votes shall be given personally and not by proxy.
 - 4.4.3 Voting for elected positions shall be by secret ballot and all other voting shall be by show of hands unless a majority of the voting members decide that the method of voting shall be by some other means.
 - 4.5 Transition of the new Board is to occur June 1st in the year of the election.
 - 4.6 There may be other general meetings called by the President as deemed necessary.
 - 4.7 No annual or other general meetings shall be constituted without quorum of at least 50% plus one of incumbent executive board members in attendance, one of who must be the President or a Vice-President.
 - 4.8 Public notice of the time, place and data of all Annual and Special General Meetings shall be given not less than thirty (30) days before the meeting.

ARTICLE 5 – BOARD ORGANIZATION

- 5.1 The business and affairs of the GRMHA shall be conducted by a Board of Directors, who shall act in accordance with the Constitution and such Bylaws and/or Rules & Regulations as from time to time may be enacted by the GRMHA.
- 5.2 The GRMHA Executive shall consist of the following:
- 5.2.1 President
 - 5.2.2 Vice-President, Hockey Operations
 - 5.2.3 Vice-President, Administration
 - 5.2.4 Secretary
 - 5.2.5 Treasurer
 - 5.2.6 GHA President or delegate
 - 5.2.7 Past President
- 5.3. The GRMHA Directors Appointed* shall consist of the following:
- 5.3.1 Director, Ice Scheduling
 - 5.3.2 Director, Discipline
 - 5.3.3 Director, Public Relations
 - 5.3.4 Director, Risk and Safety
 - 5.3.5 Director, League Representation
 - 5.3.6 Director, Equipment
 - 5.3.7 Director, Tournament

* GRMHA Appointed Board positions are as appointed by the Executive Members annually.

All members of the Board of Directors shall have a single vote, with the exception of the President who shall only vote in the event of a tie.

- 5.4 The Board may annually, or as often as may be required, appoint other members to **NON-VOTING (or VOTING)** positions as it considers necessary and all appointed positions shall have the authority and perform the duties, from time to time, prescribed by the Board.

ARTICLE 6 – ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF THE BOARD

- 6.1 The GRMHA Board shall only consist of members who are in good standing with the GHA, and who reside within the GHA boundaries.
- 6.2 Elections shall be held at the GRMHA Annual Meeting for a period of two (2) years as follows:
- Even Years at the time of Election
- President
 - Vice President, Administration
- Odd Years at the time of Election
- Vice President, Hockey Operations
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
- 6.3 No person may be elected to hold more than one board position unless approved by a majority of the other board members.
- 6.4 No spouses or common-law partners may both occupy elected board positions.

- 6.5 Board members who are to be elected or appointed shall be elected in accordance with the following procedures:
- 6.5.1 No person shall be eligible to run for the position of President unless he has served two full term as an elected or appointed member of the GRMHA, GHA or GHA member association Boards for 2 years
 - 6.5.2 Candidate names for election or appointment must be submitted to the Secretary at least 30 (thirty) days in advance of the Annual General Meeting. The slate containing the names of persons for the offices to be filled by election or appointment shall be posted not less than 15 (fifteen) days prior to the times at which the voting for elected positions is scheduled to be called at the meeting.
 - 6.5.3 Appointed positions shall be filled by majority vote of the Elected Board members, at the first board meeting following the AGM. The method of voting shall be secret ballot with a majority vote of those present and voting confirming the appointment.
 - 6.5.4 Should no candidates be nominated for an elected or appointed position prior to the AGM or in the event of a vacancy, the Board may appoint a Member to fill the vacant position until the next AGM.
 - 6.5.5 Should any board position become vacant during the term of office, the Board may appoint a Member to fill the vacant position until the next AGM or at their discretion, may choose the leave the position vacant.
- 6.6 A Board Member who resigns from his office must provide a written resignation to the Secretary of the Association.

ARTICLE 7 – COMMITTEES

- 7.1 The Board, when required, may authorize GRMHA committees. On completion of the committee/project, the committee is disbanded.

ARTICLE 8 – FINANCES

- 8.1 The GRMHA fiscal period shall commence on June 1 and end on May 31st of the next succeeding calendar year.
- 8.2 All monies of the GRMHA, bank accounts, expenditure of funds, etc., shall be administered in accordance with the GRMHA Bylaws.

ARTICLE 9 – AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OR BYLAWS

- 9.1 The Constitution and Bylaws of the GRMHA may be amended at an Annual or Special General Meeting only. All proposed amendments to the Constitution or Bylaws shall require a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.
- 9.2 Notice of all proposed amendments shall be posted on the Association website and emailed to the GRMHA Board at least 15 (fifteen) days prior to the meeting. No amendment to the Constitution or Bylaws shall be considered unless such amendment is made in writing, by a voting member and provided to the Secretary not later than 30 (thirty) days prior to the date of the meeting.

ARTICLE 10 – AMENDMENTS TO RULES, REGULATIONS, POLICIES AND DUTIES

- 10.1 The Rules and Regulations and any duty or policy documents of the GRMHA may be amended at an Annual, General, or Board Meeting.

- 10.2 All proposed amendments to the Rules and Regulations and any duty or policy documents shall require an affirmative majority vote of those present and voting.