



Prince Edward Island Junior Hockey League

Constitution

Articles, By-Laws and Regulations

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CONSTITUTION

Article I – Name

- 1.1 The organization shall be known as the “Island Junior Hockey League” hereinafter referred to as the “League”.

Article II – Authority

- 2.1 The League, operating with the approval and under the authority and jurisdiction of the Hockey PEI, shall be comprised of Junior “B” Hockey Clubs.
- 2.2 The League will, prior to the commencement of the regular season play, register with Hockey PEI.

Article III – Objectives

- 3.1 The objectives of the League are as follows:
- a) To foster and encourage the support of amateur Jr. ‘B’ hockey throughout Prince Edward Island;
 - b) To sponsor and encourage clean hockey and to discourage unsportsmanlike tactics by individual players or team officials;
 - c) To assist and promote the development of minor hockey and other junior hockey in its area of jurisdiction, as authorized by the Hockey PEI and/or the Hockey Canada;
 - d) To co-operate with education institutions to ensure that hockey does not adversely interfere with a student’s education;
 - e) To ensure that the basic human rights of all individuals (players, team officials, staff, fans) are respected; and
 - f) To supervise and carry out hockey contests with the League and to eventually declare a League champion.

Article IV – Membership

- 4.1 The League shall be comprised of bona fide teams within the boundaries of Prince Edward Island, as determined annually prior to June 30. Teams shall post a non-refundable \$1,000 fee (applicable towards associated league fees) prior to June 30.

Article V – Amendments

- 5.1 The Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations may be amended or altered at the Annual Meeting of the Organization, or a Special Meeting and then only by two-thirds majority of the members present at the Annual or Special Meeting.
- 5.2 No amendments or alterations to the Constitution, By-Laws or Regulations shall be considered at the Annual Meeting unless such amendments or alterations have been submitted in writing to the Secretary of the League at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of the Annual Meeting. The Secretary shall distribute a copy of the proposed

amendment to each member of the Executive and to each team representative, at least one (1) week prior to the date of the Annual Meeting.

Article VI – Miscellaneous

- 6.1 Where any matter is not dealt with within the Constitution, By-Laws or Regulations of the League, but is dealt with within the handbook of the governing branch, then provisions of the said handbook shall apply. Provided, however, that any matter not dealt with in either the Constitution, By-Laws or Regulations or the governing branch or in the Hockey Canada handbook shall be dealt with at any League meeting by a majority vote of the participating members of the teams present at such League meeting, provided such matter(s) is not in conflict with the Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations of the Hockey Canada and Hockey PEI.

BY-LAWS

By-Law 1 – Governors

1.1 Board of Governors

The League shall be governed by a Board of Governors, which will establish the policies of the League and uphold the Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations of the League.

1.2 Appointment of Governor

- a) Each member team shall appoint one (1) individual (with the exception of a coach) as Governors of the League to be designated annually at the AGM.
- b) The appointment of Governors shall be in writing, signed by the team's principle owner/operator to be filed with the League.
- c) In the event that the appointed Governor is unable to attend a meeting, the team may appoint a substitute and advise the Commissioner verbally prior to a meeting.
- d) A team's Governors may be replaced providing the League is advised in writing by the team's principle owner/operator.

1.3 Meetings of the Board of Governors

- a) At any and all meetings of the Board of Governors, each member of the League shall be entitled to have present one (1) Governor and one other attendee.
- b) A quorum for meetings of the League shall be two-thirds (2/3) of the member teams of the League.
- c) The Governor or substitute shall, by reason of his appointment or substitution, be vested with the full power to represent the member and to bind it by his vote.
- d) At all meetings of the League, representation of each member by its Governor or substitute shall be compulsory, with failure to attend resulting in a \$50 fine.

1.4 Duties of the Governor

- a) To recommend for approval, amendments to the League's Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations as well as addressing the admission and expulsion of teams.

- b) To approve the League's schedule, playoff format, promotional initiatives, related league events and fund raising projects.
- c) To elect at the Annual Meeting, the League Commissioner, Secretary, Treasurer and Director of Public Relations.
- d) To make recommendations to the Branch for changes to the Branch's Constitution, By-Laws, Regulations, Code of Discipline as applicable.
- e) To serve on committees (included recourse) with respect to League happenings as addressed by the Commissioner in keeping with his authority.

By-Law II – Management

- 2.1 The management of League affairs shall be vested in the Executive Committee consisting of a Commissioner, Secretary, Treasurer and Director of Publicity Relations.
- 2.2 Each officer of the Executive Committee shall be elected for a two (2) year term at the AGM, by member teams present at the AGM in keeping with voting practices.
- 2.3 The protest Committee of the League shall be the Commissioner and one other Executive Committee member.
- 2.4 All appeals regarding issues of governance under the umbrella of Hockey PEI shall be made to the Appeals Committee of Hockey PEI.
- 2.5 League Discipline, as required by the Code of Discipline, shall be decided upon and administered by the Commissioner.
- 2.6 The Executive Committee shall have the sole jurisdiction in the following matters:
 - a) Discipline
 - b) Interpretation of the Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations
 - c) Minor officials
 - d) The calling of League meetings for those established by the By-Laws
 - e) The schedule and re-scheduling of regular League games
 - f) Playoff games
 - g) The conducting of all League meetings
 - h) Any other areas designated by the participating teams

By-Law III – Duties

- 3.1 The Commissioner shall order the calling of meetings, preside at all meetings with full authority to suspend, fine (or both) any player, team or team official whose actions are deemed to be prejudicial to good sportsmanship, detrimental to the positive image of the League, or who violates general rules of play or specific League rules and regulations. The Commissioner shall also appoint committees, oversee the work of the Secretary, Treasurer and Director of Public Relations. Perform other duties as the Board may designate.
- 3.2 The Secretary, under the direction of the Commissioner, shall perform all general secretarial duties including the recording and issuing of the minutes of all League meetings and committee meetings as required.

- 3.3 The Treasurer, under the direction of the Commissioner, shall supervise all business affairs to ensure that financial arrangements are administered to the League's best advantage. Financial records shall be maintained with all monies of the League deposited and disbursed from the designated League financial institution. A properly prepared operating budget and financial statement shall be prepared and presented at the AGM.
- 3.4 The Director of Public Relations, under the direction of the Commissioner, shall be responsible for the preparation and distribution of an annual League schedule to member teams and media, work cooperatively with teams in the promotion of member teams, coordinate the maintenance of League statistics, prepare a weekly newsletter and maintain the League's official website ijhl.ca. All efforts will be directed at working cooperatively with Island media in an effort to promote the activities of the League in a timely and positive fashion.

By-Law IV – Membership

- 4.1 Each participating member team is encouraged to operate with an executive. For the purpose of this By-Law, the team shall be deemed to be located in the area where it plays its home games.
- 4.2 Each participating team shall be entitled to one (1) Governor and one other attendee in attendance at any meeting, however, prior to the commencement of any meeting, each member team shall indicate to the Secretary who shall carry their vote.
- 4.3 The members shall maintain and operate a hockey team of the highest possible caliber for the purpose of engaging annually in exhibition, regular schedule and playoff games with other Jr. 'B' teams.
- 4.4 Any person, firm, corporation or non-profit society of good repute and financial responsibility and possessing the other requirements set forth herein, shall be eligible for membership in the League.

Admission of New Members

- 4.5
- a) Applicants for membership in the League must file a letter of intent to the Commissioner by the first Friday in June of the year of the application.
 - b) The affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members of the League shall be required for admission of a new member.
 - c) Applicants will be required to demonstrate facility availability, a core of players of caliber, committed sponsorship and sound business organization.
 - d) Any new team entering the League shall pay a non-refundable entry fee of \$2,500.00 or an equal share of League Equity, whichever is higher. This is over and above any annual league fees that are set out by the League for the year of entry into the League.
- 4.6 In the case of dissolution of the League prior to or during any playing season, any team which is operating within the League for the first year, shall not have any share in the disbursements of the League's assets.

- 4.7 Any of the participating member teams may make written application to the Commissioner to alter any conditions of their operation at any time with consideration being given only if there were no conflicts with other League provisions.
- 4.8 For the purpose of By-Law 4.7 the following shall be deemed to be conditions of the team's operation:
- a) Change of team's name.
 - b) Change of team's color(s).
 - c) Change of team's executive.
 - d) Change of location of home rink.

Transfer of Membership

- 4.9 No membership may be sold, assigned or otherwise transferred except:
- a) With the consent of two-thirds of all League members, which consent shall not be unreasonable withheld
 - b) Upon the condition that the transferee will be bound by and comply with all the terms of these By-Laws and the Rules and Regulations of the League and;
 - c) Upon further condition that the transferee (new organization) shall assume or guarantee to pay all debts, liabilities and obligations owed to the Branch, League or any of its members by the member existing at the date of the transfer
- 4.10 Except as described in 4.9, transfer of membership shall not release the transferor of any of its debts, liabilities or obligations to the League existing at the date of transfer.
- 4.11 Upon the transfer of membership, any and all interests of the transferor, in any and all funds, shall be vested in the transferee.

Transfer of Interest in Member Teams

- 4.12 The Board of Governors may refuse to accept a transfer of an interest in a member to any person seeking to become a partner or other person holding an interest in a member, directly or indirectly, should such person having direct or indirect ownership of an interest in any other member of the League, or any other member of any other hockey league or for any reason that the Board of Governors feels it would be in the best interest of the League. Such decision must be communicated in writing to such person or organization.

Vote on Admission or Transfer

- 4.13 The vote for admission of new members or for the transfer of a membership or for transfer of an interest of a member, may be taken at any meeting of the League

Leave of Absence

- 4.14 A leave of absence may be granted by the Board of Governors to any member team subject to the following conditions:

- a) The leave must be applied for by June 1 of the current playing season.
- b) The leave must be approved by a two-thirds majority of the members.
- c) Any leave of absence will be in effect for one year only.
- d) The League must receive written notice of return to active status by the next June 1
- e) The players on the team being granted leave shall be dispersed to other teams in the League through a dispersal draft. Should the team granted to leave return to active status; the players involved shall be returned to the team's protected list. Any such player on the roster of another team member may elect, if he so desires, to remain with his current team.

4.15 Any member granted a leave of absence shall forfeit its right to vote at League meetings while on leave but will have the right to attend all League meetings and to receive copies of all minutes, notices and correspondence distributed to members.

Voluntary Withdrawal

4.16 Any member of the League may withdraw from membership with consent of two-thirds (2/3) of all members of the League either a) by assigning its membership upon terms and conditions of Section 4.10 or b) by tendering its written resignation to the Commissioner, making full payment of any and all dues or other debts owing to the League and any and all debts owing to other members of the League and waiving, in writing, any claim to any and all funds and other assets of the League or its members.

Should the withdrawing member fail to comply with any of the above provisions, the League shall be entitled to retain as its sole property any and all fees, performance bonds, franchise fees or other League funds to which the member would otherwise be entitled.

Suspension or Expulsion of Membership

4.17 The membership of a Member may be suspended or terminated by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all members of the League, if the member or its officials shall do or suffer any of the following;

- a) Willfully violate the provisions of these By-Laws or the Regulations of the League.
- b) Fail to comply with any directive or pay any dues or other indebtedness owing to the League within thirty (30) days after written notice from the Commissioner.
- c) Disbands its team during the playing season, disbands its Team organization or ceases its Team business.
- d) Fails to present its team at the time and place it is scheduled to play provided that such game is duly scheduled in accordance with this constitution, unless such non-appearance is caused by unavoidable accident in travel or conditions beyond the control of the Member or its Officers.
- e) Fails, or refuses to fulfill, its contractual obligations in such a way as to adversely affect the League or its members.
- f) Knowingly manipulates any promotion operated by the Member.
- g) Offers, agrees, conspires or attempts to lose any game participated in by its team, or fails to suspend immediately any officer, player or other employee who has been found to have offered, agreed conspired, attempted to lose any such

game or having an interest in any wager on any game in which a League team participates.

Suspension or Termination Procedure

- 4.18 The membership of a Member may be suspended or terminated on the occurrence of any of the events described in Section 4.17, hereof, by the following procedure
- a) Any Governor of the League or the Commissioner may prefer charges that a member has violated a provision or provisions of Section 4.17. Said charges shall be made in writing and shall be filed with the League Commissioner who shall cause a copy thereof to be served by registered mail upon the member against whom such charges have been made.
 - b) The member so charged shall within ten (10) days after the receipt of such charges file with the Commissioner its written answer thereto. The Commissioner shall thereupon transmit such charges and answers, if any, to the League Governors.
 - c) If a majority of the League Governors, after an investigation, favors a hearing upon the charges, they shall direct the Commissioner to call a special League meeting to hear the charges, to be held not more than twenty-one (21) days after the filing of the accused member's answer in the home city, town or community of the accused member. If, within fifteen (15) days after such answer is filed, a majority of the League Governors have not directed the Commissioner to call a meeting of the Governors to hear the charges, the said charges shall be dismissed.
 - d) The Commissioner shall preside at such a hearing.
 - e) At the hearing, the Member so charged shall have the right to appear in person and to be represented by Counsel. Strict rules of evidence, as practiced in the courts, shall not apply and any relevant testimony and documentary evidence other than hearsay testimony submitted at the hearing shall be received and considered. Either the complainant or the Member charged shall be entitled to an adjournment of not more than seven (7) days to enable it to present rebuttal evidence regarding matters of which it was not aware prior to the hearing and which were presented at the hearing.
 - f) After duly considering all the evidence and arguments presented, the Governors shall vote upon whether the charges have been proven in whole or in part. A Governors' resolution shall be required to prove the charges in whole or in part, provided the Governors representing the Member or Members who preferred the charges, as well as the Member charged, are not entitled to vote.
 - g) If the said charges are sustained, the Governors shall then consider the punishment to be handed out. The Governors may impose such punishment as shall be considered commensurate with the offence and injury and in addition, they may suspend the Member for such period of time as they see fit or they may expel the Member from the League. The affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Governors shall be required for expulsion. Calculation of the two-thirds (2/3) majority for the purpose of this section shall be based on the entire membership including the Member charged.
 - h) The decision of the Board of Governors, made in accordance with the foregoing procedure, shall be final and binding.

Dissolution

- 4.19 The League may be dissolved at any time by the Board of Governors with the consent of two-thirds (2/3) of all League Members. Upon dissolution the League, assets shall be equally divided among the members, except in the case of the provision of Section 4.7

By-Law V – Meetings

- 5.1 The League shall hold its AGM prior to June 30 annually at a time and place to be determined by the Commissioner.
- 5.2 The Commissioner shall designate the host site for the AGM and in doing so may request bids from member teams to host the AGM.
- 5.3 The Commissioner, or in his absence an appointed member of the League Executive, shall preside at the AGM.
- 5.4 The Commissioner, each year, shall call a meeting of the Board of Governors for matters such as discipline, scheduling, draft, etc.

By-Law VI – Special Meetings

- 6.1 Special meetings of the League may be called by the Commissioner and/or League Executive at any time. A special meeting may also be called by an application to the Secretary by a majority of the participating member teams in writing and when such application is received, the League Executive shall call a Special Meeting.

By-Law VII – Voting

- 7.1 Each participating member team in good standing shall be entitled to one voting representative at any meeting of the League. A team is considered to be in good standing if all financial commitments to the league are paid to date.
- 7.2 Two (2) officers of the League Executive shall have the right to vote at any League meeting. In case of a tie, the Commissioner's vote shall carry. The officers of the League Executive shall be expected to bring forth suggestions and recommendation dealing with any area of the operation of the League for consideration of the comprising teams at the League meeting.
- 7.3 All motions put at any League meeting shall be carried only by a majority vote of the voting representation present, unless otherwise required by the Constitution.
- 7.4 An application made under the By-Laws and Regulations must be approved by the majority of participating member teams present at any League meeting or in the event of an emergency, the Commissioner is hereby empowered to make a telephone vote of the participating member teams, provided that in the sole discretion of the League Executive, the application is of an emergency nature. Any such telephone vote must be confirmed and ratified at the first League Meeting following and taking of such telephone vote.

- 7.5 Robert Rules of Order shall apply at all meetings at which a jurisdictional dispute arises.
- 7.6 Voting by proxy shall not be permitted at any meeting of the League, its Board of Governors or Committees.

By-Law VIII- Fees

- 8.1 The participating member teams shall be required to pay an annual fee, as determined at the AGM, to the League. As deemed necessary, and with the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of all League members, the participating teams may be assessed by the League Executive, an additional amount to cover any over-expenditures in relation to the operation of the League. Fees are to be paid in three (3) installments by the following dates:

First 50% by June 30

Second 25% by September 30

Final 25% by December 30

Teams must meet payments in order to be considered in good standing. Fees are considered to be paid when received by Secretary Treasurer or the Commissioner.

- 8.2 A performance bond deposit shall be duly levied and no team shall be authorized to take part in any regularly scheduled game or playoff unless their performance bond deposit is in fully paid status with the League no later than July 15 of the current year. Amount of said bond to be \$500.00

By-Law IX- Protests and Appeals

- 9.1 Protests may be filed with the Commissioner, or his designate, in accordance with Hockey PEI and Hockey Canada regulations. The matter being protested shall be considered by the Commissioner, who shall hand down the decision after having investigated the protest thoroughly either by calling in witnesses or by requesting affidavit evidence or deal with the protest in any other manner that in their sole discretion will enable them to come to a proper decision.
- 9.2 An appeal of any decision made by the Commissioner, or his designate, is to be filed with the Executive Director, Hockey PEI in accordance with Hockey PEI and Hockey Canada regulations.

By-Law X – Banking

- 10.1 a) The League Executive shall arrange for the opening of a bank account in some chartered bank, trust company or credit union in which funds of the League shall be deposited and withdrawals made by the Secretary/Treasurer and one of the elected officers, to be recognized as the signing officers of the League.
- b) A trust fund, called an emergence fund, shall be set up with a financial institution with Deposit Insurance.

- 10.2 The League Executive shall be responsible for the payments of all accounts of the League and shall make such regulations as it deems necessary to deal with payment of regular current accounts.

By-Law XI – Officers

- 11.1 No member of a Team's executive, or coach, manager or trainer of any of the participating member teams shall be eligible for election to the League Executive.

By-Law XII – Discipline

- 12.1 The League may, from time to time, adopt minimum suspensions or penalties to be imposed on offending team players and officials.
- 12.2 The Commissioner or his designate may fine, suspend (or both) a team, player or official, if he determines that such action is necessary to preserve the integrity of the League or for other good cause.
- 12.3 There shall be no hearing or appeal from minimum suspensions issued under a minimum suspension policy.
- 12.4 An appeal of a suspension made by the Commissioner or his designate, pending the point of reference (League vs. Hockey PEI rules/regulations) may be made to the Hockey PEI Appeals Committee.

By-Law XIII – Playing Rules and Regulation

- 13.1 The League shall adopt the playing rules of Hockey Canada.
- 13.2 The League will abide by the By-Laws and Regulations of Hockey PEI and Hockey Canada.
- 13.3 The League may apply, through Junior Council, to Hockey PEI, to make changes to their rules and regulations.

REGULATIONS

Regulation I – Teams

- 1.1 Participating member teams shall, during all schedule games of the league, dress a minimum of 12 players and 1 goalie. Failure to abide with this regulation will result in the opposing team having the option of a forfeit win with coverage for related expenses or agreement to play with the offending team fined.
- 1.2 Any team arriving at a game with less than 12 players, 1 goalie and 1 alternate goalie shall be subject to a fine of \$100.00 in addition to related expenses for the opposing team, as determined by the Commissioner. The Commissioner has the sole discretion to waive the fine in the event of special circumstances.

- 1.3 Each participating member team shall be allowed to dress the maximum number of players as per the CHA Regulations.
- 1.4 Any team who plays an ineligible player shall automatically be deemed to have lost the game or games in which any ineligible player(s) had participated. Any coach who plays an ineligible player will be suspended one game for each game the ineligible player played in addition to a fine of \$100.00 for each game an ineligible player played. An ineligible player is one that is either not properly registered with HPEI, not property of the team they are playing for or is not in good standing with either the League or HPEI because of suspension or any other similar situation. A player deemed to be an ineligible player because of equipment on the ice is not grounds for a protest.
- 1.5 Each participating member team shall indicate to the League in writing at the Annual Meeting each year, the names and addresses of the team's Board of Governors and owners, as provided for in By-Law I with said Governor continuing to be that team's representative until such time as any changes might be made in accordance with the constitution, By-Law or Regulations of the League.
- 1.6 The names of each team's proposed Governor shall be forwarded to the League for scrutiny and approval by the League before they are recorded with the League.
- 1.7 If the League Executive should decide that any proposed team Board of Governor or any proposed member of the Team Executive does not meet the requirements of By-Law 1.2, the League Executive shall meet with the representatives of the team in question before making any final decisions or rejection. The said representative shall have the opportunity to question the grounds for any proposed rejection and should any explanation in relation to the said grounds not be acceptable, the Team Executive shall be given the opportunity to submit further proposed Board of Governor.
- 1.8 Each of the participating member teams shall indicate to the league, at the AGM, whether such team intends to participate in the League the following season. The League will contact any club not heard from by the deadline.
- 1.9 All players' registration cards, transfer information, releases and trades shall be sent to both Commissioner and the Registrar of Hockey PEI, the latter of which shall forward copies of the team lists to the League for distribution to member teams and League Executive. Failure to notify the League shall result in a fine of \$100.00
- 1.10 For all regular scheduled games and League playoffs, the home club shall provide security in the form of police or security guards, a minimum of one per regular League game and at the discretion of the League Executive in the playoffs. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in a minimum fine of \$100.00 and possible forfeiture of the game and repeated violations, possible suspension of the franchise.
- 1.11 After specified deadlines, the Commissioner shall obtain all pertinent information regarding affiliated teams, affiliated players, club systems and player lists for affiliate teams, from the Hockey PEI Registrar and will circulate to the League.
- 1.12 Matching sweaters and socks must all be of the team's designated color. Failure to meet the aforementioned requirements may result in a \$100.00 fine for each game. In

addition, players regularly in the line-up must have their surname on the back of their sweater, over their player number.

- 1.13 Team identified camps may be held April through August, with team on-ice training camps permitted to commence the first Friday after Labour Day.
- 1.14 Any player released to pursue other personal or hockey related opportunities shall be deemed to the property of the team from which they were released should they wish to play in the League.
- 1.15 Teams must identify their 4 overage players in writing to the League prior to October 25 annually and release all remaining overagers on their protected list as free agents.
- 1.16 Teams shall operate with a 45 man protected roster which will be filed with the League at the commencement of the season and updated accordingly as players are added and released throughout the course of the season. Any team playing a player not listed on their protected list will be fined \$100 and will lose 2 roster spots on their 45 man protected list.
- 1.17 An annual draft of players eligible to play midget the coming season and players that have graduated from midget the past season will take place in the form of three rounds of territorial picks and 7 rounds of open picks in reverse order of the previous standings. If any team opts not to take a third territorial pick they can take an open pick after the second round, in reverse order of the previous year's standings.
- 1.18 Should the League expand in a given year, then the expansion team will draft in the following order:
 - 1st round – 1st
 - 2nd round – 3rd
 - 3rd round – 5th
 - 4th round – 1st
 - 5th round – 3rd
 - 6th round – 5th
 - 7th round – last
 - 8th round – last
- 1.19 In years of League Expansion, an expansion draft will be held prior to the Annual League Draft. Each member team will be permitted to protect twelve (12) skaters and one (1) goalie from their protected list. The expansion team shall then select two (2) names from each of the member teams protected lists. As names are selected by the expansion team another player can be listed as protected.
- 1.20 The teams in the IJHL may register, at any given time, up to a maximum of four (4) players twenty-one (21) years of age as of December 31 of the current season. Players must have been on a card the previous season after January 10 and played ten (10) games OR played forty (40) career games in the IJHL and on a card for a minimum one (1) game the previous season at any time.
- 1.21 Trade Deadlines: Carded players may be traded from June 1st until January 10th.

- 1.22 Unrestricted free agents, not draft eligible, may be signed after the annual draft, up to February 10th.

Regulation II – Playoffs

- 2.1 The League playoff format shall be constructed annually, prior to the start of regular season play, by the League Executive and presented for adoption by the member teams.
- 2.2 League standings shall be determined by an accumulation of points: two points shall be awarded for a win, one point for an overtime loss or one point for a shoot-out loss.
- 2.3 If two teams are tied in points after the regular season's schedule is completed, then the standings will be determined in accordance with the following system:
- a) Season record of the two teams involved, playing against each other
 - b) Most wins in the regular season
 - c) Goal differential – goals for minus goals against
 - d) GF + GA divided by GF (lowest number is best)
 - e) Team scoring the earliest goal in their first game of the season
- 2.4 There will be no gate splitting for deciding games in play-off series. The home team shall always retain the entire proceeds from a home gate with no obligation to share with the visiting team.
- 2.5 The Commissioner of the League shall appoint a person to represent the League at all playoff games as the League Official and should be, where possible, a member of the League Executive and identify themselves to both clubs involved.
- 2.6 League Playoff game dates are to be arranged between the competing teams, in keeping with the League's timelines for series completion. The home team shall have the right to set the date for game one. The Commissioner shall intervene as necessary to set dates.

Regulation III – Referees and Linesmen

- 3.1 All League and Playoff games shall be handled by a referee registered and in good standing with Hockey PEI, together with two linesmen.

Regulation IV – Schedule

- 4.1 Each participating member team shall indicate at the AGM their preference of days and times for their home games, indicating a primary and secondary time. The schedule shall be drafted to accommodate times as is possible and equitable.
- 4.2 The League shall in all events, be subject to ratification by the majority of participating member teams of the League before it is designated as the regular schedule for the League in any season.

- 4.3 Upon verification of the League schedule, no games shall be re-scheduled except with the authorization of the Commissioner or his designate
- a) Any unplayed game of the League schedule must be re-scheduled within one week of the originally scheduled game. Teams unable to comply with this may be subject to forfeiture and/or a fine by the League.
 - b) Teams opting to cancel games within less than 4 hours of the scheduled time, without a reason acceptable to the Commissioner shall be fined \$100.00 and all related expenses for the opposing team.
- 4.4 If the provisions of paragraph 4.3 cannot be implemented and the team requesting re-scheduling is unable to play the game scheduled, that team shall automatically forfeit that game and the game shall be recorded by the League Statistician as having been played with a loss showing against the forfeiting team and a win credited to the other team. The forfeiting team shall reimburse the home team as a result of such forfeiture. Notwithstanding the preceding, if the home team receives sufficient notice of the forfeiture to enable it to arrange an exhibition game and such is in fact played, then no money shall be paid.
- 4.5 The regular schedule of the League shall be given on the date determined by the League Executive in consultation with each participating member team.

Regulation V – Games

- 5.1 All League games will be comprised of three (3) twenty (20) minute periods. However, if in the discretion of the League Executive, justifiable circumstances did not permit this regulation to be complied with, the League Executive may confirm that such a game was played in accordance with this regulation.
- 5.2 In the event a game is tied at the completion of three (3) periods of play, a five (5) minute period of sudden death, three on three, overtime shall be played. The first team to score shall be declared the winner and be awarded two points. The loser shall be awarded one point for the overtime loss. If the game remains tied, a shootout shall be held to determine the winner.
- a) The teams will not change ends for the shootout. The visiting team will shoot first. The teams shall alternate shots. Rule 35 for “Penalty Shot” shall govern the taking of shots.
 - b) Three (3) players from each team shall participate in the shootout and they shall proceed in such order as the Coach selects. All players are eligible to participate in the shootout unless they are serving a penalty at the end of overtime or have been assessed a game misconduct or match penalty.
 - c) Once the shootout begins, the goaltender cannot be replaced unless he is injured. No warm up shall be permitted for a substitute goaltender.
 - d) Each team will be given three shots unless the outcome is determined earlier in the shootout. After each team has taken three shots, if the score remains tied, the shootout will proceed to a “sudden death” format with each team taking equal number of shots. No player may shoot twice until everyone who is eligible has shot. Goaltenders are not eligible to be shooters.

- e) Regardless of the number of goals scored during the shootout portion of overtime, the final score recorded for the game will give the winning team one more goal than its opponent, based on the score at the end of overtime.
- f) The losing goaltender will not be charged with the extra goal against. The player scoring the game-winning goal in the shootout will not be credited with a goal scored in his person statistics.
- g) If a team declines to participate in the shootout procedure the game will be declared as a shootout loss for that team. If a team declines to take a shot it will be declared as “no goal”.
- h) The winning team shall be awarded two points and the losing team shall be awarded one point for the shoot-out loss and be recorded in the overtime loss column of team standings.

5.3 In the event of a tie at the completion of three (3) periods of play in a playoff game there will be a flood followed by sudden death 20-minute overtime periods until a winner is determined.

Regulation VI – Pre-Game Warm-up

- 6.1 In order to ensure that games are able to start promptly at the schedule times; the time allocated for the warm-up shall be posted on the arena clock and the clock shall be run down during the warm-up
- A warning buzzer will sound with two (2) minutes remaining in the warm-up
 - A warning buzzer will sound with one (1) minutes remaining in the warm-up
 - When the buzzer sounds to indicate the war-up is over, all players must be off the ice

Every player remaining on the ice shall be assessed a minor penalty. It is the responsibility of the game score keeper to note on the game sheet the offending players.

Regulation VII – Awards

- 7.1 Each participating member team’s manager, or his representative, shall nominate persons for categories, which are awarded annually. This will be done by ballot at a League meeting on completion of the regular schedule and prior to playoffs.
- 7.2 Awards will be presented at the annual banquet as follows:
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| 1 st place regular season | Play-Off Champions |
| Top Scorer | Most Goals / Most Assists |
| Best Team Goals Against Average | |
| Regular Season MVP | Play-Off MVP |
| Most Sportsmanlike Player | Most Underrated Player |
| Best Under 18 Player | Rookie of the Year |
| Athletic & Academic Excellence | Best Defenseman |
| Top Defensive Forward | Manager of the Year |
| Coach of the Year | 1 st Team All-Stars |
| 2 nd Team All-Stars | |
| Other awards the League deems appropriate | |

Regulation VIII – Remuneration

8.1.1 Honorariums will be paid to League Executive as follows, the amount of which can be increased as the Governors deem appropriate or decreased at the commencement of a new term of office:

Commissioner	\$1,000.00
Director of Public Relations	\$1,000.00
Secretary	\$300.00
Treasurer	\$300.00

In addition, League Executive shall be authorized to submit for re-imbursement expenses related to travel (\$10 per trip), long distance phone charges, fax charges and other charges related to general administration related to the League.

In March of each year the League shall review its financial position and determine the viability of having the League Commissioner or designate attend the Don Johnson Cup tournament, assisting with travel, accommodation and meals for their attendance.

Regulation IX – Miscellaneous

- 9.1 All expenses in conjunction with the operation of the League, not specifically dealt with in these By-Laws or Regulations, shall be paid for from the League treasury provided they are approved for payment at a properly constituted League meeting.
- 9.2 Providing that each club is given forty-eight (48) hours notification of a League meeting, failure to be represented will result in a fine of \$50.00.
- 9.3 All League game reports shall be faxed to the Director of Public Relations by the home club within one (1) hour of the completion of the game. Teams failing to file game reports within this period will be subject to a fine of \$25.00.
- 9.4 In addition to regulation 9.3, fines may also be assessed by the Commissioner for improperly completed game reports. Properly completed game reports should include all game officials and minor officials names, completed list of players, including captain and back-up goaltender, all scoring, penalty stats with times and shots on goal, official start/end times.
- 9.5 Nominations for and election of League Executive shall take place bi-annually commencing in 2003 at the AGM of the League. If there are more than one candidate present and who has accepted a nomination then a vote by secret ballot shall be conducted. The Commissioner shall appoint two League Governors to count, report and destroy ballots.
- 9.6 Any levied fines are to be received by the League prior to the team's next scheduled game after being fined and will be subject to being doubled and the franchise being suspended if not paid within prescribed timelines set by the commissioner.
- 9.7 Any request for information by the Commissioner, Secretary, Treasurer or Director of Public Relations and bearing a deadline date that is not met will result in a fine of \$25.00

- 9.8 The practice of two teams lining up and shaking hands at the end of the game shall be discontinued in all exhibition, league and play off games, except for the deciding game in any playoff series.
- 9.9 Each team shall update its page on the league website no later than 10 days after their first regular season game. This includes player's headshots and all other pertinent information regarding the players. Any newly signed players during the regular season will be up within 7 days of signing. Failure to comply will result in a \$50 fine per player not updated unless an extension has been requested to the league commissioner.

Regulation X – All Star Team and Games

- 10.1 An All-Star game will be played each season. The format of the game and composition of the teams will be determined by the League Executive.
- 10.2 A) The Commissioner will call for proposals to host the Annual All-Star Game and Skills Competition.
B) The net profits from the All-Star game, gate and promotional extras will go to the League and/or to charity.
- 10.3 Within two (2) weeks of the All-Star game being played, the host team shall forward to the League a complete event financial statement, accompanied by receipts and a cheque payable to the League for the net profits.
- 10.4 Any player who fails to show for an All-Star game, after having originally given intent to play, will be suspended for the next three (3) regularly scheduled League games and his team fined \$100.00.

Regulation XI – Fights in Exhibition Games

- 11.1 No more than five fighting majors per team per game shall be deemed acceptable. For each fighting major, in excess of the fifth that a team is assessed, the coach will be suspended one regular season game per and \$100.00 per fighting major assessed. Should these suspensions have to be applied as the result of incidents in more than one game, the suspensions shall be observed consecutively rather than concurrently.

Code of Discipline

It is the responsibility of each team's Governor/General Manager/Coach to ensure that his players sit out their appropriate suspensions. When in doubt as to the relevant suspensions, the League Commissioner is to be contacted and his decision/ruling shall be final.

The following represented the minimum suspensions and fines. Additional suspensions and fines may be imposed as circumstances warrant.

Rule to be Posted

A printed copy of this notice should be kept in each IJHL member's team dressing room at all times.

Regarding the Serving of Suspensions

It is important to note that if a violation occurs, the player/official is suspended from all Branch/League activity and cannot participate in any games (league, exhibition, playoff, all-star) until his suspension has been served.

Minimum Suspensions

The League will administer discipline using the Hockey PEI minimum suspensions for corresponding infractions. Teams will be advised officially of suspensions once the League has received an incident report from the game official, however, Team Officials are required to have all game sheets reviewed in detail and reference the League constitution and the Hockey PEI constitution, By-Laws and Regulations to ensure that NO PLAYERS subject to suspension or discipline play in subsequent games prior to the League ruling.

Team playing players that are subject to suspension shall be deemed to play an ineligible player.

The League Commissioner and Committees called for the purpose of situation review and disciplinary hearings shall have the right to lengthen suspensions and impose fines, as they deem necessary.