

# **RIVER EAST MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**

## **POLICY GUIDELINES – 2010**

The RE Association has adopted a number of “standard” operating policies over the years and an outline of the usually accepted policies are described in the attachments. It should be the objective of the Association to operate within these guidelines and /or make amendments in conjunction with the Executive at general or special meetings and to update these policies on an ongoing basis. All newly elected members of the Executive should be given a copy of these policies along with a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws that they may be informed of standard policies which are expected would be followed.

The AA Director has a policy booklet for the operations of the AA program which has been developed over the years and is attached as a Schedule to this document

The A1 Director has a policy booklet for the operations of the A1 program which has been developed recently and is attached as a Schedule to this document.

Attachments - AA Game Ice Allocation Policy  
AA Handbook and Policy guide  
A1 Handbook and Policy guide

## **BUDGET MATTERS**

All program budgets for operation of the Development Program, Power Camp, Tournaments hosted by the Association, and team registration fees will be approved by the Executive Committee prior to publication. All other expenses other than normal operating expenses of the Board will be presented by motion of the Executive at the general or special meetings.

AA budgets for teams will be developed by the Vice President responsible for the program and approved by the Treasurer. In the event of a dispute the budget will be referred to the Executive for a final decision.

A1 budgets for teams will be developed by the Vice President responsible for the program and approved by the Treasurer. In the event of a dispute the budget will be referred to the Executive for a final decision.

Playoff Convenors appointed WMHA playoff convenors will be compensated at a rate of \$10. per game to offset incidental travel/food costs etc.

## **HONORARIUMS**

Are established by the Executive based on the requirements of the position and reviewed periodically in conjunction with those fees paid by the other Area Associations in the City of Winnipeg. The amount paid is not to reflect a salaried position but rather a stipend that reflects the hours and nature of the work involved and to ensure out of pocket expenses are covered. Any change to the structure of the honorariums that will increase the overall amount paid out should be referred to the general executive as part of an annual operating budget.

## **EXECUTIVE JACKETS**

All Executive of the Association are entitled to and should be provided with a melton and leather or nylon/fleece combination jacket for every two terms they serve on the Board. (4 years). An Executive member may upgrade to an all leather jacket by paying the difference from their personal funds.

## **ICE ALLOCATION POLICY**

The City of Winnipeg provides an Allocation of ice at the City Arenas in the area for those teams hosted at Centre's other than Gateway Community Centre or East St. Paul. A formula for allocation of game ice for District teams is attached. It is the goal of the Association to provide a minimum of 2 hours per week for AA and 1.5 hours per week for A1 area teams.

## **FEMALE HOCKEY PROGRAM**

The Female Hockey Director is responsible for team formation and placement of teams. The Female director will participate in the selection of Coaches for all female teams in the Area as a member of the Coaches Selection Committee chaired by the Development Director.

Female players must commit to what hockey program they are playing for at the time of registration. (male or female) There is no switching back and forth once tryouts have started.

## **OFFICIALS**

New Level 1 referees who officiate a minimum of 25 games will have their Clinic registration fee refunded.

## **DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

Will run for a period of approximately seven weeks prior to the start of the schedule. The format of the program is skill development and participants will be divided by age and skill to ensure they receive maximum benefit from the program. The program is subsidized through a combination of fees and monies contributed from other fund raising activities as set out in the agreement between RRVHL and REMHA.

## **HOUSE LEAGUE**

Team formation will follow WMHA guidelines for drafting teams and ensuring all players are provided an equal opportunity to participate. Specific regulations to the categories are as follows:

### **6 and Under**

Team rosters should be a minimum of 12 players as there is no double shifting allowed. In the event a team is short of players for a game and double shifting is required, the player that is double shifted must be rotated through the whole line up, and one of the shifts must be served as the goaltender.

6 Year old players may be requested to play for a 7 & 8 team when they are short of players. Subject to the approval of the coach, a player may play for a 7 & 8 team (s) five times before Xmas and 5 times after. In the case of Centre's with multiple teams, this does not mean a player can play 5 times each half for each team but rather is cumulative. Coaches will be responsible for rescheduling any outdoor games cancelled as a result of weather. Rostered Team officials cannot exceed 5.

### **7 and 8 year olds**

Winnipeg Minor playing rules will apply. Additional rules specific to the House League program are set out below.

Team rosters will be a minimum of 11 players per team. Registered team officials not to exceed 5 persons. Teams are not allowed to double shift players under any circumstances. Teams will be allowed to bring up players from 6 year olds playing in the 6 and under program only when their roster will be under 11 players. Players will be allowed to be called up 5 times in the first half of the schedule and 5 times in the second. No games will be rescheduled due to conflicts with tournaments. Rostered team officials cannot exceed 5.

## GAME ICE ALLOCATION - AA DISTRICT TEAMS

The City of Winnipeg ice allocation policy is established as 30 minutes per team per week for all teams hosted by the Community Centres other than East St. Paul and Gateway, as well as the AA Area Association teams.

Game ice requirement for the Area Association AA teams are as follows:

Marauders - Male	6	teams	x	14	home games	=	84	games	
Marauders – Female	1	team	x	14	home games	=	14	games	
							Total home games =	98	games

Allocation from the City of Winnipeg at the City owned arenas:

Seven teams at 30 min per week for 16 weeks (Nov – Feb) = 56 hours  
Fifty six hours divided by 1.5 (90 min games) = 37 games

Unallocated games for the Area Association teams is (95-37) 61 games

There is a need to share the burden of ice for the Area Association teams and given there are five arena ice surfaces, scheduling 20% to each surface for the unallocated games is an equitable solution. (approximately 12 games per arena per season) and will free additional ice at the Terry Sawchuk and River East Arena's.

