

# **RIVER EAST MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**

## **POLICY GUIDELINES**

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 Marauder Program has a policy booklet for the operations of the AA program which has been developed over the years and is available for viewing on the web site.

The Royals Program has a policy booklet for the operations of the A program which has been developed over the years and is available for viewing on the web site.

Effective with the 2017-2018 season, all “A” teams within the REMHA catchment will be known as the Royals. Wherever two teams or more are formed in the same category, a draft according to ability will be conducted and teams designated by colour.e.g. Royals White/ Royals Black etc. Please refer to the Royals policy booklet for particulars.

All A level teams will be assigned a Community Centre for outdoor ice allocation.

The female hockey program is a partnership with Lord Selkirk under the North East Female Hockey Program. A policy booklet has been developed and is available for viewing on the web site.

AA Game Ice Allocation Policy – previously allocated at equal distribution between the 5 ice surfaces however in 2015 REMHA adopted a policy to allocate all game ice possible at the Gateway arena’s & East St. Paul arena for all levels of hockey on a proportionate basis.

## **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 in conjunction with the AA Committee and approved by the Treasurer. In the event of a dispute the budget will be referred to the Executive for a final decision.

Registration fees for “A” teams will be developed by the Treasurer in conjunction with the Board.

Playoff Conveners and appointed WMHA playoff conveners will be compensated at a rate of \$15.00 per one hour game and \$22.50 for a 90 minute game to offset incidental travel/food costs etc.

## **HONORARIUMS**

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 reflective of 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). The jacket may be purchased immediately upon their election to the Board.

An Executive member may upgrade to an all leather jacket by paying the difference from their personal funds.

## **PRACTICE ICE ALLOCATION POLICY**

It is the goal of the Association to provide a minimum of 2 hours per week for AA, 1.5 hours per week for A1, and a minimum of 1 hour per week for A2/3.

## **FEMALE HOCKEY PROGRAM**

The Female Vice President is responsible for team formation and placement of teams in conjunction with their Lord Selkirk Minor counterpart under the North East Female Hockey amalgamation. The Female V.P. will participate in the selection of Coaches for all female teams under the North East Female banners (Eagles and Predators) as a member of the Coaches Selection Committee.

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**

The 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.

## **HOUSE LEAGUE**

Team formation will follow WMHA guidelines for drafting teams and ensuring all players are provided an equal opportunity to participate. The objective of House League hockey is solely DEVELOPMENT of the individual skills of the players. 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. Rostered Team officials cannot exceed 5.

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### **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 and a maximum of 13 players per team. Registered team officials are not to exceed 5 persons. 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.

In the first half of the season there will be NO double shifting players. Additionally, when the buzzer sounds for a line change, the face off will take place at the nearest face off dot to where the play ended.

Commencing in the 2013 – 14 season 2<sup>nd</sup> half schedule for 7 & 8 will be “change on the fly” to prepare players for the older categories the following season. All teams will however be monitored to ensure that teams are observing the fundamentals of fair play and are not over zealous in the distribution of ice time in their pursuit of victory.

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