

TRIANGLE HOCKEY LEAGUE CONSTITUTION

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ARTICLE 1

- League Name: Triangle Hockey League hereinafter referred to as the T.H.L.
- Objects: To control, improve and foster hockey in the area that it embraces; within the framework of the S.H.A. rules.
- Franchise Members: Are hockey clubs who are willing to comply with and abide by the rules and regulations of the League and are in good standing prior to the League Annual Meeting.
- T.H.L. teams who cannot ice a team in a C.H.A. registered league for the current season may apply for a year leave-of-absence. A leave-of-absence will only be granted on the condition that the team pays the annual League fees and attends all of the League meetings during their leave. A franchise can only be granted a maximum of two years leave-of-absence.
- Leave-of-absence can only be voted on at the Annual Meeting.
- Leave-of-absence franchises will hold voting rights in all League matters.
- New Members: Hockey clubs wishing to apply for a membership in the T.H.L. must submit their application in writing to the President 14 days prior to the Annual Meeting. Before the T.H.L. votes on their application, the applying club must provide a \$200.00 bond. This bond will be refunded if the new club is not accepted into the T.H.L. If accepted, this bond will be applied as a portion of the League registration.
- New members must be accepted by a 75% majority vote of the League members. If after being accepted by the T.H.L., the new hockey club decides not to become part of the T.H.L., this bond will not be refunded.
- New members have to meet all financial fees and are on a two-year probation period.
- League registration fees are \$400.00. After 1 year and prepared to enter their second year, new members would be reimbursed \$100.00 of the original entry fee. After the second year and prepared into their third year, new members would be reimbursed \$100.00 of the original entry fee. After two years, the \$200.00 would remain as their performance bond.
- New members will not have voting privileges in the first year of membership in the T.H.L.
- Affiliation Fees: Triangle Hockey League - \$500 annually
League Bond - \$200.00 per club - Non-refundable
All dues are to be mailed to the Secretary/Treasurer no later than November 15 of the current season.

League Officers: The League Officers shall consist of President, Vice-President, Commissioner, Referee-in-Chief, and Secretary/Treasurer. The League Statistician will be appointed by the President for his term of office.

The President shall be appointed for a period of two years initially, and by rotation among the franchise clubs of the League. If a center fails to appoint League officers to fulfill their term in the rotation, they then must take it the year following the next center's completion of term. If a center does not accept their turn in rotation they shall be fined \$500.00.

The Vice-President shall be appointed from the franchise club next and subject to the approval of the clubs of the League. He or she shall become President when that position becomes vacant, for whatever reason, but certainly upon expiration of the President's term of office.

The Commissioner will be the first Past President. If not available, the Commissioner will be appointed at the Annual Meeting from a franchise other than the President or the Vice-President. Preferred from the franchise of the Past President.

The Referee-In-Chief will be appointed annually at the Annual Meeting. In the event of a perceived conflict involving the franchise of any one or two of the President, Vice-President or Commissioner; the ruling will be done first by the President, second by the Vice-President, and third, by the Commissioner.

The President shall appoint the Secretary/Treasurer and the League Statistician for the current season and it is recommended that they come from the same area as the President.

ARTICLE 2

Executive Committee: The Executive Committee of the League shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Commissioner and one voting member from each club; with an alternate named by the team President.

The President or in his absence, The Vice-President or Commissioner shall vote only in case of a tie vote of the executive. Any 51 % of the aforementioned shall constitute a quorum. Abstaining from Voting is a No Vote.

ARTICLE 3

Annual Meeting: The annual meeting shall be held on the 3rd Sunday of September at 2:00 p.m. of each year at the place to be designated by the President, and of which each club shall have received notice.

ARTICLE 4

Duties & Powers of Executive: (a) To assist in conducting the business of the League between Annual Meetings.

(b) To re-admit or re-instate, by majority vote; any Club, Coach, Manager, Player or Referee. Under suspension upon application from suspended Club or person.

ARTICLE 5

- Duties & Power of President:
- (a) The President will have the power to represent any or all the Executive Committee on any occasion and will be responsible to his Executive for same:
 - (b) To call meetings whenever necessary or at the request, in writing, from FOUR clubs.
 - (c) In consultation with the Vice-President and the Commissioner, to deal with and rule on all protests.
 - (d) To deal with the business of a minor nature not needing a decision of the Executive.
 - (e) In consultation with the Vice-President and the Commissioner to assess fines, suspensions or expulsions from the League of any Club, Coach, Manager, Player or Referee refusing to accept or comply with the Rules of the T.H.L. for proved foul play or unfair and unsportsmanlike conduct. Individually or collectively, at any place where hockey is being played or at any hockey meeting.
 - (f) To make available each season, to all Clubs in the League, a copy of the League Constitution and rules.
 - (g) To forward to the Secretary/Treasurer of the S.N.A. each year a copy of the existing League Constitution.
 - (h) The President will not rule on an infraction involving his or her appointing franchise.
 - (i) The President shall be paid a lump sum of \$500.00 at the end of each season.
(Retroactive to 2004 - 2005 season)

- Duties of Secretary/Treasurer:
- (a) To record all minutes of all meetings. Attend to all correspondence, record all receipts and payments, deposit all moneys received in a Bank of the League's choice, pay all accounts of the League as directed by the Executive Committee and prepare a statement for each meeting
 - (b) To send notices to club members of all meetings when directed by the President.
 - (c) To supply at the expense of the League, a copy of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, a copy of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting, a list of players for each club, a supply of referee's reports and any other information to each club member.
 - (d) To submit a copy of all amendments to the Constitution as approved by the League, to the S.H.A Secretary for his information.
 - (e) A balanced, audited Financial Statement to be presented to the League membership at each Annual Meeting.
 - (f) The Secretary-Treasurer shall be paid \$100 for each meeting.

- Duties of Vice President: (a) In the absence or disqualification of the President or at his request, he shall have the full powers of the President in every respect.
- (b)The Vice-President will not rule on an infraction involving his or her appointing franchise.
- Duties of Commissioner: In the disqualification of the President and/or the Vice President, he shall have the full powers of the President in every respect.
- (b) To act in an Advisory capacity to the League and assist on rulings on matters such as protests, fines, suspensions. etc.
- Duties of Referee-in-Chief: To assign and deal with all business between the T.H.L and the On-ice Officials.
- Duties of Statistician: (a) To compile an overall list of League standings and supply lists to the Leader Post and Local Papers on or about the 15th and 30th day of each month of Regular League.
- (b)To compile a record of the top 10 scorers and top 5 goaltenders individual statistics and to supply the lists to the Leader Post and Local Papers at the end of each month of Regular League play.
- (c)Provide Standings so that the League can purchase annually the following trophies to be awarded:
- (1)Most Valuable Player
 - (2)Barry McDougall Memorial Trophy -awarded annually to the Coach-of-the-Year in the T .H.L. after the second to last game of the regular T.H.L. season.
- (d) Each team is to submit to the President, without delay, nominations for their team's Most Valuable Player and Coach-of-the-Year. After the last game in the T.H.L. regular season, each team will then vote for the players or coaches in each category, with a first place vote being worth 2 points and a second place vote being worth 1 point. Teams may not vote for their own players or coach.

ARTICLE 6

- Appeals: (a) The League Officers shall be sole judges to whether an appeal shall be entertained or not.
- (b)Appeals on a point of rules only, as set out in the Constitution Rules and Regulations, will be entertained and not on a Referee's decision.
- (c)Appeals and all supporting evidence thereof must be in duplicate, signed by the President and Secretary of the appealing Club and forwarded to the President of the League, postmarked and registered within 24t hours of the advertised time of game appealed and accompanied by a money order for \$100.00.

A copy of the appeal must also be forwarded to the Secretary of the team appealed against. The sum deposited with the appeal shall be forfeited to the League. The decision of the Appeal Committee is final: however an appeal to the S.H.A. is permitted.

(d)The T.H.L. Appeal Committee appointed by the League Officers will be THREE voting members of the Franchise Clubs not directly Involved with the Incident(s) appealed. (If available, a Representative from the S.H.A. Guile lines - S.H.A. - 8 APPEAL PROCEDURE.

ARTICLE 7

Priority of Games:

All clubs entered in the League must be aware that their priority in any games they may contemplate playing, or competition they may consider entering, is to the playing schedule of the League which shall be deemed to be of more importance than ANY other games.

Any cancellations are to be reported to the President immediately. (S.H.A, playoffs exempt)

ARTICLE 8

Amendments:

(a) The Constitution shall be amended only at the Annual Meeting and the intended amendment must be given in writing to the League Secretary two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. Amendments must also be distributed to each contact person of each team in the League. They can be adopted only by a two-thirds majority vote of the voting delegates.

(b)Each amendment from the floor can be entertained at the Annual Meeting with 100% approval of the delegates. With 100% approval of the delegates, an amendment may be adopted by a two-thirds majority vote of the voting delegates

ARTICLE 9

Rules & Regulations:

Except for those Rules and Regulations specifically mentioned and covered here, the S.H.A. Regulations shall prevail in their entirety.

(1) Cut-off date: Each club shall submit to the League Secretary a list of players and their addresses per S.H.A regulation (Rule 4.05.01), excluding Midgets. List must be submitted before playing the first League game of the current year. A midget player must be designated by an "AP" on game sheets, and imports by an "I" on game sheets. This list must be submitted on the T.H.L. Team Certification Form and must be completed in pencil. After the first League game and until the Jan. 10th cut-off date, each addition or deletion to the roster must be faxed immediately to the League President along with the revised T.H.L. Team Certification Form. Each addition being penciled in or each deletion being erased should be noted. The League President must have a current T.H.L. Team Certification Form for each League team at all times. These rosters are available for perusal by other T.H.L. teams at any time. The final roster, which will be submitted by Jan. 10 will be completed in ink and may not be changed after that date.

(2)Each team shall have to Jan. 10 to alter their import and team roster.

(3)After Jan. 10 and up to Jan. 20 only transfers allowed by the S.H.A. will be registered provided the full complement of players per S.H.A. regulation (Rule 4.05.01) is not used.

(4) Players returning home from S.H.A. affiliated Junior A or B teams will be registered until Jan. 20 provided the full complement of players per S.H.A. regulation (Rule 4.05.01) is not used.

5) player eligibility can be challenged at ANY time.

(6) Team compliment: Each team may sign 25 players (S.H.A. Regulation Rule 4.05.01), not including Midgets. Teams may sign more than two goalies as long as they do not exceed 25 players total (not including Midgets).

(7) Players Dressed for Game: 18 players plus TWO goalies may be dressed for any game. A minimum of 9 Skaters plus the Goaltender(s) is required to participate in a T.H.L hockey game. These 9 skaters plus Goaltender(s) must be dressed and ready to play before the start of the third period. Failure to do so will result in the following fines: 1st offence: \$300.00, 2nd offence: \$500.00, 3rd offence: \$1,000.00 to be paid to the T.H.L. prior to participating in any additional T.H.L hockey games. Twenty minutes will be set on the game clock for warm-up, and will begin to countdown one-half hour prior to game time.

(8) To become eligible for playoffs: All players (Except Affiliated Players and Imports) must have played 5 League games in the Regular Season. Import players must play 1/3 of their teams regular season games. Affiliated players are exempt.

(9) Only players dressed prior to the game are eligible to be on the game sheet. Any player who is late is eligible to play provided his name is entered on the game sheet prior to the start of the third period and is dressed ready to play. After the Visiting team has completed their line up on the game sheet, they must draw a line under the last player listed and initial beside this line indicating that each player that is listed is indeed dressed and ready to play. The Home team will then initial to acknowledge and then complete their portion of the game sheet, again drawing a line under the last player listed and initialing beside this line- indicating that each player that is listed is indeed dressed and ready to play. The game sheet will then be returned to the visiting team who will then initial the home team's listing to acknowledge its correctness. Any additions to either teams list after this point must be initialed by both teams.

(10) Injury to Goalie: Application together with a Doctor's Certificate should be made to the League President, who can authorize replacement per S.H.A. regulation (Rule 3.11.11).

(11) Ineligible Players: Are ineligible to play in 2 Senior Leagues as per cut-off date.

(12) Imports:

(a) An Import is classified according to S.H.A. regulations (Rule 4.02.07). All T.H.L teams may have a maximum of three (3) imports.

(b) T.H.L. members may draw hometown players from centers within a 150 km. radius of the sponsoring centre of the team regardless of Provincial boundaries. In which case the combined population of all centers shall not exceed 4,000 and the additional centers cannot be active T.H.L. franchise centers.

(c) Each T.H.L. franchise may draw players from any number of centers. The combined population of all centers shall determine that franchise's population with respect to Article 9:14 (2).

(13) Concession Player: Is defined as a player who has not played any higher caliber than senior hockey

(a) Can be drawn from a centre within 150 km radius of centre

(b) Each team will be permitted four (4) concession players to be identified at the roster meeting.

(c) The population of the concession player's closest centre/no-centre need not be counted.

(d) Changes to concession players may be made up to January 10 executive approval.

(e) Concession players may come from Triangle Hockey League centers.

(14) Penalties:

(a) Match Penalties: Players receiving their third match penalty shall be suspended for the balance of the season.

(b) Major Penalties: Players who accumulate a total of four major penalties shall be suspended for one game. Thereafter, for every major penalty a player is assessed he will be suspended for one League or Play-off game. Teams are responsible for keeping track of their players Major penalties. For the playoffs, all players with three or four majors will be rolled back to two at the beginning of the playoffs.

(15) Any player or team official who harasses any member of the League Officers during or after a game shall be suspended and dealt with by the League Officers.

(16) The League Officers will automatically rule on any club failing to comply with these rules. The offending team will forfeit the points for the games involved to the non-offending team.

(17) Teams requiring special assistance must make requests at the Annual Meeting only.

ARTICLE 10

Tied Games: In League play, if a game is tied after 60 minutes, there will be a five-minute sudden death overtime played. If still tied after 5 minutes of overtime, there will be a 3 player shootout. If the result continues in a tie, the shootout will continue- one player at a time. You may NOT use the same player twice, unless the whole roster has been used. In the event of a tie game after 60 minutes of play in the playoffs, C.H.A. Rule 83 is to be used.

ARTICLE 11

Game Results: The Home team's representative is responsible for faxing the results of the game (the score sheet) to the League Statistician no later than the following morning after the game. Failing to do so will result in a fine of \$10.00 per day starting 48 hours after the game is completed. It will be the responsibility of the home team to advise the media (T.V. and Radio) on the outcome of all games. The home team must mail the original copy of the Official Game Sheet to the League President by noon the day after each League game. The only exception to this is when the Referee must retain the game sheet to report a Match Penalty or any other extra-ordinary circumstance. Failure to do so will result in a \$20.00 fine.

ARTICLE 12

Gate Receipts: The Home Club keeps all gate receipts from League and Play-off games. The profit or losses to be absorbed by the Home Club. The Home Club is responsible for all Officials fees and expenses. Admission fees for all Regular Season League games will be Adult – \$5.00; Student - \$3.00; and Children - \$2.00. Admission fees for all League Play-off games will be Adult - \$6.00; Student - \$4.00; and Children - \$3.00.

ARTICLE 13

Postponed Games:

- (1) Must be arranged between the two teams concerned at least 48 hours before the scheduled game time, except in the case of adverse weather conditions. A new date must be arranged within 24 hours and the President notified. A shortage of players is an insufficient reason to postpone a game with less than 48 hours notice. Any hockey team postponing the scheduled League game in order to participate in an exhibition game at home or away shall forfeit \$300.00 to the League.
- (2) All postponed games or re-scheduled games must be played.
- (3) Any team failing to return a game for whatever reason shall become liable for a fine of \$300.00. Referees and Linesmen will be paid regular fees if not notified.
- (4) Any cancelled League games, for any reason, have to be re-scheduled within 7 days of the cancellation. If not re-scheduled within 7 days, the President is to set a playing date.
- (5) Any team failing to complete the League shall forfeit their bond. If they wish to re-enter the League they must enter as a New Member. All points awarded for games played will not stand, but goals, assists and penalties will stand.

ARTICLE 14

- Regular Season Games:
- (1) Each team will complete a form giving details of club officials, colors, playing dates, etc. before the start of the season.
 - (2) The date of a Scheduling meeting will be set at the Annual Meeting. At the Scheduling meeting, teams will arrange their games with each League team and set dates that suit them both. These game dates will be within the parameters set out prior to the meeting. No changes will be made after this meeting.

ARTICLE 15

Play-off Positions: At the completion of all League games, the top teams which numbers shall be agreed upon at the annual Meeting shall commence their play-off games without delay. Play-offs draw to be completed in its entirety at League Annual Meeting.

Play-off Series: All games must be scheduled and dates set prior to the commencement of each series.

A letter with schedule dates must be in the President's possession before the start of each series. Cancelled games must be arranged with the President at least 24 hours in advance.

To determine team standings in the event of a tie, the following criteria shall be used by the T.H.L. refer to S.HA Article 3.09.01. The team with the higher point standing will be eligible for the first home game and extra game if necessary

ARTICLE 16

Play-off Weather Conditions: The President shall have the right to vary the length of the series if weather conditions make this necessary or desirable

ARTICLE 17

Referees: (1) All referees must be registered with the S.H.A. and only registered referees and linesmen are to be used for League and Play-off games.

(2) If there are any penalties such as Match penalties or any disturbance that may call for immediate action by the President, the Referee must phone and report to the President the same night. if possible, or the first thing next morning.

(3) At the spring meeting, referee fees for the regular season from all teams shall be totaled. The total shall then be split evenly amongst all teams.

Referees during Play-offs: A referee and two neutral linesmen will be appointed by the Referee-in-Chief for each game. Local linesmen may be used if agreed upon, by the teams involved. Their expenses and fees will be paid by the Home Club.

ARTICLE 19

- League Fees:
- (1) All fines will be deducted at once from the Club's bond and the team notified. This bond must be restored to its full value before further games can be played. No points will be awarded to any team whose bond is in default at the start of any game.
 - (2) Any club violating the team roster will be fined to a maximum of \$500.00.
 - (3) Any club not attending a League meeting will be fined \$75.00.

ARTICLE 20

Arena Security: To provide adequate safety for fans, hockey players and officials at T.H.L games, the Home team Club Executive will provide a security person or persons to escort a player that has been ejected from the game to his/her respective dressing room. The visiting team player will be escorted to his/her dressing room first and only after he/she is in his/her room will the home team player be allowed to go to his/her room accompanied by a proper escort. There is to be no contact between opposing players during this situation. The home team -executive is to ensure that fans are positioned far enough back from the plexiglas that they do not interfere with the players and officials on the ice. At the end of the game, the visiting team is to leave the ice first and to be in their dressing room and if necessary, have their door closed (where the home team has to pass by their room) to avoid any contact that may cause a conflict.

Violations of this procedure will be dealt with by the League executive. All Referees and Linesmen are to be made aware of this procedure and to follow it in all T.H.L. arenas.

Miscellaneous: T.H.L. Sequence of Executive: The sequence of Executive will be adjusted at each Annual Meeting: Rocanville, Langenburg, Bredenbury, Esterhazy, Moosomin, Churchbridge, and Whitewood.

The normal Chain of Command in hockey in Saskatchewan is the respective League President then the S.H.A. Teams will not be allowed to contact the Assignor of Referees at any time without the permission of the President, Vice-President or Commissioner. Please follow this procedure as a common courtesy to the T.H.L. League Executive.

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New member mandatory set up fee is \$500.00. Annual fee thereafter is \$100.00 subject to change pending annual contract renewal costs and number of teams in the league. New members are responsible for submitting information (ie: team logo) to the designer for the site's home page and their individual teams home page