

**Muskoka-Parry Sound Local League**  
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## MPS LOCAL LEAGUE

## CONSTITUTION

*Unless some other meaning or intent is apparent from the context, words used herein, regardless of the number and gender specifically used, shall be deemed and construed to include any other number, singular or plural, and any other gender, masculine, feminine or neuter.*

### OBJECTIVES

To provide a fun hockey environment, where our membership associations will:

- Promote good sportsmanship, fair play and sense of responsibility among the participants; and
- Encourage players to improve their individual skills; and
- Teach components of team play

### MEMBERSHIP

Teams wishing to play in the MPS Local League must have the consent of the OMHA.

### LEAGUE GOVERNING BODY

The MPS Local League shall consist of the following members who will be known as the Executive, Committee Members and Centre Contacts.

- **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

All members of the Executive and Committee must have completed the Respect In Sport Activity Leader program.

All members of the Executive and Committee will obtain a criminal records check and a vulnerable person's check in accordance with OMHA and OHF guidelines.

A minimum of one member shall be appointed by each participating association (ideally two members per centre) within the League, with one vote per association and the right to make and second motions. It is the responsibility of each member to use his best efforts to ensure that the League functions smoothly and to make his Centre aware of its commitments to the League and to the OMHA. He shall distribute any League literature to his Association as needed and required.

- **OMHA REPRESENTATIVE:** As appointed by the OMHA Regional Director for Area N. He will keep the League informed with regards to OMHA rules, amendments etc. He will be responsible for keeping track of player suspensions and following-up with Centre Contacts, if necessary, in these regards.

- EXECUTIVE: The League Executive shall consist of the following positions made from existing committee members;
  - a. CHAIR: An elected member of the governing body who has sat for at least one year on the MPS Local League Committee. His term will be for a period of one (1) year, having to be re-elected each year. The Chair cannot vote nor move or second motions. If the Chair must be absent from a meeting the position will be held, temporarily for that meeting only, by another person who currently holds an executive position as set out in B, C, D or E below.
  - b. STATISTICIAN: This person will be elected to the position yearly. He will be responsible for co-ordinating the monthly reports of all statistics, and in the event of a statistical dispute, his word will be final. He will be responsible for the tracking of fines, suspensions and penalty minutes. He has the authority to appoint people to assist him with his duties, if required.
  - c. SECRETARY: To be elected to the position yearly. He will take the minutes of the meetings and distribute them to the Committee Members of the MPS Local League, within one week of meeting. The Secretary will have signing authority on all MPS LL bank accounts and will be responsible for compiling the monthly agenda in co-operation with the Chair.
  - d. TREASURER: To be elected to the position yearly. He will look after all financial matters concerning the MPS Local League and report at each meeting the financial position of the League. The Treasurer will pay all accounts by cheque, signed by 2 of the 4 authorized League Committee Members. The Treasurer will ensure a Year End Financial statement, to be distributed at the League's Annual General Meeting.
  - e. SCHEDULER: This person will be elected to the position yearly. He will be responsible for co-coordinating the League's schedule and providing any monthly reports of all schedules. He has the authority to appoint people to assist him in creating the schedule for the season. The Scheduler shall be responsible for arranging an annual meeting with the Schedulers for each Member Centre prior to the start of each season.

**MEETINGS**

See Appendix B for dates

ELECTIONS: Elections of the different Offices will take place at the April meeting.

MONTHLY MEETINGS: Meetings will take place once every month and will rotate between participating centres at each association's cost, if applicable. Monthly meeting dates will be set by the new Committee at the start of each season. Meetings are mandatory and any centre not represented at a monthly meeting will be required to pay a fine (see Appendix C). An exception may be made in the case of an emergency on approval by the Committee. Emergency meetings may be called by the Chair; any two Committee Members shall have the right to request that the Chair call an emergency meeting.

**VOTING**

No Centre is allowed more than 1 vote per motion. On the occurrence of a tie vote, when voting takes place, the tie vote will be considered to be a negative and the issue may be brought up again at a later date. When the membership feels that a secret ballot vote is needed to decide an issue, the ballots will be counted by 2 members, each from a different centre. The result of 'for' and 'against' will be reported to the Table and included in the Minutes of the meeting.

**STATISTICS**

Statistics will be generated through the home centre. These will be used for the purpose of the playoffs only, and it is the responsibility of each centre to enter the game scores. Scores are required to be entered by the designated Home Team for each game and it will be each centre's responsibility to ensure that these are entered in a timely manner.

**FEES**

Each centre shall be required to pay annual fees, as agreed upon by the Committee; for all Local League teams being iced within any given season. Said fees are to be applied to the year-end costs incurred by the League and may vary from year to year. There will be no refund for the withdrawal of teams from a Centre after October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year with no exceptions (See Appendix C). Each participating centre will host one level for playoffs (Novice, Atom, Pee Wee, Bantam or Midget); total costs for ice, referees and time keepers will be split between all centres proportionately based on the number of participating teams in each level.

**FINES**

Any issues relating to fines shall be deferred to the OMHA and/or its liason(s) members. The duties of this role will fall to the Statistician.

**DISCIPLINE**

Any issues relating to discipline within a team framework shall be dealt with by each individual centre.

Any issues relating to discipline within a league framework shall be dealt with by the Executives.

**COACHES**

Coaches are expected to follow the framework of each individual centre's Constitution and in accordance with OMHA rules. Any issues relating to coaches shall be dealt with by each individual centre.

**PARENTS**

It is a requirement that all players' parents and/or guardians complete the RIS-parent online program. Each centre is required to regulate and monitor that its teams' parents comply with the RIS requirements prior to rostering players. Any issues relating to parents shall be dealt with by each individual centre.

**PLAYERS**

Players are expected to follow the framework of each individual centre's Constitution and in accordance with MPS, LL and the rules of all hockey governing bodies. Any issues relating to

players shall be dealt with by each individual centre unless an issue specifically relating to the League arises at which point the issue shall be dealt with by the Committee.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

## REGULAR SEASON &amp; PLAYOFFS

1. Regular season games shall start the weekend after Thanksgiving and run until the end of February, with a break for Christmas. Playoffs shall be a tournament format which will occur during the first weekend in March. All dates are approximate and will be determined each season (see Appendix B).
2. The regular season start, holiday, tournament and end dates shall be established by the League each year during the pre-season meetings. (Dates for the current season will be posted in Appendix B) The exact meeting dates for this purpose to be established each year by the LL Committee Members.
3. **During the regular season no team shall be permitted to blackout more than two tournament dates independent of the Local League regular season schedule, which must be reported prior to the making of the schedule. A maximum of one additional tournament date may be selected after the making of the schedule if agreed upon by all centres and if any scheduled games can be rescheduled.** All teams will be required to be rostered and obtain the appropriate travel permits prior to tournament play and all tournaments must be approved by the scheduler no less than three weeks in advance of the tournament date. The regular season schedule, once set, may not be changed to accommodate a tournament date. Any team knowing of a potential tournament date in advance of the set regular season schedule, may provide such date(s) to the scheduler for consideration in the preparation of the regular season schedule.
4. All centres are to declare their team(s) colours no later than the October Executive meeting and prior to the start of the regular season (see Appendix B)
5. The practice of using of a buzzer at two-minute intervals will **not** be in effect in Novice and Atom Divisions.
6. Game lengths shall be as follows:

LEVEL	STOP TIME PERIOD LENGTH	GAME TIME SCHEDULED
Novice	10 -10 -15	50 minutes
Atom	10 - 10 -15	50 minutes
Pee Wee	10 - 10 -15	50 minutes
Bantam	10 - 10 -15	50 minutes
Midget	10. - 15 - 15	80 minutes

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8. There will be a maximum three minute warm-up allotted at the beginning of each game, after which time the game will begin.
9. Midget teams will be granted one 30 second time-out per game, per team
10. Time-outs will not be granted at Novice, Atom, Peewee or Bantam levels.
11. All regular season games must be played within the regular season deadline. However, any game that gets postponed or delayed due to weather conditions during the last seven days of regular season, and cannot be rescheduled before the regular season deadline, shall be considered a tie, with a point being awarded to each team involved. No fines shall be levied against that Centre.
12. It is the option of the travelling team to cancel any game due to weather. Each centre will use every effort to notify the opposing team, at least three hours prior to game time, of its intention to cancel. Due to logistics however, an early morning scheduled game will be exempt from this three-hour requirement. The cancelling centre will still be required, however, to use its best efforts to notify of a cancellation in a timely fashion.
13. A minimum of 48 hours prior to game time must be given for any proposed date changes, for regular season games or setting up a playoff series and/or making changes in individual playoff games.
- 14 Each centre is to appoint a contact person for the purpose of notifying its team(s) of any unscheduled cancellations. Any centre which does not provide proper notification of its intention to cancel a regular season game will be fined the sum as set out in the current MPS guidelines by the League for a “no show”. The game shall be entered as a 1-0 loss for the cancelled (without rescheduling) and “no show” team (see Appendix C)
15. Game Officials shall be assigned in accordance with the current OMHA regulations. The current OMHA regulations as per schedule shall apply for all Officials and each centre is to be responsible for arranging, scheduling and paying for its own Game Officials.
16. Game Officials shall be provided a copy of the MPS Local League Constitution and it is the responsibility of each centre to ensure that its officials have received a copy of the MPS Local League Constitution and any amendments thereto. The Committee Members must confirm receipt of the Constitution by its officials.
17. If, for any reason, a game is delayed by more than 30 minutes due to missing and/or late game officials the home team will be required to forfeit the game and the game will be considered a 1-0 loss for that team.
18. Suspensions shall be in accordance with OMHA rules and regulations. Gross Misconducts, Major and Match penalty reports must be immediately reported to the OMHA Convenor and Statistician by the Centre’s League Contact (See Appendix D).
19. No Player may participate in any playoff games unless he is rostered with his team in accordance with the OMHA rules concerning “cut-off dates”

20. All playoff games shall meet League minimum game times as set out above. (See Appendix A)



**REGISTRATION**

1. Teams must be registered as per MPS LL regulations prior to League play.
2. There will be no adding or deleting of teams after November 1st without the approval of the League Committee. Deleting a team after October 1st may be subject to fines
3. All centres participating in the LL season are required to compete in the year-end playoffs.
4. All Rosters are to be submitted through the HCR no later than December 1<sup>st</sup>. A copy of the roster is to be e-mailed to the OMHA convenor. Any changes, after December 1st must be reported to the Convenor following OMHA approval.
5. All participating centres must submit printed team rosters to the LL tournament convenor(s) prior to the first game of the season end playoffs.
6. Any player(s) not on an approved roster shall be suspended from further League play until they have been approved.

**PLAYER MOVEMENT**

1. No Single Entry team will be allowed to roster any Overage Players unless approved by the Committee. This approval will be restricted to a maximum of three players per team; Novice to Bantam. A maximum of one only Juvenile aged player will be approved to play on any Midget aged team upon approval by the League.
2. No player may play in a lower aged division than they are eligible until approved by the MPS Local League with the skill level of the individual player to be the deciding factor.
3. Any Centre allowing a player to participate in a lower division without the approval may be subject to penalty.
4. **Goalie Movement is permitted only as follows:**
  - a) **Player must be on an approved Local League roster**
  - b) **Player can affiliate to a team at a level equal to the one he/she is rostered with, i.e. Bantam to Bantam**
  - c) **Player can affiliate “up” to a team at the level above which he/she is rostered, i.e. Bantam to Midget**
  - d) **A player cannot affiliate to a team without prior consent of the OMHA Rep on a game-to-game basis**
  - e) **There must be emergency or extenuating circumstances for the OMHA Rep to authorize a goalie share**

## LEAGUE POLICIES

- It is the responsibility of the HOME Centre to enter the home games provided to them by the LL Ice Scheduler for the entire season by November 1<sup>st</sup>. A fine may be levied to any association that does not comply to this policy.
- It is the responsibility of each centre to provide the Schedule with any anticipated blackout dates by the scheduling meeting
- It is the responsibility of the HOME Centre to supply timekeepers, at their own cost, if applicable.
- It is the responsibility of the HOME Centre to change sweater colour on game day, if required.
- It is the responsibility of the HOME Centre to enter the game scores. Any HOME Centre that does not enter its game score within 24 hours of the completion of the game, will be fined in accordance with League policy (see Appendix C)
- The League's Financial Year-End is to run from May 1 through to April 30 of each year.
- If any participating centre, for whatever reason, in whole or part, is unable to host LL Playoffs for their appointed level, said association is responsible for coordinating, organizing and running their respective level playoffs out of the hosting association's venue. The association that is unable to host must have at least one representative on site at all times.
- Each participating association must have at least one delegated representative present at all monthly meetings. It is up to each association's primary contacts to bring the attending representative up to speed on any issues. Only those people who have been given approval by their home centre shall have the authority to present issues and vote on such on behalf of their association.
- There shall be no more than a 5 goal spread shown on the score board during game play for all Divisions.
- If there is more than a 7 goal spread during the third period the teams may mutually consent to play the remainder of the game in "run-time". If goal spread is brought back to less than a 5 goal differential, stop time may resume.
- Each centre is obligated to attempt to provide separate changing facilities for all/any female players of each co-ed team
- All centres must mail original white copies of game sheets to the OMHA Convenor every two weeks.

**AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS**

1. Amendments to the Constitution may only be made at the April meeting. Constitution changes or amendments require a two-thirds majority vote of those centres present, eligible and voting.
  
2. Alterations to the Constitution which must be effected during playing season may be implemented by a two-thirds vote as per above paragraph but must be ratified at the April meeting.
  
3. Alterations to regulations or policy of the League, which must be effected during current playing season, may be implemented by a majority vote of the Executive.

## 2017/2018 LOCAL LEAGUE COMMITTEE CONTACT INFORMATION

POSITION	HOME CENTRE	NAME	E-MAIL
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## 2017/2018 Association Contacts

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## OMHA REP

OMHA Rep	Pat Parlette	<a href="mailto:pparlette@omha.net">pparlette@omha.net</a>	(705)
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## Appendix A - MPS Local League Playoff Rules

All teams will be asked to check the tournament schedule carefully to make certain that they are at the correct arena. Due to the number of teams in each division, some playoffs will require two days to complete the required number of games. Tournament site can be located at:

### Playoff rules are as follows:

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***There will be absolutely NO checking allowed.***

*Reminder - any player receiving a suspension during the Playoffs, may incur further suspension from the Local League. Suspensions not served during Playoffs may carry over into next season.*

Teams have been placed within each division by winning percentage based on their regular season games.

All games will be 3-10 minute stop-time periods. Please be ready 10 minutes prior to your game start time; in the event that the tournament is running ahead of schedule, games may be started early. A 5-goal (or greater) differential during 3<sup>rd</sup> period will result in run-time, until the differential is less than 5 goals, then stop-time will resume. There will not be any overtime in the preliminary games, ties stand. There will be a flood after every game.

All teams will participate in point system games; 2 points for a win, 1 for a tie, 0 for a loss. The top points will determine seeding in each division for a Semi-final, or Final position, after the preliminary games. In the event of a tie for points, the tie will be broken by the following process:

1. A computer scoring system on the designated tournament website; the team with the largest goal differential percentage will determine placement
2. Any head to head games played during the playoff weekend (winner moves on)
3. The team with the fewest goals against will move on
4. Penalty minutes during playoff weekend (least number of minutes moves on)
5. Head to head games played during regular season (winner moves on)
6. Overall ranking in regular season (higher ranking moves on)

For those divisions with 7 teams; the Wildcard will be the team in 4<sup>th</sup> place after the first two initial games are played, 4<sup>th</sup> place will be determined by the same rules for placement as above.

One 30 second timeout may be called per team in the Semi-final or Final games for Novice to Bantam. One 30 second timeout may be called per team per Midget LL game.

If a Semi-final or Championship game ends in a tie; teams will play 3 on 3 for 4 minutes until sudden victory. If still tied, there will be a shootout with each team alternating three sepa-

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rate shooters. If still tied, there will be a sudden victory shootout; no player may shoot twice until all players have had a shot.

Each player will receive a gift for the tournament.

All decisions for the weekend will be made by the Local League Committee or its delegates. All decisions of the Committee are final.



## Appendix B - Important Dates

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION (if applicable)</u>
May Meeting	May 4, 2017	Huntsville
June Meeting	June 1, 2017	Almaguin
July Meeting	N/A	
August Meeting	August 3, 2017	Bracebridge
Submit schedule black-out dates/Scheduling Meeting		
September Meeting	September 7, 2017	Parry Sound
Submit # teams and team colours	October 5, 2017	
Team Entry Due Date	October 1, 2017	
Regular Season League Start Date	October 14, 2017	
October Meeting	October 5, 2017	Muskoka Rock
Roster Deadline Due Date	October 5, 2017	
All Home games must be online	October 1, 2017	
November Meeting	November 2, 2017	Huntsville
December Break	December 18, 2016 to January 7, 2017	
January Meeting	January 11, 2018	Almaguin
February Meeting	February 1, 2018	Bracebridge
Regular Season League End Date	February 24/25, 2018	
Novice Championship Weekend	March 3 & 4, 2018	
Atom Championship Weekend	March 3 & 4, 2018	
Peewee Championship Weekend	March 3 & 4, 2018	
Bantam Championship Weekend	March 3 & 4, 2018	
Midget Championship Weekend	March 3 & 4, 2018	
March Meeting	March 1, 2018	Parry Sound
April Meeting - elections	April 5, 2018	Muskoka Rock

## APPENDIX C - Fees and Fines

Infraction/Item	Fine/Fee
Missed meeting	\$100.00
withdrawal of team(s) after October 1	no refund
missed games during year-end playoffs	\$500.00
<b>annual team contributions</b>	<b>\$30.00/team</b>
cancelled game without rescheduling	\$100.00
cancelled game without proper notice	\$200.00
neglect to enter schedule by November 1	\$100.00
neglect to enter game score within 24 hours	\$25.00
year-end contributions	TBD

APPENDIX D - OMHA rules re Gross Misconduct, etc.