

LEAGUE BYLAWS
EAST CENTRAL PEE WEE "AA" HOCKEY
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Mouth guards are mandatory for all players (EXCEPTION – goaltenders are not required to wear a mouth guard)

Effective October 2009

Bylaw I

This league shall be called the East Central Pee Wee "AA" Hockey League.

Bylaw II

The East Central Pee Wee "AA" Hockey League shall abide by the rules as set down by Hockey Alberta and the Canadian Hockey Association and to remain in good standing.

Bylaw III

The Objectives of the League are:

- A) To promote and encourage the operation of the East Central Pee Wee "AA" Hockey League.
- B) To maintain and increase the interest in the game of hockey.
- C) To have and exercise a general care, supervision and direction over the playing interests of its teams and players.
- D) To control and administer the playing of the game of hockey in accordance with the rules, regulations and etiquette of the game as per CHA and HA policies, procedures and rules.
- E) To provide an orderly and competitive organization to which registered minor hockey associations may enter their teams.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

Bylaw IV

- A) The Annual General Meeting of the East Central Pee Wee "AA" Hockey League shall be held during the month of March.
- B) Association members will be notified a minimum of 21 days prior to the Annual General Meeting of the date and location of the meeting.
- C) Amendments to the Bylaws of the East Central Pee Wee "AA" Hockey League shall be presented and voted on at the Annual General Meeting. All amendments to Bylaws must be received in writing to the league governor by March 1.
- D) Amendments to the Bylaws of the East Central Pee Wee "AA" Hockey League shall be passed by a simple majority of the members present at the Annual General Meeting, with each member only having one vote per team.
- E) Each association must identify in writing one representative and one alternate per team who will be responsible to represent the interests of both the league and its membership. No other member representative may vote on behalf of the team without written consent from that association's president.

MEMBERSHIP

Bylaw V

- A) League membership may be acquired by presentation to the League Governor prior to March 1, stating teams to be entered, ability to strengthen the league and expressing compliance to the Bylaws and Regulations of the league.
- B) New members will initially be accepted as probationary members by a majority vote of the permanent members. Any members not present at the AGM must communicate their vote to the

- League Governor prior to this meeting.
- C) Probationary members must participate in the East Central Pee Wee "AA" Hockey League for a minimum of one year before being considered for permanent membership.
 - D) Permanent membership shall be granted only after satisfactory performance as a probationary member and a majority vote to the permanent members at the Annual General Meeting.
 - E) A member may resign or request a leave of absence by stating such at an annual meeting without forfeiting any dues, provided they are in good standing.
 - F) Membership is to be restricted to teams qualifying no higher than "AA" status as per Hockey Alberta Rules, unless voted upon by the permanent members at the Annual General Meeting.

SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

Bylaw VI

- A) Suspension of expulsion may take place in the event of noncompliance with the Bylaws or Regulations of the league.
- B) Members or an individual team of a member may be suspended by a majority vote at any duly called League meeting.
- C) Suspension will be for a period as decided by the majority vote.
- D) Members absent for two (2) consecutive duly meetings during the course of the year will be placed on probationary status for the balance of the year and their status will be reviewed at the following Annual General Meeting.
- E) Members absent for three (3) duly called meetings during the course of the year will be played on probationary status for the balance of the year and their status will be reviewed at the following Annual General Meeting.
- F) Members may be expelled by a majority vote at the Annual General Meeting.

DUES

Bylaw VII

- A) League fees are to be determined at the Annual General Meeting and are to be paid in full prior to September 15.

DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE LEAGUE GOVERNOR

Bylaw VIII

- A) Be the first contact for teams within his/her jurisdiction and first contact for all League discipline matters.
- B) To conduct the business of the League in its entirety between and during meetings.
- C) The governor may represent any or all members of the league on any occasion and will be responsible to the League for the same.
- D) To call and chair all meetings that are deemed necessary or to call a special meeting at the request of any five (5) League teams received in writing and/or verbally stating the business to be considered at the special meeting.
- E) To provide reports to the Hockey Alberta Minor Chairperson regarding any suspensions of Clubs, Managers, Coaches, Players or Officials when required.
- F) Ensure the League schedule is developed and distributed.
- G) Shall have one vote at all elections and cast a deciding vote in case of a tie on motions and protests.
- H) Arrange for and distribute League game sheets

RULES

Bylaw IX

- A) Scheduled league games have priority over exhibition and tournament games as provided by the Hockey Alberta Regulations.
- B) League play shall be no less than a 28 game schedule, consisting of 14 home and 14 away games.
- C) The League shall consist of eight (8) teams and be placed in one division.
- D) No League games will be scheduled to begin after 3:00 pm on Sundays for any teams which would require more than 2 hours of travel time to get home at the conclusion of the game.
- E) Each team is required to submit a minimum of 30 game slots for scheduling by August 1.
- F) The League Governor will have a final schedule completed by the September League Meeting.
- G) If a game is rescheduled, an alternate date MUST be identified prior to the rescheduling suitable to BOTH teams.
- H) Inclement weather will not constitute grounds for forfeiture. Games not played due to inclement weather will be rescheduled by the team managers.
- I) Game sheets must be legible and filled out in their entirety including the referee's registration number as well as the game number.
- J) Games sheets must be sent to the League Governor via Fax within 48 hours of the game. The home team will be responsible for faxing in game sheets and entering them on the website.
- K) Suspensions – it is the Coaches' responsibility to prevent any player from playing that has violated a rule in which the CHA, HA or the League requires a player to be suspended.
- L) Any player suspended from play while playing as an affiliated player in a higher division must serve that suspension in the Division in which he is registered and may not play in either division as a registered player until the suspension is served.
- M) As a show of sportsmanship the coaches should encourage their players to shake hands after the game, however if the referee feels the situation does not warrant shaking hands, he/she shall direct the teams to their respective dressing rooms.
- N) If there is a six (6) goal differential at the beginning of the 3rd period, the referee will be instructed by the coach of the winning team, to instruct the timekeeper to let the clock run at straight time. The responsibility will be left to the Coach of the team winning at the time. If the goal differential becomes less than six (6) goals, the clock will return to stop time.
- O) Teams not meeting their League commitments will be expelled from the league playoffs
- P) In cases where teams drop out of the League during the year, opposing teams will be awarded two (2) points for all scheduled games.
- Q) A minimum 2.25 hour ice allocation will be required for all games
- R) Team lists with sweater numbers must be forwarded to the League Governor prior to the first league game. Import players are to be identified to the League Governor.
- S) The playoff format is to be decided prior to the commencement of League play.

HOCKEY PLAYOFFS FORMAT

Playoff Format 2009/2010 will consist of Eight (8) Team Provincial Tournament format. The team with the best winning percentage as of Monday December 7, 2009, will have the right to host the tournament at the end of February or beginning of March. If that team can't host then it will go to the 2nd place team at that time. League will supply the medals and banners, the Ice and Referee cost will be divided between the 8 teams equally. League awards will also be given out at this time.