

R.O.W.E. Constitutional Agreement

Between

Rayside Balfour Minor Hockey Association

Onaping Falls Minor Hockey Association

Massey Minor Hockey Association

Walden Minor Hockey Association

Espanola Minor Hockey Association

Established 2003

Last Up-dated September, 2018

The aim of this Agreement is to provide a league for House league Hockey competition between the Rayside-Balfour Minor Hockey Association, Massey minor hockey association, Walden Minor Hockey Association, Espanola Minor Hockey Association and Onaping Falls Minor Hockey Association for Novice to atom

The executive will consist of each Association's President or designate and a Convenor for one division from each Association. All rules and policies in NOHA and CHA will apply except those listed below.

RULES:

1. The league will hold a **Coaches/Managers Season Start-up Meeting** near the end of September to go over this Constitution, Team expectations, meet the Divisional Convenors, and discuss other pertinent items for the Season. It is **mandatory** for each team to send at least one Representative (preferably the coach). **Failure to attend will result in a \$100.00 Fine.**
2. League play will start on or after the first Saturday in October.
3. All Associations will follow the same evaluation process / team selection. All players will be graded according to skill level (A, B, C,D); a draft will take place by skill level to ensure balanced teams.
4. The Novice – Atom Teams will be an 18-24 game schedule. You will play every team an equal amount of times where possible. Location of the games cannot be guaranteed. Pee wee, Bantam and Minor-Major Midgets will play in NEHL for the 2018-2019 season.
5. All games are 1 hour in the atom division

NOVICE: 2 periods of 20 minutes

then that is what you do

- This will be a 4 on 4 format but if you meet a team that can only do 3 on 3

-Coaches are permitted on the ice (until January) to help with face off positioning, encouragement.

-Referees will start calling Offside and icing calls in games scheduled as of January 15 when full ice commences

Novice Managers or bench staff if not busy will keep score of the game as having time keepers for 2 different games being played is not feasible.

NOVICE: 2 periods of 20 minutes – no stop time, if time

ATOM: 3 periods of 11 minutes – all stop time, if time allows

6. Referees/linesman/timekeepers will be the responsibility of the **Home team** (schedule & payment)

NOVICE: 2-man system minimum one on each side (3 playoffs)
ATOM: 2-man system minimum (3 playoffs)

7. All teams will have a **3 – minute warm up** at the start of the games. The Referee will blow the whistle with 1-minute remaining, which will indicate, to the teams to pick up the pucks to enable the game to start immediately at the 3 minutes allowed. Teams not abiding by the rules and not ready to play at the end of the 3-minute warm up will be assessed a penalty for delay of game.
8. Teams will shake hands prior to the game at the end of the pre-game warm up.
9. Game sheets will be the responsibility of the home team.
10. All Associations will submit their team's home ice times by **September 20th** to formulate a League schedule.
11. Games to be rescheduled must be done 14 days in advance of the scheduled game. Both teams Must agree on an alternate date and time arranged by the home team. Rescheduling forms must be filled in and sent to the Division convener. The team wishing to make the change is responsible for completing the form. Failure to comply will result in the team at fault forfeiting the game in question. **See attached form.**
12. Only under extreme weather conditions and arena conditions will a two-hour notice of postponement of a game be allowed. The coaches or manager and the Convener of the Division must be contacted.
13. Home team must fax or E-mail the game results (including major penalties and suspensions) to the Division convener (**Convenor's preference**) within 3 days or a **\$20.00 fine** will be assessed per occurrence. Standard Form to be provided in each team's coaching package.
14. All fines are the teams responsibility and are payable to their respective association within 14 days of receiving notice. Failure to pay may result in league suspension for the coach.
15. League games take precedent over tournament or exhibition games and must be rescheduled. **Each ROWE Team must** submit their Tournament Schedule by November 1st to their HL Convenor, Association Ice Scheduler, and the League game scheduler Diane Ryan girardoptical@eastlink.ca.
NOTE: Teams requiring Make-up games (Home or Away) due to going to unscheduled tournaments after Nov. 1st must provide Ice, game Officials, and date agreeable to the other team.
16. Team members and the Associations shall be responsible for the conduct of their teams.

17. Any player receiving 3 penalties of any kind will be automatically removed for the balance of the game upon assessment of the third penalty. The third penalty to any player will still require his/her teams to play a man short and have a player on the ice at the time of third penalty, serve the penalty.
18. Players who receive (3) notices of suspensions from the NOHA must appear before the ROWE Executive.
19. There will be body contact but no body checking.
20. All teams will adhere to a fair/equal ice policy for all players; failure to do so may result in disciplinary action by the ROWE Executive. All complaints must be in writing and submitted to your Division Convenor.
21. Any league complaints must be submitted in writing to their respective President and Division Convenor.
22. This league has a zero tolerance for abuse toward players/fans/ referees/volunteers/arena staff And will be subject to discipline.
23. No Time Outs allowed during any regular season or playoff game.

TIE BREAKING RULE:

In the event of a tie for any position at the conclusion of the “Regular Season”

- (i) NOHA: GF/GA Chart will be used, if still tied;
- (ii) Most Head-to-Head wins between tied teams, if still tied;
- (iii) Flip a coin.

PLAYOFFS:

1. Playoffs will be a tournament format. Playoffs will take place last weekend of February or first weekend in March. Each association will host a division playoff.
2. The regular season standing will determine the position of the teams in the playoffs.

SEE PLAYOFF RULES, BELOW

Note: All trophies and medals will be ordered together with the cost being split 4-ways based on numbers of Teams. For Pre-Novice, split will be determined by number of Association players. Each Association will take their turn ordering the year-end awards and will be responsible to engrave annual championship Trophy if their team wins.

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PLAYOFF Rules

1. Unless otherwise specified, NOHA and Hockey Canada rules apply
2. 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie.
3. If two or more teams are tied points after the preliminary playoff round, a winner will be identified Applying the following tie breaking criteria;
 - Goals for/goals Against Percentage. See chart in Arena; if still tied;
 - Least penalty minutes; if still tied;
 - Time of first goal between tied teams; if still tied;
 - Winner will be determined by coin toss.
4. In the event of a tie in a final and/or championship game, Sudden Death Overtime will be:
 - 5 minutes of 4 on 4 hockey, stop time; if still tied;
 - 5 minutes of 3 on 3 hockey, stop time; if still tied;
 - Shoot Out. Each team will designate three shooters to take one shot each. If still tied after 3 Shooters, each team will designate another shooter (sudden death) until a winner is declared. No Player shall shoot twice unless the player roster has been exhausted.

NOTE" All penalties will be carried into overtime. During overtime teams can only change on the fly.

5. Home team will change jerseys in the event of confliction of colors.
6. Teams must be ready to play 15 minutes prior to their scheduled times.
7. Teams will shake hands at the beginning of the game.
8. Any player, who receives 3 penalties during a game, will be removed for the remainder of that game.
9. No time outs!
10. ROWE committee decisions are final; appeals are not allowed.