

BIG SIX HOCKEY LEAGUE

Constitution, Rules And Regulations

Amended October 1, 2019

Article 1 - THE LEAGUE

- 1.1 The name of the League will be the Big Six Hockey League.
- 1.2 The purpose of the League is to control, improve and foster senior hockey in the area that it embraces. To carry out competitions for League championships. To protect the mutual interests of all members. The League will operate within the framework of the S.H.A. as set out in their current handbook.
- 1.3 All teams must certify with the S.H.A. before the start of each season.
- 1.4 Hockey clubs making application for a franchise may be admitted to the League by receiving a quorum of the majority of votes at a properly called meeting. There will be a minimum one-year probationary period for all new teams. Until they have complied with all regulations and requirements for the League to the satisfaction of the executive during that period, they will not be entitled to a vote. After successful probation period, they will become a full voting member of the Big Six Hockey League. Only active members of the League will be eligible to vote on constitutional amendments.
- 1.5 All hockey clubs applying for membership must have artificial ice.
- 1.6 Teams must post a five hundred dollars (\$500.00) performance bond upon acceptance to the League unless this is increased during the regular fall Annual Meeting. The annual League fees will be one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). All fees, including S.H.A. fees, must be paid prior to any exhibition games or commencement of League play.
- 1.7 The League constitution shall only be amended at the Fall Annual Meeting. The intended amendment must be given in writing to the League Secretary/Treasurer thirty (30) days prior to the meeting and circulated to each member club. The amendments require a quorum of all voting members of the Executive

Article 2 - THE EXECUTIVE

- 2.1 The League will consist of the President, Vice-President, Commissioner (when one is appointed), a Referee-in-Chief, a Secretary/Treasurer and a Statistician. The President and Vice-President will be elected annually at the Annual Meeting. All shall have voting power except the Secretary/Treasurer
- 2.2 Each team will be allowed one (1) voting representative. Each club president will name an alternate. In the event that the President is not available for a decision, the Vice-President shall act in his absence.
- 2.3 Organizational Chart

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| President | S.H.A. Chairperson |
| Vice-President | Commissioner (When one is appointed) |
| Referee-in-Chief | Secretary/Treasurer |
| Statistician/Webmaster | Team Representatives |
- 2.4 The President will only vote in the case of a tie.
- 2.5 The Executive will assist in conducting the business of the League between Annual Meetings.

Article 3 - DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE PRESIDENT

- 3.1 The President will have the power to represent the League on any occasion and will be responsible to the Executive for the same.
- 3.2 The President shall preside at all meetings of the Executive with the usual privileges of the office.

- 3.3 The President will call meetings whenever necessary, or at the request of 50% of the League members.
- 3.4 The President will deal with and rule on all protests in consultation with his Vice-President(s).
- 3.5 The President will deal with business of a minor nature that requires a decision of the executive.
- 3.6 The President, in consultation with his Vice-President(s), will assess fines, suspensions or expulsions from the League of any individual or club refusing to accept or comply with the rules of the Big Six Hockey League or S.H.A.
- 3.7 Each year, the President will review the Constitution, Rules and Regulations and make these available to all of the Clubs.
- 3.8 The President will forward a copy of the Constitution to the S.H.A. each year.
- 3.9 The President will oversee the work of the other League officers.
- 3.10 The President shall make every effort to attend at least one game during the regular season of each team in the League. He shall also make himself available to hand out trophies and banners in the playoffs.
- 3.11 The President will be paid a minimum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) at the end of each season, plus any expenses over five hundred dollars (\$500.00) accrued during the season.

Article 4 - THE DUTIES OF THE LEAGUE OFFICERS

- 4.1 The Vice-President(s) will assume the powers of the President in his absence; assist with rulings on protests, fines, suspensions and expulsions.
- 4.2 The Referee-in-Chief will work with the Clubs and the Referees' Division of the S.H.A. to properly schedule officials for games.
- 4.3 The Secretary/Treasurer shall maintain accurate minutes of all meetings including suspension hearings and maintain the League financials. The Secretary/Treasurer will be paid seventy-five (\$75.00) per meeting.
- 4.4 The Statistician/Webmaster shall maintain accurate game records and report same to the website in a timely manner. He/She shall also post each teams roster on the league website within one week of closing of the player registration.
The Statistician/Webmaster will be paid two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for the season.
- 4.5 The Commissioner, when one is appointed, shall, in the absence of the President and/or Vice-President, have the full powers of the President in every aspect. The Commissioner is to act in an advisory capacity to the League and is to assist in matters such as protests, fines, suspensions, etc.

Article 5 - THE MEETINGS

- 5.1 The Annual Meeting shall be held in the fall of the year prior to September 30th on a day decided by the League President.
- 5.2 The Spring Meeting shall be held as soon as possible after the completion of playoffs.
- 5.3 The President with seven (7) days notice may call Special Meetings, (Roster Meeting or Suspension Meetings).

- 5.4 All member Clubs must be represented at all meetings or be fined as stated in Article 10.8. Teams that have requested a one-year leave of-absence will not be required to attend Regular Meetings throughout that season.
- 5.5 The meeting locations will rotate in order of towns in this Constitution and that town shall provide the President and Secretary/Treasurer for that term.
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| 1 - Carnduff Red Devils | 6 - Yellow Grass Wheat Kings |
| 2 - Wawota Flyers | 7 - Kipling/Windthorst Oil Kings |
| 3 - Midale Mustangs | 8 - Bienfait Coalers |
| 4 - Carlyle PureChem Cougars | 9 - Oxbow Huskies |
| 5 - Arcola/Kisbey Combines | 10 - Redvers Rockets |
- 5.6 A scheduling meeting will be held at the Annual Fall Meeting.
- 5.7 The annual fee of the Big Six hockey League shall be set at the Fall Annual Meeting for each Club entered in the League for that season. The current fee for all members is set at Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

Article 6 - REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS AND TEAMS

- 6.1 All players and Clubs shall be registered with the S.H.A. and the Big Six Hockey League before playing any games.
- 6.2 Teams will be limited to twenty-five (25) players registered plus a maximum of nineteen (19) affiliated players from midget hockey.
- 6.3 Any player competing in three (3) games for any one Club shall be ineligible to play with any other Club in the League during that season unless his residence or occupation is changed or a franchised team has folded and then only with the consent of the Executive.
- 6.4 All registrations must be made through the League Office by the dates set out at the Annual Meeting. Teams must fax or email their completed S.H.A. Team Certification form to the President and Statistician/Webmaster.
- 6.5 S.H.A. Registration Rules must be adhered to as outlined in the S.H.A. Handbook unless it is in conflict with an article or by-law as set forth in this Constitution.
- 6.6 The Big Six Hockey League official registration form and Affiliation List must be in the hands of the League President by MIDNIGHT, JANUARY 10TH. Teams not in compliance with this rule will be fined as per Article 10.4. The official rosters will be available on the League website.
- 6.7 The President can authorize replacements for injured goaltenders if a doctor's note is provided. The replacement player must not play until authorization is received. S.H.A. approval is required.
- 6.8 Players may not play on two teams simultaneously in the League or in another Senior league. Refer to Article 10.7.
- 6.10 Use of semi-professional or professionals while under contract or on strike is not permitted. Refer to Article 9.9.
- 6.10 Teams requesting a leave-of-absence will be voted upon at either the Spring or Fall meeting leading up to the season. Additional leaves after the initial year will also need to be voted on and approved by the Executive. If League fees are paid, they will receive a vote; if only a stand-by fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) is paid, they will not receive a vote until they are off the leave-of-absence and their League fees have been paid.
- 6.11 Any player on a Big Six roster in the previous season will not be allowed to go to a different team within the League without a written release from that previous team. An appeal process will be heard at the Executive

level when requested by the player.

Article 7 - LEAGUE GAMES

- 7.1 The League operates under the playing rules of the S.H.A. and the C.H.A.
- 7.2 Home Clubs are responsible for all profits and losses in the operation of their games. For all Big Six hockey League games, teams will charge up to a maximum of \$7.00 for adult admissions with Student, Children and Pre-School admission charges determined by individual teams.
- 7.3 The League uses a two referee, two linesman system and only registered officials will be assigned by the Referee-in-Chief.
- 7.4 Teams are expected to have properly trained scorers, timekeepers and other minor officials.
- 7.5 Home teams must submit a digital copy of scoresheets to the Statistician/Webmaster and President by midnight of the same day following the completion of the game. Refer to Article 10.9.
- 7.6 In regular season league games - if games are tied after 60 minutes, there will be a five (5) minute sudden death 4 on 4 overtime played. If still tied after overtime, a three (3) player shootout will take place. After 3 shooters per team, a sudden death shootout will occur with players not being allowed to shoot twice until all players on his team have shot. The shootout will not be in effect during League playoffs.
- 7.7 Postponement of scheduled games must be arranged within twenty-four (24) hours of the scheduled start time. An exception can be made for adverse weather conditions or illness of several players. The Referee-in-Chief and the President need to be notified immediately.
- 7.8 All postponed or re-scheduled games must be played before the end of the regular season. The official League schedule can only be varied due to exceptional circumstances. Changes are to be arranged through the two teams, President and the Statistician/Webmaster.
- 7.9 Teams must give priority to their scheduled League games. Refer to Article 10.6.
- 7.10 In the event that a team did not finish its regular season games, there shall be no awarding of 4 point games. As well, the team(s) in question will not be eligible for the playoffs.
- 7.11 The League will award two (2) points for a win and one (1) point for an overtime loss or a shoot-out loss.
- 7.12 Before the start of the game, the Official in charge of each team shall give the Referee or Official Scorer a list of names and numbers of players and goaltenders to a maximum of 2 goaltenders and 18 skaters who shall be eligible to play in that game. When a player is late and his name has been included on the Official Game Sheet prior to the game, he shall be permitted to participate. This is in compliance with Hockey Canada Rule 2.2, section (b). (1) and (2).
- 7.13 **Tie Breaking Procedure:** If two or more teams are tied at the end of the regular season, the standings of the tied teams will be determined as follows:
1. Greater number of games won.
 2. Greater number of points earned in games between the tied teams.
 3. Differential of goals for and against in the games between the tied teams.
 4. Differential of goals for and against for entire regular season.
- 7.14 The home team will wear their dark colored uniforms and the visiting team will wear their white uniforms.

Article 8 - ELITE PLAYERS

- 8.1 Any player who has played a minimum of thirty (30) games of Junior A, Major Junior, or of any level of Canadian or American college/university hockey is considered an elite player.**
- 8.2 Exceptions to this rule are as follows:**
- 1. Hometown players which are defined as:**
 - (a) Any player who resides in the center which comprises the team.**
 - (b) Any player who claimed the center which comprises the team as his hometown during his last year of minor hockey.**
 - (c) Any player who establishes residence in the center which comprises the team by September 1st, as per guidelines in the S.H.A. Handbook**
 - 2. Any Elite Player over the age of thirty-five (35)**
- 8.3 Maximum three (3) elite players per franchise.**
- 8.4 FOR THE 2019-20 SEASON ONLY - Teams can select three (3) elite players from last years' roster to be exempt for the next three seasons, providing they remain with the same franchise for three consecutive years.**
- 8.5 Any team in violation of these rules will be assessed a one thousand dollar (\$1,000) per game fine PLUS forfeiture of any points accumulated during this time.**

Article 9 - PLAYOFFS

- 9.1 The format will be set at the Fall Annual Meeting as decided upon by the Executive. Home teams are responsible for all profits and losses.**
- 9.2 Players must have played 1/3 of their team's regular season games to be eligible to play in the playoffs. (6 Games in 2019-20) This requirement does not apply to affiliates or those with medical certificates. The onus is on the teams to correctly list the players involved in each game on the game sheet. The Statistician/Webmaster will supply a list of players on the website who are eligible to participate in League Playoffs. The submission of medical certificates to the President and Statistician/Webmaster are mandatory.**
- 9.3 All eligible players will be indicated on the League website. It is up to the teams to alert the Statistician/Webmaster of any errors or omissions.**
- 9.4 Players injured before or during the season must file a C.H.A. medical certificate within ten (10) working days of the injury or before the start of the season.**
- 9.5 Postponement - Article 7.8 applies to all playoff games with the exception that the game must be played within 2-3 days unless agreed upon by the teams affected and the League President.**
- 9.6 The team with the highest standing after the completion of the regular season will have the option of hosting the first game of each playoff series.**
- 9.7 The President will have the right to vary the length of each series if weather conditions make such a decision necessary or desirable.**
- 9.8 It us up to the home Club to contact the Referee-in-Chief if it is agreed upon by the two (2) teams that hometown linesmen can be used.**

Article 10 - FINES, SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS

- 10.1 The Big Six Hockey League will follow all S.H.A. Constitution & Bylaws when applying suspensions for playing rule violations & accumulated major penalties.
- 10.2 The onus is on the team to “sit out” players suspended under Article 10.1 or any other suspension. If the player plays, the team will forfeit the game or be fined two hundred dollars (\$200.00) in the event of a loss. In addition, the player in question must “sit out” the next game and an additional game for playing while suspended.
- 10.3 A team failing to register or pay fees before their first game will be fined one hundred dollars (\$100.00). This amount will be deducted from their bond and no further games will be allowed until the bond is replenished. See Article 6.1.
- 10.4 Failure to meet the roster deadline will result in a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) fine and after forty-eight (48) hours, the team officials will be suspended until lists are received. See Article 6.6.
- 10.5 Teams who default a game will lose two hundred dollars (\$200.00) of their bond. This money will be given to the non-offending team to cover officials and ice-time. A win will be awarded to the non-offending team. See Article 7.8 and 7.11.
- 10.6 Any team postponing a scheduled League game to participate in another game will forfeit two hundred dollars (\$200.00) of their bond unless teams and the League President have agreed upon a rescheduled date. See Article 7.9 and 7.10.
- 10.7 Any Club violating the approved team roster will lose their bond and will be suspended for the season. A second violation will result in an indefinite suspension. Offending players will be declared ineligible. See Article 6.7 and 6.8.
- 10.8 Member teams not attending any properly called meeting will be fined one hundred dollars (\$100.00). See Article 5.4.
- 10.9 Failure to fax score sheets to the Statistician by noon of the day following the completion of the game will result in a twenty dollar (\$20.00) fine. See Article 7.5.
- 10.10 Any player or team official receiving a game misconduct under Rule 9.2(b) will be suspended for one game. If the same player or team official receives another game misconduct under Rule 9.2(b), he will be suspended for two (2) games and the franchise will be fined two hundred dollars (\$200.00). For the third offence, the player or team official will be suspended for three (3) games and the franchise team will be fined three hundred (\$300.00). After the third offence, the player or team official and/or the franchise will be dealt with by the League President.
- 10.11 Any Gross Misconduct for abuse of officials would result in the player, coach, manager or team official being charged for two (2) game misconducts with the result being a \$500.00 fine to that team and the resulting 4 game suspension.
- 10.12 Any suspension that is issued which is to be served in a time fashion (one month, six months, etc.) will be served during the Big Six Hockey League season or playoffs only. No suspension will be served in the Big Six Hockey League off-season

Article 11 - APPEALS AND PROTESTS

11.1 Any player, coach, manager or team executive may appeal a suspension as follows:

- (a) Contact the League President in writing within five (5) days of receiving written notification of the suspension and give the League a non-refundable cheque of fifty dollars (\$50.00).
- (b) The President will appoint three (3) persons from non-offending Clubs or any knowledgeable hockey person to hear the appeal. The President must select the committee within three (3) days of receiving the appeal notification.
- (c) The appeal hearing must be held within three (3) days of appointment.
- (d) The person appealing and one (1) team member are eligible to attend.
- (e) The appeal committee decision will be given within twenty-four (24) hours if not at the meeting.
- (f) Appeals are only to be heard on suspensions concerning four (4) games or more.
- (g) All appeal decisions are final.

11.2 Protest procedures are as follows:

- (a) Only protests dealing with points arising from Rules and Regulations or the Constitution will be entertained.
- (b) The protest and all supporting evidence must be in duplicate, signed by the President of the protesting Club and counter-signed by the Secretary of the Club. The protest should be forwarded to the Big Six Hockey League President, postmarked and registered within twenty-four (24) hours of the advertised time of the game in question, together with a deposit of two hundred dollars (\$200.00). The deposit shall be forfeited to the League if the protest is not upheld.
- (c) The team protested against shall have twenty-four (24) hours from receipt of the protest in which to file a defense. A deposit of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) must accompany this defense and will be forfeited to the League if the protest is allowed.
- (d) The decision of the President and Executive is final, however, an appeal to the S.H.A. is always permitted.