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<p>ARTICLE V: MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA</p> <p>A parent or legal guardian who has a child registered with the Association, and has paid all annual registration fees plus has no other outstanding fees owed within the Association, will be considered a member in good standing of the Association and may exercise the right to vote at the annual general meeting (one vote per family).</p>	<p>ARTICLE V: MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>V.1 Member in Good Standing</p> <p>A member in good standing of the Association means a player who is 18 or above, or a parent or legal guardian who has one or more players registered with the Association under the age of 18, and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) has paid all annual registration fees in full or in accordance with the payment plan established by the Association; (b) owes no other fees to the Association; (c) is not suspended by Hockey Nova Scotia; and (d) is not suspended by the Association. <p>V.2 Rights and Obligations</p> <p>Subject to any limitations set out in this Constitution, every member of the Association may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) attend any meeting of the members of the Association, with the exception of meetings held in camera; (b) vote at any annual general meeting or special meeting of the Association, having one vote per family; (c) participate on any committee; (d) bring any motion before a meeting of the members of the Association; and (e) be elected to the Board. <p>V.3 Cessation of membership</p> <p>Membership in the Association will cease upon the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) death of the member; (b) written notice to the Association that the member has resigned; or (c) member ceases to qualify for membership in accordance with this Constitution. <p>V.4 Suspension of membership</p> <p>A member of the Association may be suspended upon written notice to the member following a resolution of the Executive for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) non-payment of fees after the deadline; (b) non-compliance of certifications; (c) Discipline Committee recommendation. <p>V.5 Membership not impacted</p> <p>A member of the Association will remain in good standing regardless of the suspension of their player(s) for conduct during game or the suspension of member in their capacity as a coach during a game.</p>

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<p>Article VI: EXECUTIVE OFFICERS</p> <p>...</p> <p>3) Any member in good standing or who was a member in good standing within the previous two (2) calendar years may stand for positions as Executive Officers subject to the following qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Any member standing for the position of President must have at least one (1) Season of experience as a Vice-President in BDMHA; (b) Any Member standing for one of the Vice President roles, with the exception of the Vice-president IP/Novice, must have at least one year of experience as a member of the Executive Committee in BDMHA or in an equivalent role in another minor hockey association. The Vice-President IP/Novice must have a minimum of one-year hockey volunteer experience; and, (c) Any member standing for the position of Vice President Finance must have a professional accounting designation or equivalent experience as determined by the Executive Committee. <p>4) No one person can be elected as an Executive Officer for more than three (3) consecutive one (1) year terms in the same position.</p>	<p>Article VI: EXECUTIVE OFFICERS</p> <p>...</p> <p>3) Any member in good standing or who was a member in good standing within the previous 730 days may stand for election as an Executive Officer subject to the following additional qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) President: must have at least served 200 days as a Vice-President in the Association; (b) Vice-President Operations, Competitive, Development, Recreation: must have at least 200 days of experience as a member of the Association’s Executive Committee; (c) Vice-President U7: must have a minimum of 200 days hockey volunteer experience with the Association as a team official or part of the BDMHA Executive Committee; (d) Vice President Finance: must have at least 200 days of experience as a member of the Association’s Executive Committee and a professional accounting designation or equivalent experience as approved by the Executive Officers. <p>Notwithstanding the above, any member who has been appointed to an Executive Officer position and has been in that position for a minimum of 90 days may stand for election to that same Executive Officer position.</p> <p>4) Term Limits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The Executive Officers are eligible to serve a maximum of 1096 consecutive days (3 years) in the same office. (b) The Executive Officers will be limited to serve a maximum of 3288 consecutive days (9 years) on the Executive Committee with the option of serving an additional 1096 consecutive days (3 years) if serving as President.

ARTICLE XXII: SUPPLEMENTARY POLICIES

The Executive of the Association may from time to time develop supplementary policies or guidelines to aid in the excellence of the operation and administration of the Association and association teams. These supplementary policies or guidelines will be placed on the association website.

Supplementary policies will be developed for the following:

- A. Team financial reporting
- B. Control of cash revenues
- C. Fundraising guidelines
- D. Sponsorship policies
- E. Logo and colour usage policies
- F. Hockey sweater, sock and name bar policy
- G. Tournaments
- H. Travel
- I. Medical and first aid policies
- J. Hosting tournaments
- K. Hosting Provincial Championship tournaments
- L. Game cancellation and rescheduling
- M. Awards
- N. Code of Conduct
- O. Hockey Development Professional
- P. Affiliation Policy

Article XI - Association Policies and Procedures

XI.1 Policies and Procedures

All policies and procedures of the Association must be kept current and maintained by the Executive Officers. Policies will be stored on the Associations website and accessible by all members and the public. Policies will include at a minimum:

- (a) Registration
- (b) Ice Allotment
- (c) Financial
- (d) Equipment
- (e) Coach Selection
- (f) Duties of Coaches
- (g) Player Evaluation
- (h) Team Selection

XI.2 Supplementary Policies and Procedures

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	<p>XI.3 Amendments to Policies and Procedures</p> <p>The Executive Officers may amend any policy with a ¾ majority vote of the Executive Officers. Upon the amendment of a policy the Executive Officers must inform the membership by way of email and posting a “news” article to the Association’s Website.</p>
<p>Article VII – Removed from Constitution and placed in Volunteer Positions Descriptions</p> <p>Article XI – Removed from Constitution and placed in Registration Policy</p> <p>Article XII – Removed from Constitution and place in Financial Policy</p> <p>Article XIII – Removed from Constitution and place in Ice Allotment Policy</p> <p>Article XIV – Removed from Constitution and placed in Equipment Policy</p> <p>Article XVI – Removed from Constitution and placed in Coach Selection Policy</p> <p>Article XVII – Removed from Constitution and placed in Team Selection Policy</p> <p>Article XVIII – Removed from Constitution and place in Team Selection Policy</p>	

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<p>Article VII: Elections of Executive Officers</p> <p>...</p> <p>5. Should two or more nominations exist for a position as an Executive Officer a vote will be held at the Annual General Meeting to determine who will hold the position for the next year</p>	<p>Article VII: Elections of Executive Officers</p> <p>...</p> <p>5. Should two or more nominations exist for a position as an Executive Officer a vote will be held at the Annual General Meeting to determine who will hold the position for the next year. Elections are to be held by secret ballot but can be conducted online through electronic voting.</p>
<p>Article VI: Executive Officers</p> <p>...</p> <p>n) In the event that the Association does not have an Administrator, the Executive Committee may also include a Registrar and an Ice Coordinator</p>	<p>Article VI: Executive Officers</p> <p>...</p> <p>n) Such other coordinators or positions that the Executive Officers shall appoint by majority vote from time to time.</p>
<p>ARTICLE XX: RELEASES</p> <p>It is the policy of the Association to discourage either the release of players from the Association, when the Association provides a hockey program commensurate with the skill of the player. Releases will only be granted in special cases (i.e. The AAA Rule) based upon a simple majority vote of the Executive Committee. Any complaints must be submitted in accordance with Article XIX.</p>	<p>ARTICLE XX: RELEASES</p> <p>Releases will only be granted based upon a majority vote of the Executive Officers. Any complaints must be submitted in accordance with Article XIX.</p>