



## **Executive**

2024-2025 Season



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# By-Law ONE

## Article I - NAME

1. The name or the organization shall be the Southern Counties Minor Hockey Association (S.C.M.H.A.).
2. S.C.M.H.A. seal is in protective custody

## Article II - OBJECTIVES

1. To provide a vehicle for competitive hockey to the centers designated by O.M.H.A. to play in the S.C.M.H.A. group.
2. To provide post season competition.
3. To foster co-operation, sportsmanship and friendship among the competing centers.
4. To assist centers in the development of hockey players to their fullest potential.

## Article III - MEMBERSHIP

A. A member shall include all the following.

1. Attend all S.C.M.H.A. meetings.
2. Ensure that their respective hockey organizations know and understand the S.C.M.H.A. By-Law One and Regulations.
3. Keep their respective hockey associations updated on the happenings in Southern Counties.
4. Act as liaison between S.C.M.H.A. and their home center.
5. A center shall be considered a voting member of S.C.M.H.A. as long as they have had a team(s) participate in the league for a minimum of three years and have paid all dues, fees and fines by the current year's Annual Meeting.

**Note: Should a member center not be represented at two meetings, they will be imposed a fine of \$100 payable to SCMHA for each subsequent meeting without representation from their association. Any center with fines outstanding at the time of post-season schedule creation will forfeit their right to participate in post-season play.**

## Article IV - EXECUTIVE

- A. The Executive of the S.C.M.H.A. shall consist of:
1. A President

2. A Vice-President
3. A Secretary
4. A Treasurer
5. Three (3) Directors
6. A Past-President
7. A Referee-in-Chief

B. Duties and Powers of the Executive:

1. The President Shall

- a) preside at all meetings of the Association and the Executive.
- b) be an ex-officio member of all committees.
- c) have the authority to limit debate.
- d) call: I) special meetings of the Executive when he deems it necessary  
II) an executive or general meeting at the written request of a majority of the Executive and/or membership.
- e) cast the deciding vote in the event of a tie.

2. The Vice-President Shall

- a) assume the responsibilities, duties and privileges of the President in the latter's absence or at his request.
- b) be a member of the Tournament and Championship Committee.

3. The Directors Shall

- a) be known collectively as the Board of Directors.
- b) be a Chairperson of ONE of the Standing Committees.

4. The Secretary/Treasurer Shall

- a) issue notices of meetings on the instructions of the presiding officer.
- b) have available at meetings the minute book, correspondence, a list of centers in good standing, documents including By-Law One and Regulations, committee reports, files and other items related to the agenda.
- c) record all the minutes of Executive and General Meetings.

- d) keep on file a record of attendance at regular meetings.
  - e) receive all monies.
  - f) draw and sign cheques for authorized expenditures.
  - g) submit books and vouchers annually for audit.
  - h) notify and collect all fines.
5. The Past-President Shall
- a) be Chairperson of the Nominating Committee
  - b) have a slate of officers ready for the Annual Meeting with written consent from absent nominees
  - c) organize and preside over elections at the Annual meeting.
6. The Referee-in-Chief Shall
- a) be appointed by the Executive
  - b) be a voting member of the Executive
  - c) be a liaison between the referee's associations and the S.C.M.H.A.

Executive members are expected to attend a minimum of 75% of all regular league and executive meetings.

Any executive member that does not meet this requirement may be removed by a majority vote of the remaining executive.

## **Article V - STANDING COMMITTEES**

- A. The Standing Committees shall be
- 1. By-Law One and Regulations
  - 2. Awards and Championship
  - 3. Disciplinary
  - 4. Nominating
  - 5. Advisory
- B. All Standing Committees shall
- 1. Be subject to the approval of the Executive
  - 2. Answer to the Executive
  - 3. Submit minutes of respective meetings to the Executive

### **C. The Responsibilities and Duties of Standing Committees**

1. By-Law One and Regulations Committees shall
  - a) have as its Chairperson one of the elected directors
  - b) receive all amendments to the By-Law One
  - c) notify the Executive of proposed amendments to the By-Law One
  - d) review, update and initiate further amendments as deemed necessary
2. The Awards and Championship Committee Shall
  - a) have as its chairperson one of the elected directors, plus the Secretary/Treasurer and a member from the center hosting the finals.
  - b) order and purchase required number of awards as directed by the Executive.
  - c) schedule necessary ice time for the championship days
  - d) make all other necessary arrangements
3. The Disciplinary Committee Shall
  - a) have as its Chairperson one of the elected directors plus two members at large.
  - b) intervene where necessary in S.C.M.H.A. disputes not covered by current O.M.H.A. Manual of Operations
  - c) render its decision on any dispute to the Executive
  - d) in cases of conflict of interest, have the President replace the affected member
4. The Nominating Committee Shall
  - a) have its Chairperson the immediate past president
  - b) prepare a slate of officers for the Annual Meeting
5. The Advisory Committee Shall
  - a) consist of the elected O.M.H.A. Executive Member(s) and any locally appointed O.M.H.A. Convenors
  - b) act as an advisory board to the executive
  - c) keep membership updated on the happenings and/or changes initiated by the O.M.H.A. Executive
  - d) have NO voting privileges

- e) communicate the needs and concerns of S.C.M.H.A. to the O.M.H.A. Executive

## **Article VI - ELECTIONS**

1. Every second year at the Annual Meeting in April elections shall be held for the Executive positions.
2. The term of office of the Executive elect to commence on the first day of the following July.
3. Any office that is not filled at the Annual Meeting or becomes vacant during any term of office, the Executive shall have the option to appoint.
4. All new nominations for the position of President, Vice-President, and Secretary must be received by the nomination committee no later than 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting. A notice of all nominations will be sent to all member centers 14 days prior to the Annual meeting.

## **Article VII - MEETINGS**

Meetings for the S.C.M.H.A. shall be arranged and conducted under the following conditions.

1. There shall be no fewer than three (3) general meetings throughout the year
2. Executive meetings shall be convened as required.
3. On the request of five or more centers, or on request of the Executive, a Special Meeting can be called to deal with specific situations.
4. As much as possible, the location of meetings should be central to all centers.
5. The order of business for General and Special meetings shall be
  - a) approval of previous meeting minutes
  - b) business arising from the minutes
  - c) reading of all correspondence, notices and other communication
  - d) secretary/treasurer's financial report
  - e) current business
  - f) committee reports
  - g) center reports, announcements, etc.
  - h) new business
  - i) adjournment

## **Article VIII - VOTING**

1. Each center and each executive member have one vote

2. Each center can only vote on matters affecting divisions in which they have teams registered with Southern Counties.
3. There shall be no proxy votes allowed
4. No person shall have more than one vote.

### **Article IX - REVISION OF THE BY-LAW ONE**

The By-Law One may be amended if

1. The motion to amend is in writing and signed by the President and Secretary of the center proposing the amendment, or a motion to amend is put forward by the By-Law One and Regulations committee.
2. The motion to amend is submitted to the By-Law One & Regulations Committee in writing not less than four (4) weeks prior to the Annual Meeting.
3. The By-Law One amendment is presented at the Annual Meeting.
4. The proposed amendment is passed by a two-thirds majority of the members present, with a minimum of ten (10) affirmative votes.

### **Article X - REVISION TO REGULATIONS**

1. Any changes, additions or deletions to the Regulations can be moved and voted at any general meeting.
2. A majority vote as outlined in Article IX, subsection 4, will pass the change, addition or deletion

### **Article XI - DISTRIBUTION OF BY-LAW ONE AND REGULATIONS**

1. **A digital copy of the current By-Law One and Regulations for the current season will be made available in the Southern Counties Website Library for all center contacts and coaches to download and distribute prior to the beginning of the season.**

### **Article XII - ANNUAL MEETINGS**

1. The Annual Meeting of S.C.M.H.A. shall be held in April of each year.
2. Notification of the date for the Annual Meeting shall be given at the General Meeting prior to it.
3. The order of business at the Annual Meeting shall be as follows
  - a) reading of the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting
  - b) reading of correspondence, notices and other communications
  - c) President's Address

- d) Secretary/Treasurer's financial report
- e) Committee Reports
- f) O.M.H.A. Report
- g) Centre Reports
- h) Consideration of By-Law One Amendments and Regulations Alterations
- i) General business
- j) Elections
- k) Adjournment

## **REGULATIONS**

### **1 TEAM REGISTRATION**

All teams registered to participate in S.C.M.H.A. league play must be confirmed by the date specified by Executive at September meeting. Any center entering or pulling a team after this date will be fined two hundred (\$200.00) dollars.

### **2 SCHEDULES**

- a) The league schedule shall commence and be completed on the dates determined by the executive. The post season play shall commence on a date determined by the executive and shall be completed by the date determined by OMHA.
- b) Changes in the schedule are not to be considered part of the regular business at League Meetings, except in cases of inclement weather.
- c) S.C.M.H.A. regular season games and post season can only be cancelled for tournaments, bad weather, and act of God. All cancelled games must be reported to the center contacts and RICS with a minimum notice of 48 hours prior to the scheduled start of the game. Failure to comply with this time limit will result in the offending center being fined two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00), payment to S.C.M.H.A. The monies may be used to reimburse the non-offending center for game expenses.  
The coach of the offending team will be suspended for two games.
- d) Teams must play all regular season scheduled games in order to qualify for post season play.
- e) The game schedule shall be proposed by the executive each season and presented to the membership.

### **3 ALIGNMENTS**

- a) All Divisional alignments to be determined by S.C.M.H.A.
- b) A center with more than one team in any category must play a full schedule in their division, even if it means playing teams in their own center.

### **4 GAMES**

- a) All S.C.M.H.A. games, U11 and U13 shall be a minimum 10-10-15 minute stop time periods. All S.C.M.H.A. games U15 and U18 shall be a minimum 10-15-15 minute stop time periods with an optional flood.
- b) Curfews are not permitted in any S.C.M.H.A. games except in the case of unpreventable emergency circumstances.
- c) Centers flooding between the second and third periods are to instruct the competing teams and the referees that teams are to proceed directly to their benches and play is to begin immediately in the third period.
- d) All S.C.M.H.A. games, REGULAR and POST SEASON to permit ONE (1) 30 second time out per team per game.

### **5 REFEREES**

- a) For league games involving U9, U11, U13, U15 and U18 divisions, referees shall be appointed by the Home Centre. O.M.H.A. certified officials shall be used
- b) Referees appointed by S.C.M.H.A. shall be paid no more than the minimum game fees and mileage as per rule 18.5 of the O.M.H.A. Manual of Operations before the completion of their last scheduled game.
- c) If referees do not show up for scheduled games the offending center responsible for supplying the officials will be fined \$150.00 payable to Southern Counties.
- d) Referees will be paid game and mileage for a cancelled game only if a single game had been scheduled. If the first of two games scheduled are

cancelled, Referees will be paid for the cancelled game as well. Cancelled games in accordance with 2c) do not apply.

- e) One (1) executive member be appointed to represent Southern Counties at all Referee-In-Chief meetings.
- f) Mileage Payment Chart shall be the basis for payment of mileage costs.

Center	Ayl	Ayr	Bev	Bran	Bur	Cal	Cav	Del	Emb	Hag	Ing	Lan	NHam	Nor	Par	Pia	PHD	SIG	Sim	SKN	Tav	Til	SIC	Wel	Wat
Aylmer	139	181	140	112	146	151	70	88	126	62	63	141	80	125	123	113	150	97	130	115	49	165	146	99	
Ayr	139	55	43	46	95	118	87	70	94	80	118	48	78	35	32	96	39	84	78	64	102	64	63	74	
Beverly	181	55	49	76	57	81	108	112	91	122	134	90	108	55	76	106	31	105	53	101	146	91	108	83	
Brantford	140	43	49	31	50	77	70	101	53	90	97	88	63	25	73	67	28	66	32	101	92	99	105	45	
Burford	112	42	76	31	74	90	56	77	64	67	83	76	39	24	56	71	49	55	52	77	76	97	94	46	
Caledonia	146	95	57	50	74	31	91	158	34	130	109	134	98	84	113	67	73	85	31	158	120	137	146	62	
Cayuga	151	118	81	77	90	31	91	160	32	151	102	151	102	88	137	62	95	66	55	164	120	160	169	63	
Delhi	70	87	108	70	56	91	91	87	67	71	38	102	31	66	87	50	92	34	71	101	38	137	118	39	
Embro	88	70	112	101	77	158	160	87	137	25	92	67	63	84	60	130	108	113	125	45	62	97	76	109	
Hagersville	126	94	91	53	64	34	32	67	137	127	84	125	77	63	112	43	81	48	35	139	97	148	144	36	
Ingersoll	62	80	122	90	67	130	151	71	25	127	76	85	49	73	77	113	99	98	113	63	41	115	95	95	
Langton	63	118	134	97	83	109	102	38	92	84	76	126	53	91	112	60	118	43	101	109	41	154	134	63	
New Hamburg	141	48	90	88	76	134	151	102	67	125	85	126	78	70	29	134	80	116	118	32	116	43	27	108	
Norwich	80	78	108	63	39	98	102	31	63	77	49	53	78	57	66	73	84	57	73	77	42	113	97	56	
Paris	125	35	55	25	24	84	88	66	84	63	73	91	70	57	55	78	32	62	56	85	98	90	85	48	
Plattsville	123	32	76	73	56	113	137	87	60	112	77	112	29	66	55	119	66	102	99	42	101	59	48	94	
Port Dover	113	99	106	67	71	67	62	50	130	43	113	60	134	73	78	119	88	25	63	141	81	155	153	34	
St George	150	39	31	28	49	73	95	92	108	81	99	118	80	84	32	66	88	88	56	98	123	87	102	73	
Simcoe	97	84	105	66	55	85	66	34	113	48	98	43	116	57	62	102	25	88	88	125	64	139	136	25	
Six Nations	130	78	53	32	52	31	55	71	125	35	113	101	118	73	56	99	63	56	63	126	94	129	129	43	
Tavistock	49	102	146	92	76	120	120	88	62	97	41	41	116	42	141	98	125	126	90	90	140	119	119	64	
Tillsonburg	115	64	91	99	97	137	160	137	97	148	115	154	43	113	90	59	155	87	139	129	59	140	28	130	
St Clements	165	64	91	99	97	137	160	137	97	148	115	154	43	113	90	59	155	87	139	129	59	140	28	130	
Wellesley	146	63	108	105	94	146	169	118	76	144	95	134	27	97	85	48	153	102	136	129	39	119	127	127	
Waterford	99	74	83	45	46	62	63	39	109	36	95	63	108	56	48	94	34	73	25	43	116	64	130	127	

\* mileage calculation based on routes most travelled from center to center.  
\$0.70 / 2024 RCA mileage rate.

- (j) Any player in league playoffs who receives a game misconduct penalty may have his status reviewed by the S.C.M.H.A. Discipline Committee. The results could include further suspensions up to and including suspension for the remainder of the league playoffs.

Any team involved in an altercation which results in multiple (player/team officials) major penalties, will have their status reviewed by the S.C.M.H.A. Discipline Committee. The team and/or individual may receive disciplinary action (including suspensions) beyond what is prescribed by the O.M.H.A.

## **6 SHAKING HANDS**

- a) U9 through U18 will shake hands at the start of game. If they do not the coach will be suspended at least one game minimum, pending review by O.M.H.A. Executive Members.

## **7 STANDINGS**

- a) In the divisions **U9 full ice games to U18 inclusive**, the 2 points system (2 points for a win, 1 for a tie, 0 for a loss) shall be used to determine standings in both regular and post season play.
- b) If two or more teams are tied in regular or post season standings the position will be determined by
1. Record of wins head-to-head.
  2. Record of wins and ties head-to-head.
  3. Goal average shall be computed by dividing the goals for and against into the goals for, for all games, with the team having the higher per centage winning the position.
- c) If teams do not play each other than goal average as in b) 3. above will be used.
- d) For final standings in post season play, see Rule 7 b).
- e) The S.C.M.H.A. website will be used to determine scores and final standings. All electronic game sheets must be uploaded within 24 hours of game played. Failure to do so will result in the Home Center being fined \$25.00 per game sheet missed.

This assessment will be determined by the executive.

## **8 POST SEASON COMPETITION**

Post season structure will be determined according to direction received from OMHA for the current season.

## **9 MINUTES**

The secretary shall send the minutes of all General Meetings to the S.C.M.H.A. contact person in each center.

## **10 GAMES NOT PLAYED**

Any center failing to ice a team as scheduled – league or post season, shall be fined two hundred and fifty (\$250.00) dollars payable to S.C.M.H.A. These funds may be distributed to the non-offending center to cover costs incurred from the game. If the home center is the offending center, they will forfeit home ice advantage for that game. Any centers who do not complete the league or playoff schedule by the set date or who drop out of league play offs to play O.M.H.A. play downs will automatically have all points cancelled.

## **11 PROTESTS**

1.1 Member Centers may file a protest on a game played in Southern Counties Play.

1.2 Upon receipt of a protest by the Chairman of the Disciplinary Protest Committee he/she will examine the protest to determine that all procedures relative to the filing of the protest have been properly adhered to and that there exist sufficient grounds upon which to base a protest.

1.3 Following a satisfactory examination of the protest and provided that the protest complies with the conditions set forth in 2.1-2.3 and the procedures set out in 5.1-5.3 the President and Chairman will proceed with the protest.

### *Matters that may be protested*

2.1 A game officials rule application, which in the opinion of the aggrieved team, may be incorrect and may have given the opposition team a distinct advantage.

2.2 The participation of a player or team official deemed to be ineligible.

2.3 A violation of any S.C.M.H.A. O.M.H.A, O.H.F. or C.H.A. rule, regulation or policy deemed to have had a significant and legitimate effect on the outcome of the game.

### *Matters that may not be protested.*

3.1 A game official's discretion and judgement of rules.

*Time allowed for filing a protest, defending a protest, fees.*

4.1 A protest must be filed within 48 hours of the starting time of the game in question. A protest fee of \$150.00 shall be payable, \$100.00 returnable only if the protest is won. *To file a protest.*

5.1 Complete "Filing of Protest" form attaching all documentation requested. This form must be signed by the President and Secretary of the Centre for the protest to be valid.

5.2 Deliver the Filing of Protest form and attachments to the Disciplinary and Protest Chairperson by electronic mail, facsimile, courier or personal delivery within 48 hours of the starting time of the game in question.

5.3 Deliver protest fee of \$150.00 to the Southern Counties Treasurer by regular mail.

5.4 A protest form will be available on the S.C.M.H. A. website with electronic submission. The form shall be known as "*Notification of Protest.*"

6.1 Upon receipt of the protest and pending satisfactory examination by the President and Chairman of the Disciplinary and Protest Committee the Chairman will provide notification of the protest to the opposing center and to the O.M.H.A. Regional Director.

6.2 A Centre served with notice of a protest may decide to defend or not defend against the protest. *To File a Defense*

7.1 Complete "Filing of Defense" Form attaching all documentation requested. This form must be signed by the President and Secretary of the Centre for the defense to be valid.

7.2 Deliver the Filing of Defense form and attachments to the Disciplinary and Protest Chairperson by electronic mail, facsimile, courier or personal delivery within 36 hours of the notification of the protest.

7.3 Deliver defense fee of \$100.00 to the Southern Counties Treasurer by regular mail.

#### *Protest Committee*

8.1 The Disciplinary and Protest Committee will consider the protest and the defense and render a decision, which shall be considered final. *In rendering a final decision, the Protest Committee may:*

9.1 Allow the Protest.

9.2 Dismiss the Protest.

9.3 Determine the disposition of the game protested.

9.4 Determine suspensions that are appropriate.

## **12 ENTRY FEE**

The entry fee for each team entered in S.C.M.H.A. play shall be set at the first general meeting, fines to be paid by Annual Meeting or centers will forfeit their votes. Fines from the prior year to be paid prior to the start of each season. Entry Fee will include game sheet fees plus HST.

## **13 EQUIPMENT**

Teams having two sets of sweaters, one being of a light color and one being of a dark color, the home team must wear the light-colored sweater.

## PAST PRESIDENTS

<b>Name</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Town</b>
John Hunter .....	58-59 .....	Tillsonburg
John McKinley .....	59-60 .....	Port Dover
Earl O'Neil .....	61-62-63 .....	Delhi
Fred Chase .....	63-64-65 .....	Simcoe
Thos. Cousins .....	65-66-67 .....	Ingersoll
Jack Downs .....	67-68-69 .....	Caledonia
Murray Malcolm .....	69-70-71 .....	Tillsonburg
Frank Faludi .....	71-72-73-74-75.....	Waterford
Dan Horvatis .....	75-76 .....	Cayuga
Bob Reynaert .....	76-77-78 .....	Aylmer
Bill Cracknell .....	78-79-80 .....	Paris
Bev Riley .....	80-81 .....	Ingersoll
Thos. Butler .....	81-82-83-84 .....	Port Dover
John Hammond .....	84-85-86 .....	Langton
Paul Masschaele .....	86-87-88 .....	Port Dover
Ron Hewson .....	88-89-90 .....	Aylmer
Colin McCallum .....	90-91-92-93 .....	Delhi
Dennis McKinna .....	93-94-95 .....	Paris
Don Laidlaw .....	95-96-97-98 .....	Hagersville
Randy Vandekerckhove .....	98-99-2000-01-02-03 .....	Tillsonburg
Dan Edge .....	03-04-05-06-07.....	Caledonia
Don Maxwell .....	07-08-09-10-11.....	Port Dover
Barry Emslie .....	11-12-13 .....	Waterford
Brad Pepper .....	2013-2019 .....	Port Dover

## HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBERS

Bill Cracknell • Dan Horvatis  
Dennis McKinna • Christine Hamilton  
Colin McCallum • Peter Glauser