

INTRODUCTION

The Warren Minor Hockey Association is a voluntary association of members established to promote hockey at recreational and competitive levels. The Warren Minor Hockey Association is a member of Hockey Manitoba and by virtue affiliation is a member of Hockey Canada, the governing body of amateur hockey in Canada.

And whereas it is declared that one of the purposes of this Constitution, BY-Laws and Regulations shall be to confer upon the Warren Minor Hockey Association and its Board of Directors all of the powers of a fully self governing organization, be it hereafter enacted:

CONSTITUTION

Article 1 – Name

- 1.1 The name to the Association shall be known as the Warren Minor Hockey Association.

Article 2 – Colors

- 2.1 The official colors of the Warren Jr Mercs shall be green, white, black, and gold.

Article 3 – Mission Statement

- 3.1 The Mission of the Warren Minor Hockey Association is to provide participants in our minor ice hockey program with fair and competitive hockey experience that focuses on the development of individual and team hockey skills, the practice of good sportsmanship and fair play and the opportunity to be challenged while having fun.

Article 4 – Purpose

- 4.1 The purpose of the Association is to organize, develop and promote minor ice hockey for the youth of Warren Minor Hockey Association including:
 - a) promote, govern and improve organized amateur ice hockey in the Warren catchment area, as Warren Minor Hockey Association, a division of Hockey Manitoba by the authority of Hockey Canada; and
 - b) provide the opportunity in an environment for fun, physical exercise, fair play and attempt to give every play equal ice time; and
 - c) ensure the development of and participation in representative ice hockey and provide opportunity to participate at the highest competitive level; and

- d) foster among its members, supporters and teams, a general community spirit; and
- e) instill in all players, coaches, managers and members associated with the Warren Minor Hockey Association good sportsmanship, correct and proper behaviour on and off the ice, respect for authority and team play.

Article 5 – Fiscal Year

- 5.1 The fiscal year of the Warren Minor Hockey Association shall be from September 1 to August 31 of the following year.

Article 6 – Membership

- 6.1 The Warren Minor Hockey Association Board of Directors shall consist of elected representatives.
- 6.2 Membership will be accorded to parents and guardians of registered players at the annual registration upon completion of the Warren Minor Hockey Association registration form and will be valid until the next registration; hereafter called a “Member”.
- 6.3 Membership will be accorded to all registered coaches, managers, team officials and on-ice officials with the association; hereafter called “Member”.
- 6.4 All teams, players, managers, coaches and trainers registered with Warren Minor Hockey Association are subject to the Constitution, Bylaws, Policies and Procedures of the Warren Minor Hockey Association.
- 6.5 Any member delinquent in their fees shall forfeit membership until full payment of fees.
- 6.6 Any person who fails to abide by the Constitution, Bylaws and Policies of the Warren Minor Hockey Association shall be ineligible for membership in the Warren Minor Hockey Association.

Article 7 – Board of Directors

- 7.1 The Warren Minor Hockey Association shall be governed by the Board of Directors (the “Board”), which consists of the following:
Officers:
President, Past President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary
Directors:
Registrar, On-Ice Official Coordinator, Equipment Manager, Fundraising Coordinator.
- 7.2 In the event that the President is unable to perform the required duties, the Vice-President will assume the position of President until the next General meeting of the Warren Minor Hockey Association. In the event that the Vice-President cannot assume the President’s position then the Treasurer will be next in line. In

the event that any other Member of the Board withdraws or is removed, or should a position not be filled by an election of the general membership at the Annual General Meeting of the Warren Minor Hockey Association, then.....

The elected board will be able to fill vacant positions on the board from interested parties. If positions are open following the Annual General Meeting elections; it will be the responsibility of the President to find people to fill all or any vacancy positions.

- 7.3 The board shall have the authority to revoke a Board member's position in the event that he or she is absent for three (3) consecutive meetings, unless excused by the President or designate. A Board member's position may be so revoked by majority vote of a duly constituted Board meeting.

Article 8 – Executive Committee

- 8.1 The Executive Committee of the Association (the “Executive”) shall consist of the Officers of the Warren Minor Hockey Association.

Article 9 – Nominating Committee

- 9.1 This committee shall consist of the Past President serving as Chairperson and two other Board members.

Article 10 – Ad Hoc Committees

- 10.1 The Board may establish Ad Hoc Committees to perform certain tasks. Appoint the members, prescribe the duties of the Ad Hoc Committee and delegate to any Ad Hoc Committee any of its powers, duties and functions except where prohibited by the Constitution & By-Laws. Such Ad Hoc Committees shall be dissolved upon completion of their tasks or upon being discharged from the Board.

Article 11 – General Meeting of the Warren Minor Hockey Association

- 11.1 The President shall call a General Meeting:
- a) each year
 - b) at his or her discretion; or
 - c) upon written request of any 25% members of the Warren Minor Hockey Association.
- 11.2 A duly constituted General Meeting shall be a meeting:
- a) for which notices have been posted; and

- b) the President or Designate, shall preside over General Meeting of the Warren Minor Hockey Association and, having due regard for the Roberts Rule of Order, conduct the meeting.
- 11.3 Purpose
- The General Meetings' purpose is to ensure that all Members having interest in the Warren Minor Hockey Association has the opportunity to vote on the following:
- a) proposed amendments to the Warren Minor Hockey Association Constitution and By-Laws; and
 - b) election of the Board of Directors.

Article 12 – Board of Directors Meetings

- 12.1 Warren Minor Hockey Association will hold regular Board meetings.
- 12.2 A duly constituted Board meeting shall be a meeting:
 - a) for which a quorum shall consists of 50% +1 member of the Board and only Board members shall have a vote at regular meetings; and
 - b) the President or Designate shall preside over Board of Directors Meeting of the Warren Minor Hockey Association and, having due regard for the Roberts Rules of Order, conduct the meeting.
- 12.3 A meeting of the directors may be convened at any time by the president or any two directors and the secretary

Article 13 – Voting

- 13.1 A vote on any matter to come before a duly constituted Board or General Meeting shall be carried by majority vote of those present and eligible to vote.
- 13.2 There shall be no vote by proxy
- 13.3 The President in all meetings of the Board of Directors, Executive, Committee and General Meeting will participate in a vote only to break tie.

Article 14 – Conflict of Interest & Confidentiality

- 14.1 Board members are required to notify the Board of situations where a conflict of interest might exist in the execution of duties related to Warren Minor Hockey Association
- 14.2 The Board shall decide whether or not the member should be excluded from discussion and/or voting.
- 14.3 In cases in which conflict of interest arises, the Board member in conflict will absent him/herself from the Board of Directors or Committee meeting until the issue has been resolved.
- 14.4 Every Director and Officer of the Association must respect the confidentiality of matters brought before the Board for consideration.

Article 15 – Changes to the Constitution and By-Laws

- 15.1 The constitution and BY-Laws of the Warren Minor Hockey Association can only be changed:
- a) on even numbered years at the Annual General Meeting
 - b) by motion made at a duly constituted General Meeting and carried by a majority of those present and eligible to vote; and
 - c) any member wanting to submit changes must do so a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the Annual General Meeting and the President shall circulate said notices of motion to the Warren Minor Hockey Association Board of Directors a minimum of fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
 - d) there shall be no vote by proxy

Article 16 – Banking and Finance

- 16.1 A bank account shall be opened in the name of Warren Minor Hockey Association. Two persons of the following office will be required to sign cheques: President, Vice-President and Treasurer.

Article 17 – Rules, Regulations, and Guidelines

- 17.1 Where the provisions of the Warren Minor Hockey Association Constitution are inconsistent with the Hockey Canada Constitution and the Hockey Manitoba Constitution, the constitution of Hockey Canada and Hockey Manitoba shall prevail.
- 17.2 The rules of play and equipment will be in keeping with the Hockey Canada Association including any by-laws incorporated into the Constitution.
- 17.3 From time to time the Board will find it expedient to adopt rules, regulations and guidelines, other than those contained in the Constitution and By-Laws, which will govern the conduct of players, coaches, referees and others involved in the Warren Minor Hockey Association.
- 17.4 Such rules, regulations and guidelines may be adopted, rescinded or amended at the discretion of the Board.

By-Laws

By-Law 1 – Board of Directors Authority & Responsibilities

- 1.1 The Board shall be responsible for establishing policies, general directing and is empowered to conduct the business of the Warren Minor Hockey Association on behalf of its Members and, subject to the limitations contained herein, to make such decisions and to carry out such actions as it considers necessary in meeting

the objectives of the Warren Minor Hockey Association as stated in Article 3 & 4 of the Warren Minor Hockey Association Constitution.

By-Law 2 – Executive Authority

2.1 The Executive shall have the authority, as delegated by the Board of Directors from time to time, to conduct the business of and make decisions regarding, the affairs of the Warren Minor Hockey Association.