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Central Interior Hockey League

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Article 1. Name

- A. The name of the organization shall be the Central Interior Hockey League
- B. The league may also be referred to as the "Central Interior League", "the League" or "the CIHL".

Article 2. Objectives

- A. The objectives of the League shall be:
 - 1. To foster, improve and perpetuate hockey in the Central Interior and Northwest regions of the province of British Columbia.
 - 2. To ensure the enforcement of the rules of the game as adopted by the League. Hockey Canada and the British Columbia Hockey (BCH) shall govern playing rules, unless otherwise stated.
 - 3. To schedule, supervise and carry out contests within the League and to declare a League Champion yearly.

Article 3. Area of Operation

- A. The operations of the organization are to be chiefly carried out in the central interior and northwest regions of the province of British Columbia.

Article 4. Precedence of Hockey Canada and BCH

- A. In all instances where the CIHL regulations, constitution, by-laws, policies and procedures conflict with BCH or Hockey Canada regulations, the current BCH or Hockey Canada regulations will take precedence

Article 5. Members

- A. The League shall comprise of hockey teams registered with BCH in the Senior Male A or AA division, located in Central and Northwestern BC.
- B. Any organization wishing to make application for membership in the League must apply in writing to the President of the League not less than fourteen (14) days before the Annual General Meeting following the completion of a hockey season.

- C. The requisite of any organization in order to obtain or retain membership in the League shall be:
1. Adequate number of players
 2. Financial Resources (identified sponsorship)
 3. Proper attitude towards League objectives.
 4. Letter from the organization's town indicating ice availability to operate a Senior Men's AA hockey team
 5. A receipt indicating that team jerseys have been bought and paid for.
 6. An identified General Manager or Team President and a head coach
- D. The items identified in Article 5.C must be submitted to the League President no later than August 1st of the calendar year in which the organization is interested in becoming part of the League.
- E. Where new organizations are admitted their voting privileges are not eligible until the Annual General Meeting following the hockey season for which they commence operation.
- F. No retired or retiring organization shall have a vote on matters concerning the following season.
- G. New organizations will be accepted only by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Executive and Delegates present and voting.
- H. Every member shall uphold the Constitution and comply with League by-laws, rules, and regulations.

Article 6. Amendments

- A. The constitution may be amended or altered only at the Annual General Meeting following the completion of a hockey season.
- B. Constitutional amendments or alterations will require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote by the Executive and Delegates present and voting.

Article 7. Board of Directors - Delegates

- A. The league will be governed by a Board of Directors.
- B. The Board of Directors will be comprised of 1 Representative from each member team in good standing.

Article 8. League Executive Officers

- A. Operations of the League will be dealt with by the League Executive.

- B. The officers of the League Executive shall consist of; a President, Past President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. They shall be known as the Executive.
- C. All members of the Executive will be elected annually by the member organizations identified in Article 5.A.
- D. Successful candidates to the office of President will require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote by the member organizations present and voting.
- E. Elections for the Executive positions will be held during the Annual General Meeting each year.

Article 8.1 *Honorary Members*

- a. In addition to the above officers, the Executive and the Delegates may elect Honorary Officers at any General Meeting.
- b. Honorary Officers shall act in an advisory capacity and shall have no vote.

Article 8.2 *Duties and Powers of the Executive*

- a. The League President shall preside at all meetings and committees of the League and Executive meetings, having voting power, have the option of a second vote in case of a tie.
- b. The League Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, have all the powers and perform all the duties of the League President. Should the office of League President become vacant, the League Vice-President shall assume the duties of the League President until the next Annual General Meeting of the League.
- c. The Secretary shall record minutes of all meetings, keep a registrar of member organizations and players, conduct correspondence, and perform other duties as may be required.
- d. The Treasurer shall; account for all monies received and disbursed by the League, submit statements to the Executive within one (1) week of a request by the League President, and conduct correspondence relating to accounts. Cheques shall be signed by at least two (2) Executive Officers.
- e. Should a vacancy occur in the office of League Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer, said vacancy may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Executive and Delegates and such appointees shall serve until the next General Meeting of the League.
- f. The Executive shall by a majority vote, in addition to the powers allotted to them elsewhere in the Constitution, have the following powers:

1. To impose and enforce penalties for any violation of the League's Constitution, its By-laws or Regulations.
2. To negotiate and implement contracts for and on behalf of the League.
3. To decide on registration eligibility of players.
4. To draw up a suitable schedule of which a completed copy should be published before competition commences. The League President shall be empowered to affect any schedule changes that might become necessary.
5. To negotiate for the provisions and control of competent officials for all games played under the auspices of the League.
6. To authorize the League President, Executive and Board of Directors to rule on any protests received by the League.
7. To rule on any disputes or written complaints received by the League from Referees, Minor Officials or Member Organizations.
8. To define the playing rules and laws laid down by Hockey Canada and BCH Senior Men's AA Division.
9. To interpret, define and explain the provisions of this Constitution, By-Laws, Regulations and Rules.
10. To collect and expend all monies due to the League and deal with all financial matters.
11. To coordinate league meetings, including the Annual General Meeting.
12. To appoint committee's from among its members for the handling of any specified or special business.
13. To keep records of championships and trophies
14. To make decisions on such matters as may not be covered in the Constitution.
15. To keep all surplus monies, if any, from one season and carry them forward to the next season in order to help ensure proper operation of the League.

Article 9. Meetings

- A. There will be one (1) Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the League held no sooner than April 1st or no later than May 15th of the calendar year. Other league meetings will be held on an as needed basis and will be scheduled so that at least two-thirds (2/3) of the member organizations and one-half (1/2) of the Executive is able to attend.
- B. All members of the League are expected to attend the AGM.
- C. The AGM will be held at a time and place when at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Executive and Delegates are able to attend.
- D. A quorum at all meetings shall consist of five (5) members, four (4) of whom must be members of the Board of Directors.
- E. During the AGM the Executive shall present reports of the activities of the previous hockey season.
- F. At the AGM of the League, the following shall be the order of business:
 - 1. Reading of the minutes from the previous meeting
 - 2. Business arising from the minutes
 - 3. Reading correspondence
 - 4. Presentation of Treasurers report
 - 5. Resolution of general and new business
 - 6. Address applications from new members
 - 7. Annual Election of Officers
 - 8. Adjournment
- G. Copies of all documentation, presented or received at the AGM will be provided to everyone in attendance at the AGM.
- H. All other meetings of the League shall be called, if and when necessary, by the President or at the request of any three (3) of the member organizations.

Article 10. Inspection of Books and Records of the Society by Members

- A. Inspection of the books and records of the League may be done by members in good standing at a place to be arranged by the Executive Officer responsible. Members wishing to inspect the books and records of the League must give seven (7) days notice in writing to the President. The books and records of the League must be available for inspection within fourteen (14) days of such notice being received by the President.

Article 11. Voting

- A. At all meetings, each member of the Board of Directors, in good standing and League Executive shall have a vote on League matters.
- B. If a team is in arrears with the league they will not be able to vote on league matters until such time as they have paid all outstanding debts to the league.
- C. Voting shall be by a show of hands, unless requested by any member for a vote by ballot.
- D. Decisions shall be by a majority of the votes cast, except as herein provided by the Constitution.
- E. Voting on the election of officers shall be by ballot.
- F. Teams must provide and identify one voting designate for all meetings. In the event where two individuals from the same team want to vote on behalf of a member team the League President shall choose one designate on behalf of the team.
- G. In the event that a team is unable to send a representative to the AGM or other League meeting the General Manager or Team President of that team may provide another team or a member of the League Executive with a proxy to vote on their behalf.
- H. All proxies must be provided in writing and presented to the League President prior to the commencement of each league meeting.
- I. All proxies must be provided in writing and presented to the League President at each meeting.

Article 12. Nomination of Executive Members

- A. The consent of nominees shall be obtained prior to their nomination being considered to stand.
- B. All nominations will be made from the floor.