

HISTORY STRUCTURE OF THE EMHA

BEFORE 1962

"AA" Hockey Program

The "AA" program is hockey for the proficient and more skilled player. Prior to 1962, the "AA" hockey program in Edmonton was operated on City-owned rinks by three athletic clubs. The Canadian Athletic Club operated 2 Juvenile A, 4 Midget A, and 4 Bantam A teams; the Maple Leaf Athletic Club had 1 Juvenile A and 2 Midget A teams while the Knights of Columbus were responsible for 1 Juvenile and 2 Midget A teams.

Players on these teams were drawn from anywhere in the City with no boundary limitations, and the teams were financed by individual sponsors and various clubs.

The whole league came under the jurisdiction of the Edmonton District Hockey Association (EDHA) which was subsidized by the Edmonton Exhibition Association. The Exhibition Board, through its association with the Edmonton Flyers and the Edmonton Oil Kings teams, was affiliated with the Detroit Red Wings organization of the National Hockey League. As far as the hockey players of that time were concerned, Edmonton was a "Detroit" city and many players were considered Detroit "property" because of signed player cards.

The emphasis under this arrangement was on the winning of Provincial titles and it was a common practice to stack one team with the best players, at the expense of other teams. This not only made for very uneven competition, but also meant that a player often traveled across the city in order to play a game or practice on his "home" ice. This often occurred on a school night and it did not contribute to effective studies or good relations with teachers.

"BB" Hockey Program (Federation)

During this period before 1962, two separate groups, Community Leagues and Knights of Columbus, operated "B" level hockey for the younger or less skillful players. Community League hockey was run by the Federation of Community Leagues and involved many more players than those playing under the Edmonton District Hockey Association. There were no subsidies from the Exhibition Association or the City, and funds were raised by the individual Community Leagues or from sponsors. A few games were played on City-owned rinks but the majority of games and practices were on Community league rinks. The Knights of Columbus, one of the first organizations to sponsor minor hockey in the city was, by 1962, operating 60 parochial teams in the "B" category, from Mite to Juvenile, all over the city.

Dissatisfaction

Because players on a Community League team generally lived in that neighborhood, and players on a parochial team of the Knights of Columbus resided within that parish, there were a few problems with raiding within the "B" program that also saw "AA" teams frequently take players from "B" teams and caused many problems both for the boys and the teams. It reached a point where recreation hockey at the Community League level was in danger of disappearing altogether.

The squabbles, infighting, and dissatisfaction which resulted from the raiding of teams and general disregard for the welfare of the players which resulted from the tie-in with professional hockey and the emphasis on the winning of playoffs, finally brought hockey in Edmonton to a crisis point.

Hockey Steering Committee

In the spring of 1961, Mr. George Harvie, who was at that time President of the Edmonton District Hockey Association, was asked by the City of Edmonton Recreation Department to act as Chairman of a Hockey Steering Committee. The purpose of this committee was to develop a hockey organization which would stop the constant differences between the various local hockey groups and which would provide unified effort on behalf of the players who wanted to play hockey.

Represented on the Steering Committee were the Edmonton District Hockey Association, the South Side Athletic Club, the Canadian Athletic Club, the Maple Leaf Athletic Club, the Knights of Columbus, the Federation of Community Leagues, the City of Edmonton Recreation Department, and the Alberta Amateur Hockey Association.

Under Mr. Harvie, the Committee held approximately sixteen meetings over a six month period and after much hard work, discussion and compromise were they able to resolve the many differences between the organizations and create the Edmonton Metropolitan Hockey Association, originally registered under the Alberta Societies Act on November 6, 1964.

Formation of EMHA

According to Mr. Harvie, the main issue resolved at those meetings was the concept of zoning the city – the assigning of each member organization to a zone, and giving that organization the right to use hockey players of appropriate caliber residing in that zone to the exclusion of all other hockey organizations. It was his opinion that the organization has been a success over the years and that Edmonton's minor hockey program is second to none in all of Canada.

1963 – Present

Since its formation, many changes have taken place with the EMHA. The major change has been the exceptional growth from 300 teams in 1963, to its present number. Participation has increased in this time from the 4800 registered players to what we know it as today.

The constitution and bylaws have been amended many times to this date and each time, major changes were made. However, the member organizations have not varied and the basic zones and zoning regulations have remained unchanged.

In July of 1985, the name was changed from the Edmonton Metropolitan Hockey Association to the present name of Edmonton Minor Hockey Association (EMHA).

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The Edmonton Minor Hockey Association (EMHA) is the sole governing body of Minor Hockey in the City of Edmonton and the Junior, AA, Federation and EGHA programs operate as councils of the EMHA. The EMHA Board of Directors is formed of dedicated, elected and appointed members. The aims of the EMHA are:

To provide an opportunity for all children and youth to play hockey in the City of Edmonton.

To strive, through the opportunity of the hockey program, to develop better citizens through sportsmanship, personal growth, participation, leadership, socialization and integrity at all levels.

To encourage the positive and productive participation throughout the program for the betterment of the participant.

To promote and encourage the formation of teams and leagues.

To establish and maintain uniform rules and standards for Minor Hockey within the Edmonton Minor Hockey Area.

To conduct and arrange play-offs for the purpose of declaring a winner in all divisions to advance further in Provincial Championships.

THE SOCIETIES ACT BYLAWS

INTERPRETATION

1. In these Bylaws and Rules of the Edmonton Minor Hockey Association (“EMHA” or the “Association”), the following terms are defined as:
 - (a) “AA Council Chairperson” the person responsible for all “AA” Hockey who reports to the Board of Directors at Association meetings.
 - (b) “Annual General Meeting” the Association meeting open to all Members held on the second Wednesday of May at the end of each Hockey Season.
 - (c) “Annual Operating Budget” the financial/accounting document setting out in detail the proposed revenues and expenses for a Hockey Season the sufficiency of which will be determined by the Board of Directors.
 - (d) **“Associate Member”** Non-voting
 - (i) Sledge Hockey
 - (ii) College HockeyGrant MacEwan
Concordia
 - (e) **“Association”** the Edmonton Minor Hockey Association or the EMHA.
 - (f) **“Board of Directors”** the appointed representative(s) from each Member Organization and elected members of the

Executive Committee who are responsible for the overall management of the Association.

- (g) **“Chairperson”** the person appointed by the Board of Directors or other organization to lead and oversee and Association committee or group.

- (h) **“District”** the geographic area in which a Member Organization is responsible for the operation of a hockey program.

- (i) **“Edmonton Minor Hockey Area” or “Boundaries of the Association” or “EMHA Boundaries”** the area within the corporate limits of the City of Edmonton with the following addition:
 - (i) Edmonton Garrison Residents and the Enoch Cree Nation.

- (j) **“Edmonton Federation Hockey Council (“EFHC”) Chairperson”** the person responsible for all EFHC Hockey who reports to the Board of Directors at Association meetings.

- (k) **“Edmonton Federation Hockey Council”** can also be identified as the EFHC or the Federation.

- (l) **“EMHA”** means the Association or the Edmonton Minor Hockey Association.

- (m) **“Junior Council Chairperson”** the person responsible for all EMHA Junior Hockey who reports to the Board of Directors at Association meetings.

- (n) **“Hockey Season”** the period beginning in August and concluding in June of the next calendar year.
- (o) **“League Director”** an appointed representative of a hockey council who is responsible for the operation of a hockey league or Division.
- (p) **“Member”** includes all players, coaches, managers, other team officials, members of Clubs, members of Districts, members of the Board of Directors, members of the Executive Committee, members of all Member Organizations, and all other individuals working, assisting, volunteering in hockey within the jurisdiction of this Association.
- (q) **“Member Organizations”** includes the following organizations:
 - (i) The Districts of the EFHC
 - (ii) The Knights of Columbus Hockey Association
 - (iii) The clubs of the “AA” Council
 - (iv) Any other organizations as may from time to time be formally admitted to the Association.
- (r) **“Officers”** the appointed representatives from each Member Organization and the elected members of the Executive Committee.

- (s) **“Operating Area”** a separate area created when a District is broken down into smaller geographic sub-divisions.
- (t) **“Past President”** the formerly elected President who will assist the Board of Directors in the management of the Association.
- (u) **“President”** an elected member of the Board of Directors who is in charge of the management of the Board of Directors.
- (v) **“Quorum”** the amount of eligible voting Members required before an Association meeting shall proceed.
- (w) **“Regular Meeting”** the Association meeting held the second Wednesday of each month over the course of the Hockey Season.
- (x) **“Registrar”** the person appointed by the Board of Directors who handles the day to day activities of registration within the Association as conferred upon the Registrar by these Bylaws and Rules, the Registration Standing Committee and the Board of Directors.
- (y) **“Residence”** the particular municipal address where a player resides as of September 1 of the Hockey Season.
- (z) **“Special Resolution”** a resolution requiring at least three-quarters of the Members entitled to vote at that meeting.
- (aa) **“Sub Registrar”** the person in charge of procedural registration matters for a Club or District.

- (ab) **"Treasurer"** an elected member of the Board of Directors in charge of financial affairs of the Association.
- (ac) **1st "Vice President"** an elected member of the Board of Directors to which all Standing Committees report and will have other duties conferred upon him or her by the Board of Directors.
- (ad) **2nd "Vice President"** an elected member of the Board of Directors to which all Standing Committees report and will have other duties conferred upon him or her by the Board of Directors.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 2. Each Member Organization shall appoint its accredited representative(s) under the signature of its president in the following manner:
 - (a) A representative shall be appointed by each district of the EFHC; one each from Northwest District, Northeast District, Southwest District, Southeast District, and Edmonton Girl's Hockey District.
 - (b) Two representatives shall be appointed by the Knights of Columbus Hockey Association; one from the EFHC, and one from the "AA" Council.
 - (c) A representative shall be appointed by each club of the "AA" Council; one each from the Canadian Athletic Club,

Maple Leaf Athletic Club, South Side Athletic Club,
respectively.

3. The member Organizations shall not be entitled to appoint accredited representatives to be Members unless they advise the EMHA of the names and addresses of its officers who shall consist of at least a president and secretary.
4. In the event that the accredited representative of any Member Organization is unable to attend any Regular Meeting, his alternate, who must be an executive member of that Member Organization, may attend the Regular Meeting in his place as the accredited representative of the member organization, provided that the name of such alternate has been submitted in writing, under the signature of the president or secretary of the Member Organization, to the EMHA office prior to the meeting being convened.
5. Membership may be terminated by a Special Resolution of the Association for any reason that may be determined by the Association to be detrimental to the well-being of the Association. Thirty days prior notice in writing of the intention to place such Special Resolution before the Association meeting must be given to all Member Organizations.
6. A Member Organization may withdraw from membership in the Association by giving written notice of its intention to withdraw to the EMHA.
7. Honorary life membership may be conferred upon any individuals at any meeting of the Association by the majority of eligible voting Members in attendance.

8. Each Member Organization shall pay such membership dues to the Association as are fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors and approved at an Association meeting.

DISTRICTS

9. The Edmonton Minor Hockey Area shall be divided into Districts as follows:

- 9.1 **"AA" Districts**

- (a) Canadian Athletic Club – North of the North Saskatchewan River and West of 97 Street, inclusive of the communities known as Rossdale, Spruce Avenue, Westwood, Rosslyn and Griesbach.
- (b) Maple Leaf Athletic Club – East of 97 Street North of the North Saskatchewan River, inclusive of Edmonton Garrison base residents, but exclusive of the communities known as Rossdale, Spruce Avenue, Westwood, Rosslyn and Griesbach. In Addition, it will include the operating area known as North Seera, which is the area (or District) that is South of the North Saskatchewan River, East of the CPR railroad tracks along 103 Street, and North of 51st Avenue, exclusive of the community known as Scona Centre. The communities represented include (but are not limited to) Argyll, Avonmore, Bonnie Doon, Capilano, Cloverdale, Forest Heights/Terrace Heights (amalgamated under Forest Heights), Fulton Place, Gold Bar, Hazeldean, Holyrood, Idylwylde, Kenilworth,

King Edward Park, Ottewell, Ritchie, Strathearn, and the community of Twin Parks.

- (c) South Side Athletic Club – South of the North Saskatchewan River, exclusive of the operating area known as North Seera, which is the area (or District) that is South of the North Saskatchewan River, East of the CPR railroad tracks along 103 Street, and North of 51st Avenue, exclusive of the community known as Scona Centre. The communities represented include (but are not limited to) Argyll, Avonmore, Bonnie Doon, Capilano, Cloverdale, Forest Heights/Terrace Heights (amalgamated under Forest Heights), Fulton Place, Gold Bar, Hazeldean, Holyrood, Idylwyld, Kenilworth, King Edward Park, Ottewell, Ritchie, Strathearn, and the community of Twin Parks.
- (d) Knights of Columbus Hockey Association – EMHA Boundaries.

9.2 EFHC Districts

- (a) Northwest District – North of the North Saskatchewan River and West of 101 Street, exclusive of the communities known as Rossdale, Spruce Avenue, Westwood, Rosslyn and Griesbach. In addition, from 137 Avenue North on 113 A Street to 153 Avenue, then West of 97 Street and North to the City Limits.
- (b) Northeast District – North of the North Saskatchewan River and East of 101 Street, inclusive of the communities known as Rossdale, Spruce Avenue,

Westwood, Rosslyn and Griesbach. In addition, from 137 Avenue North on 113 A Street and 153 Avenue, then East of 97 Street and North to the City Limits and Edmonton Garrison Base residents.

- (c) Southwest District – South of the North Saskatchewan River and West of the CPR Railroad tracks, inclusive of the community known as Scona Centre.
- (d) Southeast District – South of the North Saskatchewan River and East of the CPR Railroad tracks, exclusive of the community known as Scona Centre.
- (e) Knights of Columbus Hockey Association District – EMHA Boundaries.
- (f) Edmonton Girl's Hockey Association District – EMHA Boundaries.

9.3 Any members of the Districts and Clubs shall also be members of the EMHA.

MEETINGS

- 10. The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held on the second Wednesday in May of each year. Membership will be notified of the date of the meeting within 14 days.
- 11. Special meetings must be called within 14 days by the President upon receipt, by the EMHA office, of a written request signed by at least three members of the Board of Directors. Membership will be notified of the date of the meeting within 14 days.

12. A Quorum for an Association meeting, not including a separate meeting of the Board of Directors, shall be deemed to be 10 members entitled to vote at the meeting, except as provided below.
13. All Association meetings shall be open to the public, but only members of the Board of Directors shall be entitled to vote and take part in debates or address the meeting, except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws and Rules. Any other individual requires the permission of the Chairperson before they may address any Association meeting.
14. Regular Meetings shall be convened at 7:00 pm on the second Wednesday of each month from September through to April. In the event that a Quorum is not present, the meeting will be adjourned to the next Wednesday at which time those present and entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum. Notice of the re-scheduled meeting shall be given to all Member Organizations not represented at the meeting that was adjourned. Notice of the date of regular meetings shall be by previous month's minutes within 14 days and also by listing of the dates to be circulated at the beginning of each season.
15. Regular Meetings shall finish at 10:00 pm or earlier, if all scheduled business has been concluded, unless extended by a majority vote of the persons present and entitled to vote.

VOTING AT ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

16. The members of the Board of Directors, if personally present at a Regular Meeting, shall be entitled to vote.
17. No more than one vote shall be exercised by any one person at any Association meeting.

18. Except as stated below, voting at Regular Meetings may be by show of hands, by a standing vote, or by secret ballot, but only those persons present and entitled to vote, shall be recognized. Any two persons present and entitled to vote may demand a vote by secret ballot.
19. All voting at elections, where a position is contested, shall be by secret ballot.
20. The Chairperson of a committee may vote on matters that pertain to responsibilities of their committee. In the event that an issue pertains to two or more committees, the President will determine which Chairperson will exercise the vote prior to the vote being taken.
21. Only one vote may be cast from any of the Committee Chairpersons on any issue.

PROCEDURE

22. The rules contained in "Robert's Rules of Order, Revised" shall govern all meetings in all cases where they are applicable, however, the Bylaws of the EMHA will supersede where applicable.
23. The order of business at every Regular Meeting, including the Annual General Meeting, shall, unless it is varied by the unanimous consent of those persons present and entitled to vote at the meeting, be as follows:
 - (a) Reading and adoption of the minutes of the last meeting
 - (b) Delegations authorized by the Board of Directors
 - (c) Business arising out of the minutes

- (d) Correspondence
- (e) Reports of Executive Officers, Committee Chairpersons and League Directors
- (f) Unfinished business
- (g) New business, including declaration of accredited representatives, elections and ratifications of appointments.

AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

- 24. These bylaws may be rescinded, altered or added to by Special Resolutions of the Association, with notice of such resolution to be given at least thirty days prior to the Annual General Meeting or Regular Meeting at which it is intended to present the Special Resolution.

ADMINISTRATION

- 25. (a) The fiscal year-end of the Association shall be on the 30th day of June of each year.
- (b) The seal of the Association shall be kept at such places as is determined by the Board of Directors and shall be used only upon the authorization of a resolution of the Board of Directors and shall be affixed to documents and instruments only in the manner hereinafter provided.
- (c) The preparation and custody of all meeting minutes, proceedings of meetings, agendas and such records and books deemed

necessary to the operation of the EMHA will be the responsibility of the EMHA Administrator.

BOOKS AND RECORDS

26. The Board of Directors shall cause such books and records to be kept by the Association as may, from time to time, be determined by the Board of Directors and as may be required by the provisions of the Societies Act.
27. The books and records of the Association will be open to inspection by any Executive member at all reasonable times, and open to inspection by any accredited representative of a Member Organization upon two days notice in writing to the EMHA office.

BOOKS OF ACCOUNT AND AUDIT

28. The Board of Directors and the members of each Standing Committee shall cause proper books of account to be kept by the Association and by that Standing Committee respectively, so as to keep and maintain a true and accurate record of all financial transactions, liabilities and assets of the Association and of each Special Standing Committee and will, at all times, comply with the provisions of The Societies Act in this regard.
29. The books of account of the Association and of each Standing Committee shall be open to inspection by any Executive member at all reasonable times and open to inspection by an accredited representative of a Member Organization upon two days notice, in writing, to the Treasurer or to the treasurer of the Standing Committee as the case may be.
30. The records and books of account of the Association and of each Standing Committee shall be reviewed at least once each year by a

qualified accountant who shall not be an officer of the Association or two accredited representatives of any Member Organization/or Chairpersons of any committee of the Association and such person(s) shall be appointed by the Board of Directors annually.

BANKING

31. The Board of Directors may open one or more bank accounts for the Association, designate signing officers in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws, generally execute all documents and do all things incidental to, or in connection with, the transaction of the Association's business with its chartered bank, trust company, credit union, or treasury branch.
32. Each Standing Committee may open one or more bank accounts for that standing committee, subject to the provisions relating thereto contained in these Bylaws.
33. For the purpose of carrying out its objectives the Association may draw, make, accept, endorse, discount, execute and issue cheques, Promissory Notes and Bills of Exchange, but only to the extent from time to time authorized by resolution of the Board of Directors.

BORROWING POWERS

34. For the purpose of carrying out its objectives, the Association, with the approval of a Special Resolution, may borrow or raise or secure the payment of money in such manner as it thinks fit, and in particular by the issue of debentures.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

35. The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors will consist of the following positions. Each carries one vote on all issues that are brought before the Board of Directors except the election of Executive Committee members:

- (a) President – elected each year to serve not more than two (2) years consecutively
- (b) 1st Vice President – elected each year to serve not more than two (2) years consecutively
- (c) 2nd Vice President - elected each year to serve not more than two (2) years consecutively
- (d) Past President – previous year’s President – contingent on President’s term
- (e) Chairperson EFHC – the Chairperson as elected by the EFHC – no restriction on number of terms
- (f) Chairperson “AA” Council – the Chairperson as elected by the “AA” Council – no restriction on number of terms
- (g) Chairperson Junior Council – the Chairperson as elected by the Junior hockey clubs within the Association – no restriction on number of terms
- (h) Treasurer – serves 2 year term – elected on odd numbered years

VOTING FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE POSITIONS

36. An Executive Committee member may vote in the election of their own or any other elected Executive Committee position. One accredited representative from each Member Organization may vote in the election of the Executive Committee.
37. The Chairperson of the "AA" Council, EFHC, and Junior Council are deemed members of the Executive Committee without election.

HONORARIA

38. (a) The Board of Directors may authorize payment of honorarium to such persons as may be considered appropriate.
- (b) Officers and/or members of the Board of Directors can not receive remuneration from the Association.

SIGNING OF OFFICERS

39. (a) All bills, notes, cheques, debentures and other papers and documents which pertain to the finances of the Association (as distinct from the finances of any standing committee) shall be signed by any two signatures of the President, Treasurer, 1st VP or 2nd VP.
- (b) All contracts and documents requiring execution by the Association shall be signed by any two signatures of the President, Treasurer, 1st VP or 2nd VP and the seal of the Association shall be affixed thereto.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND APPOINTMENTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE
CHAIRPERSONS/LEAGUE DIRECTORS**

40. Any member in good standing of a Member Organization in good standing shall be eligible for election or appointment as an Officer, as a Chairperson of any Standing Committee, or as a League Director of the Association provided, however, that the President shall not be a president of a Member Organization at the same time. No member of the Executive Committee may participate as a Coach, Manager or Trainer of any team within the EMHA during their term of office.
41. Nominations for any individuals wishing to run for any position on the EMHA Executive Committee must be presented to the Nominating Committee thirty (30) days prior to the election date with a clear statement of the position that the Nominee is seeking. There will be no nominations accepted from the floor.
42. In the event of a vacancy occurring in any position of any Standing Committee as a result of resignation, death, removal or otherwise, the Board of Directors shall be entitled to fill the vacancy by appointment for the remainder of the term subject however, to confirmation of such appointment by the next Annual General Meeting of the Association. The only exception to this is the position of Past President.
43. (a) Any Officer, Standing Committee Chairperson or League Director may be removed from office by a Special Resolution passed at a Regular Meeting or Annual General Meeting, at which time a replacement for the person removed shall be elected to serve for the remainder of the term.

- (b) If any Officer, Standing Committee Chairperson or League Director misses three consecutive meetings, they may, on motion, be dismissed and replaced by another Member.
- 44. At the Annual General Meeting, each Member Organization shall appoint their accredited representative who shall become a member of the Board of Directors.
- 45. Upon the resignation, death or removal of any accredited representative of a Member Organization from the Board of Directors, the Member Organization shall forthwith appoint a representative to fill the resulting vacancy for the balance of term. If the Member Organization does not do so within thirty days of the vacancy, the Board of Directors shall appoint a member of that Member Organization to the Board of Directors for the balance of that term.

**POWER AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AND PRESIDENT**

- 46. The Board of Directors shall implement all resolutions of the Association, exercise all powers and do all acts and things that the Association is authorized pursuant to these Bylaws and Rules, and the Societies Act.
- 47. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for recommending policy at the Regular Meeting, but such policy shall not be implemented or acted upon until approved by the passing of a resolution at an Annual General Meeting.
- 48. At each Association meeting:

- (a) The President or a member of the Executive Committee shall report on all decisions made and actions taken by the Executive Committee since last Association meeting.
 - (b) The Treasurer shall submit a report on the current financial condition of the Association and its various committees (other than its Standing Committees); the Association's Annual Operating Budget shall be submitted at the September Regular Meeting or at a later date as approved by the Board of Directors.
 - (c) Each Standing Committee Chairperson shall submit a report on the current financial condition of that Standing Committee, and at each Annual General Meeting shall submit the Annual Operating Budget of that Standing Committee.
 - (d) The Chairperson of Standing Committees and League Directors shall report on all decisions and actions taken by them.
49. The Board of Directors shall meet at the call of the President, but in any event they shall meet at least the second Wednesday of each month during the months of September through to May in each year.
50. The Chairperson of each Standing Committee and the League Directors shall be entitled to attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and shall be entitled to take part in all discussion.
51. The President shall have the power to suspend summarily any player, coach, trainer, manager or official of any team under the auspices of the EMHA for any conduct on or off the ice which in the sole discretion of the President is deemed to be unbecoming or detrimental to the game. Such suspensions to be effective until dealt with by the Special Committee or

Discipline Appeal Committee. This authority may be delegated to such EMHA directors and officials as the President may determine.

52. The President shall have the power to prevent summarily any spectator from viewing any game or other activity or entering a facility to view such game or activity under the auspices of EMHA for any conduct which in the sole discretion of the President is deemed to be unbecoming or detrimental to the game. Further, the President shall have the power to suspend summarily the player, coach, team official or the team to which the spectator is attached. Such action to be effective until dealt with by the Special Committee or Discipline Appeal Committee. This authority may be delegated to such EMHA directors and officials as the President may determine.

STANDING COMMITTEES

53. There shall be the following Standing Committees of the Association which shall report to the Vice Presidents as designated by the Board of Directors. These Standing Committees will serve for a two year term. The members of these Standing Committees will be appointed by the newly elected Board of Directors at the Annual General Meeting. The following will be appointed on even-numbered years:

- Registration Standing Committee
- Minor Hockey Week Standing Committee
- Referees Standing Committee
- Nominating Standing Committee
- Fair Play

The following will be appointed on odd-numbered years:

- Ice Operations Group Standing Committee
- Discipline Standing Committee

Publicity Standing Committee
Development Standing Committee
Oilers 50/50

- (a) Each Standing Committee may open and maintain one or more bank account(s) for that Standing Committee provided that:
- (i) the location of each bank account shall be made known to the Treasurer by notice in writing no later than ten days after the opening of any such accounts.
 - (ii) all documents requiring execution in connection with transaction of that Standing Committee's business with its chartered bank, trust company, credit union, or treasury branch shall be signed by the Chairperson and the treasurer of that Standing Committee, and the Treasurer.
 - (iii) for the purpose of carrying out its objectives as set forth in these Bylaws or in an operating directive from the Board of Directors a Standing Committee may draw, make, endorse, accept, discount, execute and issue cheques but only to the extent from time to time authorized by resolution of that Standing Committee, and provided always that all cheques drawn on the bank account of that Standing Committee together with the signature of either the Chairperson or the Vice Chairperson of that Standing Committee.
 - (iv) all monies received or collected by any such committees or any member of such committee from the operation of the committee shall be paid over to

the Standing Committee treasurer, receipted by duplicate numbered receipts, and immediately deposited in that Standing Committee's bank account.

- (v) all monies held in the bank account of a Standing Committee shall be turned over to the Treasurer at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors.

- (b) The Annual Operating Budget of each Standing Committee for the next Hockey Season must be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval at least one month prior to the fiscal year end.

- (c) All expenditures of a Standing Committee must have the prior approval of the Board of Directors;

- (d) No Standing Committee can:
 - (i) expend or commit itself to spend any amount in excess of its Annual Operating Budget in any fiscal year without the prior approval of the Board of Directors, or
 - (ii) pay any amounts in excess of its Annual Operating Budget for any specific item, in any fiscal year, without the prior authorization of that Standing Committee.

- (e) The Chairperson of each Standing Committee shall be responsible for ensuring that the Standing Committee, or the treasurer of the Standing Committee, will maintain proper and adequate books of account pertaining to all financial transactions of the Standing Committee, in such form as may from time to time be stipulated by the auditors of the Association or the Board of Directors, and in addition that person shall ensure:

- (i) that the location of such books of account be made known at all times to the Treasurer, and
- (ii) that the books of account are kept and maintained in a current condition at all times.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

54. In addition to the foregoing Standing Committees, the Board of Directors may create from time to time such Special Committees as may be deemed necessary and shall carry out such functions, and otherwise act in accordance with such resolutions as may from time to time be passed by the Board of Directors. All provisions of these Bylaws that relate to Standing Committees will (unless otherwise stated) apply to each Special Standing Committee.

APPOINTMENTS TO STANDING COMMITTEES

55. In the absence of an operating directive from the Board of Directors to the contrary, the Chairperson of each Special Committee may select and appoint as many members to the Special Committee as is deemed necessary by the Chairperson. The term of office of each Special Committee member shall expire at the end of the Chairperson's term of office.
56. Any person, who is a member in good standing of a Member Organization in good standing, shall be eligible for appointment and re-appointment as a member of a Standing Committee.

REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

57. Subject to compliance with these Bylaws and with the resolution (if any) which created a committee or the operating directive applying to that committee, a committee may adopt rules and regulations for the internal administration of the committee as it may deem appropriate, provided however, that those rules and regulations shall be subject to review and amendment at any time by the Board of Directors.
58. Committees shall meet at the call of the Chairperson of the committee at such intervals as the Chairperson shall deem necessary provided, that the Chairperson shall call a meeting of the committee immediately if requested to do so by the Executive Committee.

DUTIES OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

59. Each Chairperson shall be responsible to the Board of Directors for the actions of their committee. The Chairperson shall not make a contractual or financial arrangement on behalf of their committee or on behalf of the Association except to the extent previously authorized by the Board of Directors, or in the event of an emergency with the prior approval of the President and Treasurer, which approval shall be subject to review and ratification by the Board of Directors at the next meeting of the Board of Directors.
60. The Chairperson shall, on behalf of their committee, submit where applicable, the Annual Operating Budget to the Treasurer at least one month prior to the end of each fiscal year.
61. When authorized by the Board of Directors, a Chairperson has the power to requisition petty cash within the limits of the authorization. Receipts or vouchers shall be produced to the Treasurer, covering all previous expenditures when each requisition is made by the Chairperson, and the Chairperson must, at least one month prior to the fiscal year end of the

Association, make a final accounting of all funds received to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee.

62. All monies received or collected by any committee member arising from the operations of that committee shall be immediately paid over to the Treasurer, treasurer of the committee, or deposited in the Association's bank account, and in the latter case, the Treasurer shall be informed by delivery of a bank verified deposit slip.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES

63. The Nominating Standing Committee shall be comprised of three members who shall be the Past President (who shall act as Chairperson) the Chairperson "AA" and the CHAIRPERSON EFHC.
64. The Minor Hockey Week Standing Committee shall be responsible for planning the activities of the Association during the week that is known as "Minor Hockey Week", the dates of such week to be determined by the Canadian Hockey Association.
65. The Registration Standing Committee shall be responsible for the registration of all players within the jurisdiction of the Association.
66. The Discipline Standing Committee shall be responsible for the discipline of all Members.
67. The Referees' Standing Committee shall be responsible for the provision of referees for all games played by teams operating within the Association.
68. The Ice Operations Group Standing Committee is responsible for negotiations with the City of Edmonton (and any other participating organizations) to obtain ice time for the programs within the Association.

69. Publicity Standing Committee is responsible for publicity for the Association.
70. Development Standing Committee is responsible for the coordination of various clinics for the Association.
71. Fair Play Standing Committee is responsible for organizing and administering the Fair Play program for the Association.
72. Oilers 50/50 Standing Committee is responsible for liaison with the Oilers Hockey Club in order to conduct the 50/50 raffle at the Oilers' home games for the Association.

GENERAL

73. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, every committee shall be responsible to, and shall comply with, any decision of the Board of Directors or the resolutions of the Association passed at the Regular Meetings or Annual General Meeting.
74. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the Board of Directors shall be responsible to, and shall comply with, any resolution of the Association passed at the Regular Meetings or Annual General Meeting.

EMHA VOTING STRUCTURE

Board of Directors

President	1 vote
1 st Vice President	1 vote
2 nd Vice President	1 vote
Past President	1 vote
Chairperson "AA"	1 vote
Chairperson EFHC	1 vote
Chairperson Junior	1 vote
Treasurer	1 vote
EMHA Administrator	No vote
Community Services	No vote

"AA" Council

CAC Representative	1 vote
MLAC Representative	1 vote
SSAC Representative	1 vote
K of C "AA" Representative	1 vote

EFHC

NW District Representative	1 vote
NE District Representative	1 vote
SW District Representative	1 vote
SE District Representative	1 vote
K of C (EFHC) Representative	1 vote
EGHA Representative	1 vote

Total votes

18

The following Standing Committee Chairpersons will only vote (1 vote each) on matters pertaining to their committee:

- Nominating Chairperson
- Publicity Chairperson
- Minor Hockey Week Chairperson
- Ice Operations Group Chairperson
- Discipline Chairperson
- Registration Chairperson
- Referee Chairperson
- Development Chairperson
- Fair Play Chairperson
- Oilers 50/50 Chairperson