



YORK SIMCOE MINOR HOCKEY LEAGUE

Constitution, Bylaws, Policies and Procedures

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REVISION HISTORY

Date	Description of Changes
August 2004	Withdrawal of playoffs and funding
June 2, 2007	No Gate fees
January 5, 2007	Use of three-man referee system
2014	Teams remaining in play come back to YS side
March 4, 2014	No 10 minute overtime for Round Robin Play
April 1, 2014	Fines for non-attendance at YS-Lakeshore
August 5, 2014	Referee additional pay
May 2015	As adopted in April 2015 AGM
November 3, 2015	Reclassified Teams
February 2016	Fines for Trophies
April 5, 2016	Assignment of Referees Minimum Game Lengths
May 3 2016	Game sheets must be remitted from tournament play Game start and end timeframe
May 2, 2017	Team Registration Fees
October 3, 2017	A \$15 fee will be charged per Rostered Select team to participate in the YSMHL loop. One, thirty (30) second timeout per team in any division will be permitted during regular season play for any game with a minimum game length of 10-15-15 periods.
March 5, 2019	Recommend 4-officials for U18 U9 and Below will have AA and A
August 6, 2019	Regular Season will end first week of January Allow discretionary ("petty cash") budget for executive officers
September 3, 2019	MD Team: # of Games, and YSMHL playoffs Require 4-officials for U18 Playoffs
May 12, 2020	Game Lengths to be noted on gamesheets Period Lengths cannot be changed once game has started. 30-second timeout per team permitted in any division Late and Lost Gamesheet fines Blue puck will be used at U8 and below U9 will use regulation black puck



	<p>All Mileage paid to officials follows OMHA regulations Request process for playing at higher or lower division Application of Discretion when preparing flowcharts No protests of game official judgement Protest fees and process Fines for non-attendance at Meetings U8 and below Season Structure and Rules Fines for stick infractions</p>
May 5 2021	<p>Restructure and Reformat document</p> <p>Articles are limited to articles of incorporation Apply Ontario Non-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA) best practice to bylaw structure, including addition of recommended text</p> <p>Addition of Definitions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Standardize use of MHA (instead of Centre, Association, etc.)• Standardize use of terms Delegate (instead of Executive Committee) <p>Replace use of Novice, Atom, etc. with U9, U11, etc.</p>



ARTICLES

1. CORPORATE NAME

The name of the organization shall be “YORK SIMCOE MINOR HOCKEY LEAGUE”, federally incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation, and may be referred to as YSMHL.

2. THE PROVINCE OR TERRITORY IN CANADA WHERE THE REGISTERED OFFICE IS SITUATED

Ontario

3. MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DIRECTORS

Min 3 Max 5

4. STATEMENT OF THE PURPOSE OF THE CORPORATION

To promote, encourage and supervise hockey for all boys and girls, up to age 21, for all centres/Associations within our York Region Minor Hockey League Region of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA).

5. RESTRICTIONS ON THE ACTIVITIES THAT THE CORPORATION MAY CARRY ON, IF ANY

None

6. THE CLASSES, OR REGIONAL OR OTHER GROUPS, OF MEMBERS THAT THE CORPORATION IS AUTHORIZED TO ESTABLISH

The Corporation is authorized to establish one class of members. Each member shall be entitled to receive notice of, attend and vote at all meetings of the members of the Corporation.

7. STATEMENT REGARDING THE DISTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY REMAINING ON LIQUIDATION

Any property remaining on liquidation of the Corporation, after discharge of liabilities, shall be distributed to one or more qualified donees within the meaning of subsection 248(1) of the Income Tax Act.

8. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS IF ANY

The Directors shall not be authorized to borrow on behalf of the Corporation.



BYLAWS

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 Definitions
- 1.2 In this By-Law and all other By-Laws and Resolutions of the League, unless the context otherwise requires:
- 1.3 “AAA” means Triple A hockey.
- 1.4 “AGM” means Annual General Meeting;
- 1.5 “Board / Executive” means the Board of Directors of the League;
- 1.6 “Director/Executive Member” means an individual who has been elected or appointed to the Board of Directors/Executive of the League;
- 1.7 “General Meeting” means any meeting of the Membership of YSMHL.
- 1.8 “Hockey Canada” means Hockey Canada (or such other name as Hockey Canada may in the future legally adopt);
- 1.9 “Members” means those persons described in Bylaw 8
- 1.10 Minor Hockey Association (MHA) is a member centre/association within YSMHL
- 1.11 “Minor Development” or MD Hockey means a recreational team that participates at a level above House League, but lower than REP and comprised of players who are eligible by age and residence as per OMHA residency regulations 3.3. Minor Development players shall not be rostered to a House League team.
- 1.12 “Notice” means for the AGM advertisement posted on the YSMHL’s website and/or emailed to Members; means for Executive meetings or special meetings, notice shall be communicated by email, or written notice in each Executive members’ mailbox; means sub-committee/committee notice can be given through email or by telephone.
- 1.13 “Officers” means the individuals who hold the offices enumerated in By-Law 2.1(b)
- 1.14 “OHA” means the Ontario Hockey Association (or such other name as the OHA may in the future legally adopt);
- 1.15 “OHF” means the Ontario Hockey Federation (or such other name as the OHF may in the future legally adopt);
- 1.16 “OMHA” means Ontario Minor Hockey Association (or such other name as the OMHA may in the future legally adopt);



- 1.17 “Policies” means written statements governing issues affecting the affairs of the League which have been considered and approved by the Executive Board and Delegates of the League;
- 1.18 “REP” means representative hockey, competitive level;
- 1.19 “Select” refers to a category of minor hockey in the divisions of U10 to U18 with a team comprised of players selected from affiliated House League teams. Players must be eligible by age, but are not required to abide by residential regulations, and may compete in exhibition and tournament games as per the regulation while continuing to play for their House League team.
- 1.20 Interpretation
(a) *In this Constitution, By-Laws and Policies & Procedure of the York Simcoe Minor Hockey League (hereinafter referred to as YSMHL) there after passed, unless the context otherwise requires, words importing the singular number or the masculine gender, shall include the plural number or the feminine gender, as the case may be, and vice-versa.*
- 1.21 Severability & Precedence
(a) *The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this By-law shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions of this By-law. If any of the provisions contained in the by-laws are inconsistent with those contained in the Articles or the Act, the provisions contained in the Articles or the Act, as the case may be, shall prevail.*
- 1.22 Seal
(a) *YSMHL does not have an official Seal.*
- 1.23 Execution of Contracts
(a) *The Board may from time to time appoint any Officer or Officers on behalf of YSMHL, either to sign documents generally or to sign specific documents.*

2. DIRECTORS

- 2.1 Election and Term
(a) *The Executive Board shall consist of the Executive Officers, the Immediate Past-President and the OMHA appointed Regional Directors and the OMHA Divisional Convenors.*
(b) *The Executive Officers shall consist of the following: President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer.*



- (c) *The Immediate Past-President position is awarded without a vote to the outgoing President when not elected as President for the subsequent year. This position shall be held until such time as a new Immediate Past-President is acclaimed.*
- (d) *In order to run for any position as a YSMHL Executive Officer, the person must be a member in good standing within a recognized OMHA MHA within the YSMHL jurisdiction or its AAA affiliates (Zone/Centre), or have served on the Executive Board in previous year(s), or be nominated and seconded by a member of the current Executive Board.*
- (e) *The Election of the Executive Officers shall take place at the Annual General Meeting, which shall take place before June 1st.*
- (f) *A proposed slate of Officers will be supplied, if possible, and further nominations may be made from the floor.*
- (g) *Executive Officers shall be elected for one year.*

2.2 Removal of Executive Officers

- (a) *Any YSMHL Executive Officer missing three (3) consecutive meetings will be relieved of their office. Exception to this rule may be made at the discretion of the Executive Board.*
- (b) *The Executive Board and Delegate of YSMHL by Motion passed by two-thirds of the votes cast at a monthly Meeting may remove any Executive Officer before the expiration of his or her term in office.*

2.3 Filling Vacancies

- (a) *For any Executive Officer so relieved, that vacated position shall be filled by appointment by the YSMHL Executive Board for the remainder of that term.*

2.4 Committees

- (a) *It shall be the privilege of the Executive Officers to appoint such standing committees, officers, or other voluntary or paid personnel as it shall consider necessary for the efficient operation for the YSMHL.*

2.5 Remuneration of Directors

- (a) *The Executive Officers are volunteer positions and as such are not subject to remuneration other than reimbursement of expenses as outlined in bylaws or policies*

2.6 Books and Records

- (a) *The Board shall ensure that all necessary books and records of the YSMHL required by the By-Laws of the YSMHL or by any applicable statute are regularly and properly maintained and any contracts or agreements are filed for safekeeping.*

3. BOARD MEETINGS

3.1 Calling of Meetings



- (a) *Board Meetings may be called by any Executive Officer*
- (b) *Quorum is considered to be in effect if any three Executive Officers are in attendance*

3.2 Regular Meetings

- (a) *Board meetings do not follow a defined cadence but may be established at the sole discretion of the Executive Board*

3.3 Notice

- (a) *Notice shall be communicated to all board members at least 7 days in advance of a board meeting unless all board members agree to the calling of a meeting on shorter notice.*

3.4 Chair

- (a) *The Chair of the meeting shall be the president. If the president is not available, or delegates the chair role, any other Executive Officer may act as Chair*

3.5 Voting

- (a) *Each Executive Officer shall have one vote*

3.6 Participation by Telephone or Other Communication Facilities

- (a) *Meetings may be conducted by Telephone or other communication facilities including virtual meeting technology*

4. FINANCIAL

4.1 BANKING

- (a) *The signing officers for banking purposes of the YSMHL shall be the President, Treasurer and Secretary of which any 2 of the 3 can sign.*

4.2 FINANCES

- (a) *The fiscal year-end of the York Simcoe Minor Hockey League (YSMHL) shall be May 31st.*
- (b) *An accountant licensed to perform financial statement review will be appointed by the Executive Board and Delegates at the Annual General Meeting. These financial statements, together with the accountant comments shall be presented to the membership within 120 days of the end of the York Simcoe Minor Hockey League (YSMHL) fiscal year.*

4.3 FEES AND PERFORMANCE BOND

- (a) *The annual YSMHL team entry fee for teams for each MHA will be determined by a By-law.*
- (b) *Upon joining the YSMHL a MHA shall remit to YSMHL to the value of \$500.00 as a guarantee to the YSMHL. This bond money is refunded (less any outstanding fees or fines) upon written request by the MHA's Secretary on letterhead and signed by that MHA's President.*



- (c) *If an MHA has not paid money due then funds are to be taken out of the bond money. MHAs cannot play in the next season until their bond money is restored. (adopted March 4, 2000).*
- (d) *Any MHA or organization losing its bond, or any part thereof, during the season, must renew their bond to \$500.00 for the balance of the season.*

5. OFFICERS

5.1 Executive Officers

- (a) *The Executive Officers shall consist of the following: Immediate Past-President, President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer*

5.2 Duties of the Chair

- (a) *be responsible for the conduct of such meetings and see to the carrying out of the decisions of the Executive Board and Delegates.*

5.3 Duties of the President

- (a) *be the official representative of YSMHL and oversee all operations of the League;*
- (b) *act as a signing officer on all documents pertaining to the operation of YSMHL*
- (c) *provide leadership to the Executive Officers and exercise general supervision of the YSMHL in accordance with its Constitution, By-laws and Policies and Procedures;*
- (d) *Serve as Chair*

5.4 Duties of the Treasurer

- (a) *ensure adherence to and implementation of financial policies of YSMHL*
- (b) *present an accurate record of all monies received and disbursed, and reporting same at each regular YSMHL monthly meeting*
- (c) *ensure the submission of the books of account to the financial reviewer for YSMHL at the end of the financial fiscal year;*
- (d) *present a report of the Financial Review from the previous financial year, and a projected financial position, Budget review and recommended financial policy to the Executive Officers and at a YSMHL general meeting to the Executive Board and Delegates*
- (e) *pay all accounts by cheque or as authorized by YSMHL*
- (f) *provide the Secretary of YSMHL with an updated list of Delegates in good standing as needed*
- (g) *act as a signing officer as required.*

5.5 Duties of the Secretary

- (a) *be responsible for the recording, transcribing and distribution of Minutes and information of all YSMHL monthly meetings, Special Meetings and*



- Annual General Meeting, and ensure that accurate records of these meetings are properly kept;*
- (b) *ensure the posting of any changes to the existing YSMHL governing documents to the YSMHL website*
 - (c) *maintain a contact list of all Executive Board and Delegates*
 - (d) *keep attendance records of all Executive Board and Delegates for all meetings.*
 - (e) *receive any correspondence addressed to the YSMHL including any protests or appeals, and forward in a timely fashion to the appropriate Committee Chair or President*
 - (f) *perform any other duties as assigned by the President or Executive Board.*
 - (g) *act as a signing officer as required*
- 5.6 Duties of the 1st Vice President
- (a) *assist the President as requested, and act as President's substitute as required*
 - (b) *facilitate information sharing, problem solving and development of minor hockey for YSMHL*
 - (c) *attend meetings of YSMHL*
 - (d) *perform any other duties as assigned by the President*
 - (e) *not convene any group/league while holding office unless there is an unfilled position*
 - (f) *chair at least one of the YSMHL committees*
- 5.7 Duties of the 2nd Vice President
- (a) *assist the President and act as President's substitute in the absence of the 1st Vice President as required*
 - (b) *facilitate information sharing, problem solving and development of minor hockey for YSMHL*
 - (c) *attend meetings of YSMHL*
 - (d) *perform any other duties as assigned by the President*
 - (e) *not convene any group/league while holding office unless there is an unfilled position*
 - (f) *chair at least one of the YSMHL committees*
- 5.8 Duties of the Immediate Past President
- (a) *Chair the election at the Annual General Meeting*
 - (b) *be available to assist any Executive Officer requiring assistance in the completion of their duties;*
 - (c) *carry out other duties as assigned by the President or the YSMHL.*



6. PROTECTION OF DIRECTORS AND OTHERS

- 6.1 No Executive Board member or Delegate of the YSMHL is to be liable for the acts, neglects or defaults of any other Executive Board member or Delegate of the League. All members of the YSMHL are to fulfil their duties to YSMHL under the Articles and Bylaws of said YSMHL and will exercise their powers and discharge their duties in accordance with the Not-for-Profit Corporation Act, and the Constitution and Bylaws of YSMHL.
- 6.2 Executive Board shall obtain and maintain Directors Errors and Omissions Insurance or equivalent either directly, or as provided by governing bodies such as the Hockey Canada Federation, The Ontario Hockey Federation or the Ontario Minor Hockey Association.

7. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- 7.1 Conflict of Interest
- (a) *A 'general conflict of interest' exists where a person or person's spouse, family member, companion or associate has a direct or indirect financial, legal, equitable or personal interest in the matter or the outcome of the matter. Executive Board and Delegates have a responsibility to declare any conflict of interest and excuse themselves from any discussion or voting on any particular matter of business for the YSMHL that could present a general conflict of interest.*

8. MEMBERS

- 8.1 Members
- (a) *Membership in the YSMHL shall be open to any MHA which receives approval of the OMHA and YSMHL Executive, and have fulfilled all the YSMHL obligations. The MHA may submit team entries in any one or multiple divisions of the YSMHL. The members of this League agree to abide by the YSMHL League Rules. The OMHA reserves the right to enter team(s) or MHA(s) into the League when the OMHA feels that the entry is in the best interests of the MHA(s) and/or League.*
- (b) *The Delegates are a group composed of one (1) representative (or alternate) for the first ten (10) teams an MHA enters in the YSMHL and two (2) representatives for 11 teams or more. Each Delegate (or alternate) shall have one vote at the YSMHL meetings.*
- 8.2 Disciplinary Act or Termination of Membership for Cause
- (a) *The removal of a Delegate shall be determined after being brought by the Executive Board to a monthly meeting, requiring a simple majority of votes cast when the delegate has*



- (i) missed at least 3 regular monthly YSMHL meetings without notice to the YSMHL President or Secretary, and/or
- (ii) is not carrying out the duties or responsibilities of a Delegate.
- (b) *This Delegate will be removed and the MHA that they were to represent will be asked to appoint a new Delegate.*
- (c) *Any member of the YSMHL who is subject to disciplinary action by the YSMHL shall have the right to appeal the decision of the League to the OMHA in accordance with the appropriate OMHA appeal process.*

9. MEMBERS' MEETINGS

9.1 Regular Meetings

- (a) *The YSMHL meetings will be held monthly (or as called) during the playing season.*
- (b) *Any MHA that has a team participate in YSMHL shall provide a Delegate to attend every YSMHL monthly meeting.*
- (c) *At each monthly meeting the Treasurer will produce for each MHA and the Executive Board a financial report detailing the YSMHL financial transactions of the month previous and the state of the YSMHL bank accounts and investments.*
- (d) *Notice of any major change affecting the YSMHL will be sent out to the Delegates prior to the next monthly YSMHL meeting so that a simple majority vote may be taken based on direction from the Centres' Executive members.*
- (e) *Any new business at a YSMHL meeting must come through a YSMHL delegate (or alternate) or Executive Board member, in good standing. (adopted January 2, 2001).*

9.2 Special Meetings

- (a) *Not less than 25% of the Executive Board and Delegates may requisition in writing that the Executive Officers call a Special Meeting of the member Association/Centres to deal with a specific situation(s). The written request shall state the general nature of the business to be presented at that Special meeting, and shall be signed by the requisitioners and deposited with the OMHA Regional Director representing the area in which the league operates, who shall forthwith call a Special Meeting for the transaction of business stated in that requisition.*
- (b) *Fifty-one percent (51%) of the Delegates and three Executive Officers shall constitute a quorum for these Special Meetings*

9.3 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

- (a) *The Annual Meeting to be held before June 1st.*



- (b) *No Article of the Constitution shall be altered, rescinded, or new one made, except at the Annual Meeting and then only by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the eligible members present and voting.*
- (c) *Notices of Motion for Constitution amendments for consideration at the Annual General Meeting shall be in writing to the YSMHL Secretary, NOT later than four (4) weeks preceding the Annual Meeting. In turn, these items will be mailed out, faxed or e-mailed to the Centres/Associations for study prior to the AGM with two (2) weeks' notice.*

9.4 Notice

- (a) *Notice shall be communicated to Executive Board and Delegates at least 14 days in advance of a meeting unless all members agree to the calling of a meeting on shorter notice.*

9.5 Quorum

- (a) *A Quorum of 51% of the Delegates and at least 3 Executive Officers shall be required at any YSMHL monthly meeting in order for voting to be conducted.*

9.6 Chair of the Meeting

- (a) *The Chair of the meeting shall be the president. If the president is not available, or delegates the chair role, any other Executive Officer may act as Chair*

9.7 VOTING PRIVILEGE

- (a) *All members of the Executive Board and Delegates in good standing can vote.*
- (b) *There is to be no proxy voting at any meeting, subject to the requirements of any legislation governing YSMHL.*
- (c) *Good Standing is defined for MHAs as having a complete bond and no financial obligations to YSMHL or its affiliates.*
- (d) *Each Executive Officer (except the President, unless a deciding vote is necessary) shall have an Individual vote.*

9.8 Participation by Telephone or Other Communication Facilities

- (a) *Meetings may be conducted by Telephone or other communication facilities including virtual meeting technology*

10. NOTICES

10.1 Computation of Time

- (a) *In computing the date when notice must be given under any provision of this By-Law requiring a specified number of days' notice of any meeting*



or other event, the date of the giving the notice is included, unless otherwise provided.

10.2 Error or Omission in Giving Notice

- (a) *The accidental omission to give notice of any meeting of the Board or members or the non-receipt of any notice by any Executive Board Member or Delegate or any error in any notice not affecting its substance does not invalidate any resolution passed or any proceedings taken at the meeting. Any Board member or Delegate may at any time waive notice of any meeting and may ratify and approve any or all proceedings taken thereat.*

11. ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

11.1 Amendments to By-Law

- (a) *The Delegates and the Executive Board have the power to elect the Executive Officers and amend the Constitution.*
- (b) *Bylaws may be altered, rescinded or new ones made at any monthly meeting as long as a quorum is present and passed by a simple majority of the Delegates and Executive Board.*



YSMHL POLICIES & PROCEDURES

1. GAMES AND GAME SHEETS

1.1 Games

- (a) *YSMHL will strive to have in every division of AA, A, AE – a balanced schedule but to be 24- 26 games for teams going to the OMHA playdowns unless otherwise specified by YSMHL. U21 is exempt. The regular season will end the first week of January (exact date to be determined yearly). (adopted Aug 6,2019).*
- (b) *MD Teams - Teams in MD division are to have 34-36 games in regular season as they do not have OMHA Championship, and will play this regular season until mid- February whereafter the top 4 teams will go on to the YSMHL semi finals. (adopted Sep 3,2019)*
- (c) *Game periods (length of time) should be noted on the gamesheet to match what time was assigned by the ice scheduler. (adopted May 12,2020).*
- (d) *The game periods (length of time) cannot be changed once the game starts. (adopted May 12,2020).*

1.2 Minimum Game Lengths for YSMHL games:

- U9 10-10-10
- U10 10-10-10
- U11 10-10-10
- U12 10-10-15
- U13 10-10-15
- U14 10-15-15
- U15 10-15-15
- U16 15-15-flood/rest-15
- U18 15-15-flood/rest-15
- U21 15-15-flood/rest-15 (adopted April 5, 2016)

This includes all representative teams but does not include Local League, **Select**, MD or House League. Ice time allotment for Local League and House League will be at the discretion of the host Centre.

1.3 One, thirty (30) second timeout per team in any division will be permitted. (Adopted May 12,2020).

1.4 Tie Breaker Rule for Regular Season Play

- (a) *Head to Head competition during League Play*
- (b) *Goal differential percentage determined by: $GF/(GF + GA)$ between tied teams playing in League Play Head to Head competition, will advance*
- (c) *Goal differential percentage determined by: $GF/(GF+GA)$ for tied teams for all games in the regular season, and highest percentage will advance*
- (d) *Most goals during the Regular Season*



- (e) *Least penalty minutes between tied teams including misconducts for both coaches and players at 10 minutes each, major penalties at five minutes each, and all two-minute penalties.*
- (f) *Cointoss.*

1.5 Game Sheets

- (a) *Hereafter 'gamesheets' refers to electronically submitted or paper type. (adopted May 12,2020).*
- (b) *All YSMHL games (league and playoffs/playdowns) are to use electronic game sheets. In an emergency situation, technological failure or out of league play, paper game sheets MAY be used.*
- (c) *All Centres/Associations with teams registered to play in YSMHL agree to pay the electronic game sheet fee for all home games if using the electronic game sheet – whether for regular season, playoffs or exhibition games (see current game sheet fee under Current Fees heading). Costs to be paid by YSMHL on behalf of the Centres/Associations and all Centres/Associations are to re-imburse YSMHL for these costs before May 1st each year.*
- (d) *It will be the responsibility of each MHA which has teams registered for play within YSMHL to make sure that the game sheet, whether electronic or paper, is forwarded immediately following the game to the OMHA divisional convenor(as per OMHA Regulation 18.7). In the case of a paper game sheet, faxed or emailed copies will be acceptable to update standings providing neither team disputes the result.*
- (e) *In the case of the electronic game sheet, it is to be downloaded to following the game. All Centres/Associations should have some contact and control over the on-ice officials using that MHA as a home centre in ensuring that the game sheets are sent in to the OMHA divisional convenors in a timely fashion, especially during playoffs and playdowns.*
- (f) *The Rostered Coaching Staff and Team Managers are not to receive the white (original) copy of a paper game sheet under any circumstances. Failure to abide by this rule or failure to forward the game sheet to the OMHA divisional convenor within a reasonable amount of time will result in sanctions to the Centre (sanctions to be determined by the Dispute Resolution Committee).*
- (g) *Failure to forward the game sheet to the OMHA divisional convenor within a reasonable amount of time will result in additional sanctions to the MHA.*
 - (i) *A reasonable amount of time for a paper game sheet is considered to be within 30 days of the completion of the game. White (original)game sheets can be submitted to the OMHA divisional convenor at the monthly YSMHL meeting, or sent to the OMHA divisional convenor via post. An electronic*



copy must be submitted within 24 hrs to the OMHA divisional convenor.

- (ii) A reasonable amount of time for an electronic game sheet is 24 hours after the completion of the game- such submission to be fully up-loaded to GameSheets Inc. and the score must be submitted to the OneDB System. If this is not possible within these 24 hrs, the coach MUST contact the MHA delegate immediately so that the Association reports the problem to the OMHA Division Convenor for that team. Failure to follow these steps will cause the game sheet/download to be LATE and the late fee for game sheets will apply.
- (iii) All game sheets (electronic or paper) not submitted to the appropriate OMHA Division convenor within the above-noted time frame will be deemed LATE and said convenor will report that the Home MHA will be subject to a fine for the late game sheet. The fine imposed for each late game sheet will be \$25.00. These fines will be invoiced directly by the YSMHL Treasurer to the offending Home MHA. Should the game sheet not be sent to the OMHA Division convenor by May 1st of the season, the game sheet will be deemed lost, and a further \$25.00 per lost game sheet will be imposed on the MHA. (Adopted May 12,2020).

- 1.6 It will be the responsibility of the Head Coach of each team registered for play within YSMHL to appoint someone to ensure that all games being participated in by his team within the YSMHL organization must be reported to the appropriate OMHA divisional convenor within a reasonable amount of time. A reasonable amount of time is considered to be 24 hours after the game is completed . Submissions of paper game sheets can be made by email being a clear and legible copy of the game sheet **or in the** form of a clear photo or scan of the game sheet(s). All games to be reported include and not limited to: exhibition games, YSMHL regular season games, YSMHL playoff games, OMHA playdown games, any and all tournaments including those played outside of the OMHA jurisdiction. Failure by the participating team(s) Officials to report game results along with copies of game sheets will result in a warning from the OMHA divisional convenor for the first offence. Any subsequent failures to report games may, at the discretion of the OMHA divisional convenor to the YSMHL Executive Board, result in disciplinary actions including a single game suspension assessed against the Head Coach of the offending team(s).
- 1.7 Extenuating circumstances will be considered should there be failure to comply with the rules as outlined above.



- 1.8 Tournament participation will include having all game sheets being submitted **to** the OMHA divisional convenor upon completion of the tournament play, and within 24 hours of returning from the tournament. (adopted May 3, 2016)
- 1.9 Game Changes
- (a) *Notification of game changes, especially under “just cause” are to be acknowledged by both ice schedulers. The time needed for contacting the other Centre/ice scheduler should be at least four (4) hours before game time. The Home Centre shall be responsible for contacting the home team, arena and the Referee in Chief/Referee Assignor for that game.*
- (b) *No team officials may make any change to any scheduled game. No league game will be permitted after the schedule completion date. Game changes will be allowed free of charge until September 30th. From October 1st to the regular season completion, a \$50.00 fee will apply per each game change (except for “just cause” and minor changes such as arena the same day). Game change fees to be recorded by the OMHA division convenor and collected by the YSMHL Treasurer. Fees not paid will be taken from the bond.*

2. BLUE PUCKS

- 2.1 Refer to current OMHA Policies and Procedures which currently states that the lightweight blue puck shall be mandatory for all hockey programs or all players under 8 years of age. (adopted May 12,2020)
- 2.2 YSMHL U9 will use the “regulation” black puck for all YSMHL league and playoff games starting in the 2019-2020 hockey season. (adopted May 12,2020)

3. OFFICIALS

- 3.1 YSMHL requires that a three (3) official system be used starting at the U13 age group. At any time in U13 and above, that a two official system is used, a report from the hosting centre must be submitted to the YSMHL Executive Board detailing the reason for the variance.
- 3.2 The following increase in referee rates to apply over and above the existing OMHA Manual of Operations rates per official for representative hockey only:
- U11 and below \$5.00 increase
 - U12 & U13 \$7.00 increase
 - U14 & U 15 \$8.00 increase
 - U16 and above \$10.00 increase (adopted August 5, 2014)
- 3.3 All mileage paid to officials is to be determined per OMHA Reg. 18.6 (Adopted May 12,2020).



- 3.4 It is recommended by YSMHL that all Centres/Associations use a 4-person officiating system for U18 starting in the 2019-2020 hockey season. (adopted March 5, 2019)
- 3.5 That all U16 and U18 teams are to have a 4-official system for all playoff games in OMHA and York Simcoe. (adopted Sep 3,2019)
- 3.6 Appointment of Officials
- (a) *Out of Town Officials – now known as OMHA Assigned Officials*
 - (b) *For all OMHA Preliminary round Playdowns games, game officials will be appointed by the hosting Centre as per the regulations laid out in OMHA Regulation 18.1.*
 - (c) *For all OMHA Quarter Final, Semi-final and Final round Playdown games, game officials will be appointed by the OMHA, as per the regulations laid out in OMHA Regulation 18.1.*
 - (d) *Any requests for Officials to be appointed outside of the above-stated process must be made by the Centre contact to the OMHA Divisional convenor in excess of 48 hours prior to the contracted game time. Granting of that request will be at the pleasure of the OMHA Regional Director or YSMHL Executive (as appropriate for the affected contract), in consultation with the OMHA Divisional convenor.*
 - (e) *If the request is made for games in OMHA Playdowns, then OMHA Regulation 18.3 will apply.*
 - (f) *If the request is made for games in YSMHL Playoffs, then the following will apply:*
 - (i) Once approved, the requesting Centre will be responsible to appoint Officials from a neutral (non-competing) Centre for the completion of the entire contract. Failure to secure proper officials from a third party Centre may result in action being taken by the YSMHL Dispute Resolution Committee.
 - (ii) Failure to provide neutral officials does not warrant a postponement or loss of the game.
 - (iii) The requesting Centre must bear the entire cost (game fees and mileage) of the officials for all the games remaining in the contract. Additionally, an administrative fee of \$200.00 will be paid to the YSMHL by the requesting Centre, to ensure compliance of the request.

4. YSMHL REGISTRATION FEES

- 4.1 Registration Fees per team (AA,A,AE and MD) are as follows
- (a) *first team \$200.00, and*
 - (b) *Subsequent teams \$100.00 each (adopted May 2, 2017)*



- 4.2 A \$15.00 fee will be charged per Rostered Select team to participate in the YSMHL loop. (adopted Oct. 3, 2017)

5. REQUEST FOR RE-CLASSIFICATION OF TEAMS

- 5.1 Centres requesting a team to play in a higher or lower division must make the request in writing to the OMHA Regional Director and the YSMHL President no later than the August YSMHL monthly meeting of that year in order to give OMHA divisional convenors time to schedule. (adopted May 12,2020).

6. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 6.1 The Dispute Resolution Committee will be responsible for deciding issues re: standings, playoffs, game sheets, flow charts and any other extenuating issues.
- 6.2 The Dispute Resolution Committee shall consist of five (5) members. These members will include the YSMHL President, one Vice-President and the Secretary. The OMHA Regional Director and the applicable OMHA Divisional Convenor.
- 6.3 In the event any or all of the above Committee members are unable to attend or there is a conflict of interest with any of the five members, the YSMHL President may designate other YSMHL Executive Board members to fill the vacancies.
- 6.4 There must be a minimum of four (4) to constitute a Dispute Resolution Committee meeting.
- 6.5 At this Committee's discretion, this Committee may invite representatives from the Centres to provide additional information that this Committee may need to render a decision.

7. APPEAL FROM DISCIPLINARY ACTION

- 7.1 Any group, team official or player subject to disciplinary action by this League (YSMHL), shall have the right to appeal the decision to the YSMHL Dispute Resolution Committee. Appeals must be made in writing to the YSMHL Secretary (and a copy going to the OMHA representative(s) Regional Director who is a member of the League). Any written Appeal must be accompanied by a fee (non-refundable) of \$50.00. The fee must be certified cheque or money order. An Appeal presented in person is subject to a \$100.00 non-refundable fee (certified cheque or money order).

8. PLAYDOWNS (OMHA) AND PLAY-OFFS (YSMHL)

- 8.1 Game Times for Playoffs and Play Downs



- (a) *YSMHL playoff finals will follow the same game times as OMHA – found in the OMHA Manual of Operations, Regulation 13.3(d) and table 10.2 b*

8.2 OMHA Play

- (a) *As mandated by Ontario Minor Hockey Association in June 2018, as of the 2019-2020 hockey season, all YSMHL teams will 'make' the OMHA playdowns.*
- (b) *In the event that a division consists of teams that will leave YSMHL and go to their own OMHA Play Downs (Lakeshore or AE1) they will be removed from the standings that will go to the OMHA Play downs.*
- (c) *Home ice in every series will be determined by the regular season standings regardless of re- seeding from round robins or previous series.*
- (d) *Byes will be avoided wherever possible.*
- (e) *Ties will be decided by the Tie Breaker Rule for League Play (see Policy 1.4)*
- (f) *Teams eliminated from the OMHA quarterfinals will return to YSMHL Playoffs.*
- (g) *OMHA Divisional Convenors or whomever is preparing the flowcharts to have flexibility and use discretion in the best interests of all teams.*
- (h) *If three (3) teams are to advance to OMHA Semi-Finals, a one game playoff between the Quarter-Final losers will be scheduled to determine what team advances. Three overtimes to be scheduled upon approval by the OMHA via a Regional Director. Home ice determined by League standing.*
- (i) *See OMHA Regulation 13.4 for Tie Breaker Rules for OMHA Play. (adopted May 12,2020).*

8.3 YSMHL League Playoff Play (adopted 2014)

- (a) *Teams returning from the OMHA Playdowns up to and including OMHA quarter finals, will participate in the YSMHL Playoffs.*
- (b) *Home ice in every series will be determined by the Regular Season regardless of re-seeding from round robins or previous series.*
- (c) *Byes will be avoided wherever possible*
- (d) *The OMHA Divisional convenor or whoever is preparing the flowcharts to have flexibility and use discretion in the best interest of all teams. (adopted May 12,2020).*

8.4 Reclassified Teams

- (a) *Teams that are reclassified for League Play*
- (b) *York Simcoe Minor Hockey League Executive Board reserves the right to reclassify, before the end of the regular season, any and all teams back to their original OMHA Centre Base category/classification for Playdowns and/or Playoffs – based on their standing in the League Play for the current season. It is also understood that all teams moving UP or DOWN must confirm using the correct form to OMHA, that they are remaining in that certain category/classification for the Playdowns before the deadline given each year by OMHA.*



- (c) *Any teams moved back to the original Centre base category/classification or teams coming from another area, will be placed one place below the middle of the league standings. Any CC or C teams will be placed into the flow if they return to the York Simcoe Playoffs; place to be determined by the OMHA convenor of that division.*

8.5 Overtime

- (a) *Any game in YSMHL Playoffs series is subject to a 10-minute sudden victory overtime period in the event of a tie at the end of three (3) periods of play. The 10-minute overtime is to be noted on the contract.*
- (b) *No 10-minute overtime period in YSMHL round robin play. (adopted March 4, 2014)*
- (c) *All contracted playoff series are subject to a ten (10) minute overtime period. If an additional game is required to determine the winner of the series, the revised contract will consist of three (3) regulation and three (3) "10-minute" overtime periods for that game – approved by the Regional Director. No additional playoff game will be completed with more than three (3) overtime periods after regulation play. If an additional game is required, the team with the first available ice time will be awarded any subsequent game should that be necessary to determine a series winner.*

8.6 Time Outs

- (a) *One 30-second time out is allowed per team per game in all YSMHL Playoff games (series and round robin).*

8.7 Withdrawal from Playoffs

- (a) *All teams of each Centre are entered in the YSMHL Playoffs unless the withdrawal form is completed and signed by the Association President and delegate no later than the YSMHL December meeting. Any team not fulfilling their commitment will subject the Centre to a fine of \$500.00 per offending team. Fines not paid will be taken from the Centre bond money. Once the bond money is gone, the Centre is no longer in good standing with YSMHL and the Centre can be suspended. (adopted August 2004)*
- (b) *If a team is travelling with permission of OMHA during any York Simcoe Minor Hockey League playoffs, their privilege of competing in the YSMHL playoffs shall be revoked.*

8.8 Tie Breaker Rule for Playoff Play

- (a) *Head to Head competition in Round Robin play, not League schedule*
- (b) *Goal differential percentage determined by $GF/(GF + GA)$ between tied teams playing in head to head in that Playoff round; highest percentage will advance*



- (c) *Goal differential percentage determined by $GF/(GF+GA)$ for tied teams for all games in that Playoff round, highest percentage will advance*
- (d) *Most goals between the tied teams for that Playoff round*
- (e) *Least penalty minutes between tied teams including misconducts for both coaches and players at 10 minutes each, major penalties at five minutes each, and all two minute penalties to date.*
- (f) *Coin toss.*

9. YSMHL PROTESTS

9.1 Protests

- (a) *Member Centres may file a protest on a game played (in the YSMHL Playoffs only) with the Secretary of the YSMHL. NOT the OMHA office.*
- (b) *Upon receipt of the Protest, the President, Secretary and the OMHA Regional Director will examine the Protest to determine that all procedures relative to the filing of the Protest have been followed.*

9.2 Matters that may be Protested

- (a) *A game official's rule application, which in the opinion of the aggrieved team, may be incorrect and may have given the opposition team a distinct advantage.*
- (b) *The participation of a player or team official deemed to be ineligible. Rosters and AP lists are to be checked before all games and noted so by the referees.*
- (c) *A violation of any YSMHL, OMHA, OHF or HC rule, regulation or policy deemed to have a significant and legitimate affect on the outcome of the game*
- (d) *A game official's judgment of the Rules may not be protested. (Adopted May 12,2020).*

9.3 Time Allowed for Filing and Defending a Protest

- (a) *A Protest must be filed within 24 hours of the starting time of the game in question. The Protest must be heard or decided within 36 hours of the Protest being filed unless extenuating circumstances prevail. A Protest fee of \$150.00 must be supplied. The fee will be returned only if the Protest is won.*
- (b) *A "Defense of Protest" must be filed within 24 hours of notification of Protest. A Defense fee of \$75.00 shall be payable to YSMHL and will be returned if the Protest is dismissed.*

9.4 To File a Protest

- (a) *Complete the YSMHL Protest form, attaching all documents requested. This form must be signed by the President and Secretary of the Centre for the Protest to be valid. The "Protest Form" is available on the YSMHL website.*
- (b) *Deliver the YSMHL Protest form and attachments to the YSMHL Secretary within 24 hours of the starting time of the game in question.*



- (c) *Deliver the Protest fee of \$150.00 to the YSMHL Secretary by Association cheque, e-transfer or money order within 24 hours of the start of the game protested. (adopted May 12,2020).*

9.5 Notification of Protest

- (a) *Upon receipt of the Protest and pending satisfactory examination by the YSMHL President and Secretary, and the OMHA Regional Director, the Secretary for YSMHL will provide notification of the Protest to the opposing Centre.*
- (b) *A Centre served with a Protest may decide to defend or not defend against the Protest. The Secretary of YSMHL must be notified of the decision to defend or not defend in writing.*

9.6 To File a Defense

- (a) *Forward a letter of Defense, attaching all documentation, signed by the President and Secretary of the Centre (to be valid as a Defense), to the YSMHL Secretary within 24 hours of notification of Protest, including the Defense fee of \$75.00.*

9.7 Protest Committee

- (a) *The Protest Committee shall consist of five (5) members. These members will include the YSMHL President, Secretary and one Vice-President, the OMHA Regional Director and the applicable OMHA divisional Convenor.*
- (b) *In the event any or all of the above Committee members are unable to attend or there is a conflict of interest with any of the five members, the YSMHL President may designate other YSMHL Executive Board members to fill the vacancies.*
- (c) *There must be a minimum of four (4) such members to constitute a Protest Committee meeting.*
- (d) *At the Protest Committee's discretion, the Protest Committee may invite representatives from the two Centres to provide additional information that the Committee may need to render a decision.*
- (e) *The YSMHL Secretary will acknowledge receipt of the "Protest" or "Defense" by communicating directly with the involved YSMHL Association representatives.*
- (f) *In the event the YSMHL Secretary is not available to accept a "Protest" for an extended period of time, the YSMHL President will designate a replacement which will be communicated to all member Associations.*

9.8 Executive Discretionary Action

- (a) *At the discretion of the YSMHL Executive Board, a series can be suspended. In rendering a decision, the Protest Committee may:*



- (i) Allow the Protest
- (ii) Dismiss the Protest
- (iii) Determine the disposition of the game protested
- (iv) Determine suspensions that are appropriate.
- (v) Both Centres will be notified in writing of the Protest Committee's decision within 12 hours of the decision. The decision of the YSMHL Protest Committee is final and binding.

10. DEFAULTS & FORFEITURES (NOT PROTESTS)

10.1 Defaults and Forfeitures

- (a) *Defaults follow the OMHA Manual of Operations Rule 14.0*
- (b) *Forfeitures follow the OHF Handbook, Regulation A.7.*
- (c) *Any Association or organization that is a member of the YSMHL may apply for damages by another member's failure to fulfill their obligations. An application for such MUST be addressed to the YSMHL through the Secretary and MUST be received within fourteen (14) days of the incident. The original letter to the Secretary must be copied and sent to the offending MHA and so noted. This will allow the offending MHA to send a rebuttal to the YSMHL Secretary if they wish. In the case of a missed scheduled game, request for funds will only include ½ the ice cost, the cost of officials, the cost of timekeeper(s) This process only takes place when the Centres/Associations cannot co-operate and solve the missed game.*
- (d) *Any MHA that is absent from a meeting pertaining to the YSMHL will be fined \$25.00 for the first missed meeting of the season, \$50.00 for the second missed meeting in the same season, and \$100.00 each for any other missed meetings during that same season. Attendance/time will reset at the start of a new season. IF the fee(s) is not paid, the money will be taken out of the Centre's bond money. A Centre will not be allowed to register or schedule playoffs without their bond being complete. A copy of the fine, which is sent to the delegate, will go to the absentee's local Association/Centre. Limited exceptions may apply at the discretion of the Executive Board. (adopted May 12,2020)*
- (e) *All payments of such damages will be made at the discretion of the YSMHL Executive Officers.*
- (f) *Playoff Games defaulted: the two (2) points are lost by the defaulting team.*

11. YORK-SIMCOE-LAKESHORE CHALLENGE

- 11.1 The York Simcoe-Lakeshore Challenge shall be held the 2nd weekend of April. Attendance by the YSMHL Champions is mandatory in categories AA,A and AE.



Failure to attend will result in a fine, equivalent to the cost of the entry fee times two (2) (adopted April 1st, 2014)

- 11.2 For the 2021-2022 Season, the York Simcoe-Lakeshore Challenge may be postponed or cancelled due to the new OMHA Playoff format. This will be reviewed once playoff details are known.

12. ANNUAL DINNER

- 12.1 There shall be an Annual Dinner.
- 12.2 The YSMHL team registration fee covers three guests per YSMHL MHA without further cost.
- 12.3 The Executive Officers and OMHA divisional convenors of the YSMHL and the OMHA Regional Directors and special guests invited by YSMHL can attend without cost to them.
- 12.4 A fee schedule will be provided for additional persons who wish to attend the YSMHL Annual Dinner.

13. REIMBURSEMENT WHEN USING PERSONAL VEHICLE

- 13.1 Reimbursement for YSMHL Executive Officers & OMHA Divisional Convenors for YSMHL
- 13.2 Reimbursement when using your personal vehicle for YSMHL business – the YSMHL will reimburse at the rate as posted in the OMHA Manual of Operations, Rule. 18.6.

14. PAYMENT OF DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

- 14.1 The Executive Officers, and particularly under the direction of the YSMHL President for the operation of the League, shall be allowed a maximum of \$150.00 per instance. These funds may include funds for funeral flowers or memorial donations, or meeting supplies or coffee/food. (adopted Aug 6,2019)
- 14.2 All such reasonable expenditures must have the receipt of same submitted to the YSMHL Treasurer prior to payment.

15. ALLOWABLE EXPENSES ON BEHALF OF YSMHL

- 15.1 YSMHL expenses are to be reviewed by the OMHA Regional Director who will then forward same to the YSMHL President and Treasurer



- 15.2 The following are acceptable expenses for YSMHL business (particularly to YSMHL Executive Officers, and OMHA convenors for YSMHL)
- (a) *Mileage for YSMHL business (Reimbursement as per YSMHL Policy 13)*
 - (b) *Mileage for YSMHL trophy presentations*
 - (c) *Office supplies (folders/totes, labels, etc.)*
- 15.3 Expenses for OMHA business will be submitted to the OMHA through the Regional Director after their approval by the Regional Director.

16. FINANCIAL POLICIES

- 16.1 The Treasurer should report the MHA bond separately from the general operating account which may or may not be in a separate bank account.
- 16.2 To move the MHA's bond into the YSMHL general account after removing monies owing if an MHA has been inactive for 3 years (adopted May 2, 2012)
- 16.3 A financial review is to be completed by an accountant annually.
- 16.4 To purchase a YS laptop with Microsoft Office for use by the YSMHL Secretary (adopted August 6, 2013)

17. GATE FEES

- 17.1 There will be no Gate Fees charged for any game played between two YSMHL teams. For teams advancing out of the region on to another League, gate fees are to be determined by the MHAs involved and indicated on the contract. (Adopted June 2, 2007)

18. YSMHL TROPHIES

- 18.1 YSMHL trophies are to be returned to the OMHA divisional convenor no later than the YSMHL November meeting, and if not returned by that date, then a \$100.00 fine per trophy is issued to the Centre of record, with additional fines of \$50.00 for December and January each. If, at February 1st, the trophy has not been returned to the appropriate OMHA divisional convenor for that trophy division, then it will be deemed lost and the MHA of record holding that trophy will be fined a total of \$500.00 per trophy to replace it. (adopted February 2016)
- 18.2 The YSMHL Secretary is to take note at that November YSMHL meeting of what trophies have not been returned, and those Centres shall be billed according. If the funds are not paid by that December 1st, the funds owing will be taken out of the Centre's bond money held by YSMHL for that Association. (adopted February 2016)



18.3 YSMHL Championship Trophies have been donated by member Centres and sponsors, and are listed below:

U7Select	Unionville Minor Hockey Association
U7s	Markham Minor Hockey Association House League
U8AE	Belleville Minor Hockey Association
U9 A	Innisfil Minor Hockey Association
U9 AA	?
U10 AE	Peterborough
U10 A	Orillia Terriers
U10 AA	?
U11 AE	New Tecumseth Minor Hockey Association
U11 A	Schomberg Minor Hockey Association (The Larry Gould Honour Award for Dedication & Volunteer Service)
U11 AA	Georgina Blaze (in Memory of the Late Josh Sedore)
U12 AE	Ajax Knights
U12 A	Barrie Minor Hockey Association
U12 AA	?
U13 AE	Richmond Hill Minor Hockey Association (The Allan Smith Honour Award for Dedication & Volunteer Service)
U13 A	Beeton Athletic Association
U13 AA	Oshawa Minor Hockey Association
U14 AE	Pickering Minor Hockey Association
U14 A	Markham Waxers
U14 AA	New Tecumseth Minor Hockey Association
U15 AE	Richmond Hill Minor Hockey Association (The Robert Geddes Memorial Trophy)
U15 A	Bradford Minor Hockey Association (The Bob Fallis Memorial Trophy)
U15 AA	Aurora Minor Hockey Association (The P. Hubble Honour Award for Dedication and Volunteer Service) U16 AE Newmarket Redmen
U16 A	Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association (The Andy Cartwright Trophy)
U16 AA	Newmarket Redmen
U18 AE	East Gwillimbury Minor Hockey Association
U18 A	Nobleking Knights
U18 AA	Barrie Minor Hockey Association
U21	Marketex

18.4 (Policies revised May 12,2020)



19. DUTIES OF DELEGATE

- 19.1 Each MHA Delegate shall attend the monthly YSMHL meeting or ensure that an alternate attends in their place.
- 19.2 Is responsible for bringing information discussed at the YSMHL monthly meeting, or communicated to him/her from YSMHL to their MHA.
- 19.3 All complaints from teams must go through their MHA Delegate.
- 19.4 Ensure that the teams submit the game sheets electronically within 24 hours of the start of the game to the appropriate convenors.
- 19.5 Ensuring that the MHA provides the white copies of the game sheets (if used) to the OMHA divisional convenors in a timely period as covered in Policy 1.5(g) Game sheets
- 19.6 Responsible for bringing any pertinent information from their MHA/team to the YSMHL for discussion.
- 19.7 Ensure that a Home MHA representative is available to assist for all YSMHL and OMHA trophy and/or medal presentations.

20. SCHEDULING POLICIES

- 20.1 A team can only protect three (3) weekends in regular season (for tournaments, team events, etc). (adopted May 3, 2011)
- 20.2 The regular season end date is to be determined yearly by the August monthly YSMHL meeting.

21. YSMHL DEVELOPMENT

- 21.1 To review investing more money into the YSMHL finals to enhance the status of the YS Championships with trophies, medallions. (adopted November 6, 2012)

22. SPECIFIC PROGRAMMING

- 22.1 General
 - (a) *YSMHL will run teams in AA and A following the rules of OMHA U9 and Below. (adopted March 5,2019). YSMHL will not ice a MD or AE division, in U8 or U9, but will ice a U8 Development Stream division.*
- 22.2 Under 8 and Below



- (a) *ALL YSMHL MHAs will use the 3' x 4' size goal nets for the 2020-2021 season and thereafter for this program. (Adopted May 12,2020).*

22.3 Under 9

- (a) *YSMHL 2019-20 U8 season will start Sept. 6 and end March 29, and will follow the OMHA and Hockey Canada Rules. – see Appendix A: U9 YSMHL Programming for details as of May 2019 AGM*

22.4 Minor Development

- (a) *OMHA Minor Development Regulations (OMHA 4.5) are to be followed to provide the No body Checking Competitive Hockey Program, administered by York Simcoe Minor Hockey League (YSMHL). In addition, it is recommended by YSMHL for all Minor Development teams that:*
- (b) *The start of the regular season for MD teams and the end date will be determined each year at the August YSMHL meeting.*
- (c) *The teams will play a 30-36 game regular season schedule depending on the number of teams registered*
- (d) *The regular season will end approximately mid February and the YS Play downs will commence shortly thereafter with the top 4 teams in each division going directly into the YSMHL semi- finals.*
- (e) *The number of teams will dictate whether there is one division or multiple divisions. Tiering is a possibility.*
- (f) *League play will be suspended during:*
 - (i) Christmas Holidays from December 24 to January 1
 - (ii) January Exams (specifically for U15, U16 and U18 teams)
 - (iii) March Break which includes the weekend starting and the weekend ending the break
 - (iv) Easter Holidays (if applicable)
- (g) *Playoffs*
 - (i) There are No OMHA Championships because this follows OMHA MD Programming
 - (ii) YSMHL Playoff flowcharts may include tiering to ensure competitive playoff series
 - (iii) A Champion will be declared through a playoff format to be determined – best 3 of 5 series where possible.
 - (iv) League standings will determine home ice during playdowns
- (h) *Additional Sanctions for MD players*



(i) Body Checking infractions:

- first violation of two body checking penalties in the same game = 1 game ejection
- second violation of two body checking penalties in the same game = game ejection plus 2 game suspensions
- third or subsequent violations of two body checking penalties in the same game = game ejection plus suspended indefinitely pending a review by Regional Director and/or OMHA Convener.

(ii) Stick Infractions:

- first violation of three stick infractions in same game = 1 game ejection
- second violation of three stick infractions in same game = game ejection plus 2 game suspensions
- third or subsequent infractions of three stick infractions in same game = 1 game ejection plus suspended indefinitely pending a review by Regional Director and/or OMHA Convener. (adopted May 12,2020).



SCHEDULE A - CURRENT FEES FOR YSMHL

1	TEAM BOND:	\$500.00 EACH (By-law 4.3(b))
2	TEAM REGISTRATION FEES (Policy 4.1)	First team \$200.00 Subsequent teams \$100.00 each Rostered Select \$ 15.00 each U8 Development \$ 15.00 each
3	Game Sheet Inc. fees per game to Home MHA	2018-2019 season \$2.26 2019-2020 season \$
4	Late Game Sheets (Policy 1.5(g)(iii))	\$25.00 if not received 30 days after the game An additional \$25.00 if still not received after May 1st of the season it pertains to.
5	Game Change (Policy 1.9)	\$50.00 fee per game after September 30th of the season it pertains to – unless for ‘just cause’.
7	Admin Fee for OMHA Assigned Officials – (Policy 3.6(f)(iii))	\$200.00
8	Appeal from Disciplinary Action (Policy 7.1)	\$50.00 non-refundable fee for written appeal \$100.00 non-refundable fee for in-person appeal
9	Withdrawal from YSMHL Playoffs (Policy 8.7(a))	\$500.00 per team fine for withdrawal from YSMHL playoffs without proper process (written notice by YSMHL December monthly meeting)
10	Late Trophy fine (Policy 18.1)	\$100.00 if not returned at November YSMHL meeting and \$50.00 additional fee if not returned by December YSMHL meeting and \$50.00 additional fee if not returned by January YSMHL meeting.
11	Lost Trophy fine (Policy 18.1)	\$500.00 total fine if not returned by YSMHL February meeting. This fine replaces the Late Trophy fines.
12	Protest Fee (Policies 9.3(a)9.4(c) and 9.6(a))	Protest fee - \$150.00 – refundable if the protest is won Defense of Protest fee - \$75.00 - refundable if the protest is dismissed.
13	Costs to play in York Simcoe-Lakeshore Challenge for 2018-19	U9 to U11 \$ 400.00 U12 to U13 \$500.00 U14 to U14 \$500.00
14	Missed YSMHL Meetings fees (Policy 10.1(d))	\$25.00 first missed meeting of the season \$50.00 second missed meeting of the same season



		\$100.00 any other missed meetings during the same season
15	Additional Guests at Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner (Policy 12.2)	\$40.00
16	Reimbursement when using personal vehicle (mileage) (Policy 13.2) using OMHA rate	\$0.48 per km
16	Discretionary funds (Policy 14.1)	Maximum of \$150.00 per instance for executive officers only (May 12, 2020 Updated)

Officials (Policy 3.2)

YSMHL rates paid including the approved increases for FULL-ICE games (as of 2018-19 season)

Two Official System

Game lengths	10-10-10	10-10-15	10-15-15	15-15-15
U9 & Below	\$24.00	\$26.00	\$28.00	\$30.00
U11	\$25.00	\$27.00	\$29.00	\$31.00
U13	\$30.00	\$32.00	\$34.00	\$36.00
U15	\$32.00	\$34.00	\$36.00	\$38.00
U18	\$35.00	\$37.00	\$39.00	\$41.00

Three Official System

Game Length	10-10-10	10-10-15	10-15-15	15-15-15	15-15-20	15-20-20	20-20-20
U13 & Below							
Referee	\$34.00	\$36.00	\$38.00	\$40.00	\$42.00	\$44.00	\$46.00
Linesman	\$28.00	\$30.00	\$32.00	\$34.00	\$36.00	\$38.00	\$40.00
U15							
Referee	\$39.00	\$41.00	\$43.00	\$45.00	\$47.00	\$49.00	\$51.00
Linesman	\$31.00	\$33.00	\$35.00	\$37.00	\$39.00	\$41.00	\$43.00



U18 & Above							
Referee	\$41.00	\$43.00	\$45.00	\$47.00	\$49.00	\$51.00	\$53.00
Linesman	\$33.00	\$35.00	\$37.00	\$39.00	\$41.00	\$43.00	\$45.00

Four Official System

Game lengths	15-15-15	15-15-20	15-20-20	20-20-20
U15				
Referee	\$45.00	\$47.00	\$49.00	\$51.00
Linesman	\$37.00	\$39.00	\$41.00	\$43.00
U18 & Above				
Referee	\$47.00	\$49.00	\$51.00	\$53.00
Linesman	\$39.00	\$41.00	\$43.00	\$45.00



APPENDIX A: U9 YSMHL PROGRAMMING

- No players are to be rostered as goalies; all players must to have opportunity to play goalie; goalie rotated through Roster
- Rostered Select not an option
- YSMHL will offer A and AA; we will not field an MD or AE division
- Seeding for final weekend determined by preliminaries
- YSMHL will schedule all U9 games from Sept 1 – March 27 at once including playoffs.
- Costs for weekend finale will be built into YSMHL team fees
- Season Maximums:
 - 52 practices
 - 24-30 games
 - 3 Jamborees or tournaments (Jamborees if half-ice; tournaments if full-ice)
- Black Puck shall be used
- YSMHL Season Start is Sept 6; Season end is March 29
- Season year-end weekend finale does not count as a tournament

- Season consists of 5 sections:
 - Sept 1-Oct 31 Half Ice Development (8 Weeks)
 - Modified ice (Half Ice)
 - No Scores
 - No Standings
 - No Offsides, No Icing
 - Tiered Teams (A vs A, B vs B) e.g. strongest players play strongest players
 - Nets: Association discretionary on Net Size (large or small)
 - Single 44 minute period
 - Ice schedulers may choose to book 70-75 minutes to avoid curfews, but 60 is possible
 - 4 on 4 plus a goalie
 - YSMHL = 2 minute buzzer (OMHA suggests 1 minute buzzer)
 - If short bench, the player being double shifted must tag up at boards
 - All players must tag at boards before new players can enter into play
 - One Referee per side

 - Nov 1-Jan 15 Half Ice Regular Season
 - Modified ice (Half Ice)
 - No Scores
 - No Standings
 - No Offsides, No Icing
 - Balanced games (split team into two equivalent strength sub-teams)
 - Nets: Association discretionary on Net Size (large or small)
 - Single 44 minute period
 - Ice schedulers may choose to book 70-75 minutes to avoid curfews, but 60 is possible



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 - 4 on 4 plus a goalie
 - YSMHL = 2 minute buzzer (OMHA suggests 1 minute buzzer)
 - If short bench, the player being double shifted must tag up at boards
 - All players must tag at boards before new players can enter into play
 - One Referee per side
- Jan 15-Feb 28 Full Ice Transition
 - Full Ice
 - Scores are kept
 - No Standings
 - Offsides, and Icings are called
 - Nets: Full-size
 - 10-10-10 or 10-10-15 (MHA Discretionary) Stop time, no buzzer
 - Ice schedulers may choose to book 70-75 minutes to avoid curfews, but 60 is possible
 - 5 on 5 plus a goalie
 - Change on the fly
 - 2-man Referee system
 - Standard Manual of Operation Rules and Hockey rules apply
 - One coach per team may be on ice from Jan 15-Jan 30 to assist with positioning
 - Mar 1 - Mar 27 Non-elimination, round-robin playoff preliminaries
 - Full Ice
 - Scores are kept
 - Standings are kept
 - Offsides, and Icings are called
 - Nets: Full-size
 - 10-10-10 or 10-10-15 (MHA Discretionary) Stop time, no buzzer
 - Ice schedulers may choose to book 70-75 minutes to avoid curfews, but 60 is possible
 - 5 on 5 plus a goalie
 - Change on the fly
 - 2-man Referee system
 - Standard Manual of Operation Rules and Hockey rules apply
 - Mar 28/29 Playoff Final weekend