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# NDHL CONSTITUTION

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## **ARTICLE 1-1 – NAME**

The name of the organization shall be the Nipissing District Hockey League, hereafter, referred to as the NDHL.

## **ARTICLE 2-1 – AUTHORITY**

The NDHL shall operate under the playing rules of the Hockey Canada (HC), the Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF), the Northern Ontario Hockey Association (NOHA), and the NDHL Constitution and By-Laws.

## **ARTICLE 3-1 – COMPOSITION**

The NDHL shall be composed of teams providing organized hockey for boys and girls, in the following age divisions:

- U7
- U9
- U11
- U13
- U15
- U18

## **ARTICLE 4-1 – PURPOSE**

To provide a venue for the governance and promotion of organized hockey game play for minor hockey associations' teams across the District of Nipissing and adjacent districts.

## **ARTICLE 5-1 – OBJECTIVES**

- To provide competitive game play forums for associations' teams given their respective skills and abilities level.



- To promote player development by ensuring that league game play is conducted respective of OHF/NOHA mandated player pathways.
- To establish acceptable and expected conduct levels for players and team officials.

## **ARTICLE 6-1 – MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS**

The NDHL Member Associations includes those minor hockey associations within the boundaries of the District of Nipissing and may include any other minor hockey association(s) as approved by the Board of Directors.

Prior to the commencement of scheduled league play, NDHL Member Associations will annually provide a listing of teams that they desire to register in specific age divisions, either house and/or representative. All teams listed by NDHL Member Associations are annually subject to approval by the NDHL Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE 7-1 – MEMBERSHIP**

### **7-1.01**

The members of the NDHL shall be comprised of the elected executive, member association representatives on the board, volunteers, and registered players. All of the members will abide by and comply with the NDHL Constitution and By-Laws.

### **7-1.02**

Each member association shall have one vote in matters pertaining to the NDHL.

### **7-1.03**

The Board of Directors shall determine annual member association fees.

### **7-1.04**

The term of membership shall be annually from June 1 of the current year to May 31 of the next year following.

## **ARTICLE 8-1 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **8-1.01 – Composition**

The Board of Directors is comprised of:



- A five (5) person executive
- Member association representatives as appointed by their respective associations
- League scheduler(s) (i.e.: rep, central, east, west and north)
- Liaison officer(s)
- Immediate past commissioner

## **8-1.02 – Executive**

The five (5) person executive, elected at the annual general meeting (AGM) is comprised of:

- Commissioner
- Vice Commissioner(s) – two (2)
- Treasurer
- Secretary

## **8-1.02 – Appointed Members**

The following board members will be appointed by motion:

- League Scheduler(s)
- Liaison officer(s)

## **ARTICLE 9-1 – EXECUTIVE DUTIES**

### **9-1.01 – Commissioner**

1. Will preside at all meetings of the board.
2. Will be an ex-officio member of all committees of the NDHL.
3. Will oversee the operations of the NDHL and ensure that it operates in a functional and responsible manner.
4. Will call meetings when necessary or at the request of two members of the board.
5. Will serve as a signing officer for the NDHL.
6. Will prepare a Commissioner's Report for presentation at the annual meeting.
7. Will take action to replace any member(s) of any association(s) who doesn't fulfill their duties.
8. Will provide the tie breaking vote on any matters.
9. Will be the principal spokesperson for the NDHL.



## **9-1.02 – Vice- Commissioner(s)**

1. Will preside at any meetings of the board that the Commissioner cannot attend, and as such will assume all duties and responsibilities of the Commissioner in such instances.
2. Will be an ex-officio member of all committees of the NDHL.
3. Will assist the Commissioner to oversee the operations of the NDHL and ensure that it operates in a functional and responsible manner.

## **9-1.03 - Treasurer**

1. Will keep an accurate, up-to-date, record of all monies received and dispersed by the NDHL.
2. Will issue receipts for all funds received.
3. Will disburse all payments by cheque.
4. Will serve as first signing officer for the NDHL.
5. Will prepare treasurer's report and financial statement for presentation at the annual meeting (April).

## **9-1.04 – Secretary**

1. Record the minutes for all general meetings and special meetings.
2. Prepare minutes for all the associations and arrange delivery prior to the next meeting.
3. Receive and record all items to be included in the agenda.
4. Prepare the agenda and arrange for delivery of the document to each association, prior to the next meeting.
5. Maintain a complete record of all minutes and have them available at every meeting.
6. Make amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws, as approved by the NDHL executive.
7. Provide up-to date issues to all associations as they are revised with a notice of revision.
8. Receive and file all NDHL letters and correspondence.
9. Receive nominations for officers of the executive and confirm acceptance of the nomination prior to the annual meeting.
10. Will serve as a signing officer for the NDHL.



## **9-1.05 – Scheduler(s)**

1. League scheduler(s) will be appointed by motion, annually, by the Board of Directors.
2. Prepares schedules for the NDHL.

## **9-1.06 – Liaison Officer(s)**

1. The Liaison Officer(s) will be appointed by motion, annually, by the Board of Directors.
2. Operates and maintains the NDHL web site.

## **9-1.07 – Minor Hockey Associations Representative**

1. Will be appointed by their association.
2. Will act on behalf of their respective association.
3. Will act as an ex-officio member of the board with full voting privileges, the right to discuss league matters, and advise the league.
4. Will inform the league of any association concerns.
5. Will annually attend 75% of all board meetings.

## **ARTICLE 10-1 – MEETINGS**

### **10-1.01 – Board of Directors Meetings**

Will be held at a minimum of one per month, excepting for the months of September, December, May and July.

#### **10-1.01.01 – Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

1. Will be held annually in the month of May of each year.
2. Attendance will be limited to a maximum of two (2) individuals per NDHL Member Association.

#### **10-1.02 – Meeting Agendas**

The following order of business will be followed during all NDHL Board of Directors Meetings, and at the AGM:

- Call to Order



- Presentations by Parties
- Reading of Minutes from the last Boards of Directors Meeting or AGM
- Reports:
  - Commissioner
  - Vice- Commissioner(s)
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - League Scheduler(s)
  - Liaison Officer(s) and;
  - Standing or Special Committee
  
- Correspondence
- Agenda Confirmation
- Old business
- New business
  - Nominations and Elections of Executive (i.e.: AGM only)
- Association Concerns
- Adjournment

## **10-1.02.01 – Meeting Protocol**

- All business must be put up for discussion headed by the meeting Chairperson, which, excepting for their absence, will be the Commissioner or their designate. Upon conclusion of the discussion a motion shall be proposed from the floor (“I move that...”) and seconded (“I second the motion”). The Chairperson then shall open the motion up for all those in favor and those opposed. A declaration of carried or lost is announced and the carried motion shall then be recorded.
- The Chairperson shall not allow speakers to digress from the subject under discussion. Irrelevance, repetition, offensive language and reflection of a personal nature are all deemed out of order.
- The speaker holding the floor shall not be interrupted unless the point of order has been broken.
- All parties wanting to make a presentation at a regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting must submit a written request to the secretary fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting. Permission to present will be at the sole discretion of the Commissioner. The Commissioner will make a decision if the Board of



Directors is prepared to hear such requests for permission to present. A time limit will be set and enforced by the chairperson.

- All parties granted an opportunity to present by the Commissioner, will do so after the Call of Order.

### **10-1.03 – Voting**

A quorum will consist of a minimum of 50%, plus one (1), of member associations of the Board of Directors. No business of the Board of the Directors shall be transacted in the absence of a quorum.

### **10-1.04 – Special Meetings**

The commissioner, at any time, may call special meetings. The commissioner will advise all Board Members of the date, time, place, and purpose of any special meeting.

A special meeting will not be called to deal with any order of business already dealt with by the NDHL executive.

## **ARTICLE 11-1 – RESOLUTION(S)/REMEDY(S) SOUGHT IN CONFLICT WITH CONSTITUTION or BY-LAWS**

Notwithstanding, when a matter(s) or issue(s) presents itself to the NDHL, and the resolution(s)/remedy(s) of such matter(s) or issue(s) sought in conflict with any Constitutional Article or By-Law, having consideration for ARTICLE 4-1 – PURPOSE and/or ARTICLE 5-1 – OBJECTIVES; upon a motion passed by a formal quorum (i.e.: minimum of sixty-six (66%)) of member associations, the NDHL may implement such resolution(s)/remedy(s) deemed appropriate/necessary given such circumstance(s).

## **ARTICLE 12-1 – ELECTIONS**

### **12-1.01 – Nominations**

Nominations will be received by the secretary prior to the AGM. The secretary will confirm if the candidate will let their name stand as nominated.

Additionally, nominations may be made from the floor at the AGM, provided the consent of the nominee has been obtained and confirmed.





## **12-1.02 – Voting**

At the AGM, each member association will have one vote for each elected office of the five (5) member executive contested at the meeting. No proxy votes will be permitted.

In the event only one person is nominated for any office the nominee will be declared elected by acclamation.

The executive will be elected in the following order:

- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Vice-Commissioner(s) □ Commissioner

## **ARTICLE 13-1 – CONSTITUTIONAL and BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS**

Amendments to this Constitution and By-Laws:

- can be made at the AGM or at a Board of Directors meeting as set out in the meeting agenda; and
- must be in writing and presented to the Board of Directors a minimum of ten (10) days in advance of the meeting.

All NDHL member association appointed representatives should be present to vote on any such amendments proposed, though in the very least a formal quorum (i.e.: minimum of sixty-six (66%) of member associations) must be present to pass any such amendment proposals.

## **ARTICLE 14-1 – CONDUCT**

All members of the Board of Directors will always conduct themselves in a courteous and friendly manner.



**NIPISSING DISTRICT HOCKEY LEAGUE**



# **NDHL BY-LAWS**

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## **BY-LAW 1-1: ASSOCIATIONS**

### **1-1.01 – Membership**

In order to be a member in good standing, an association must meet the following criteria:

- A representative of each association must attend 75% of all NDHL meetings.
- Associations must register 51% of all their eligible teams in the league.

Eligible teams are teams that play in U9 Tier 2 & 3 house, U9 Tier 1 rep, U11 house, U11 rep, U13 house, U13 rep, U15 house, U15 rep, U18 house, and U18 rep divisions.

If an existing Member Association does not meet their membership requirements then the following sanctions will be imposed:

- they will lose their standing on the NDHL Board of Directors; and
- they will not be permitted to vote on any league matters.

Once the association has met its obligations, its membership privileges will be reinstated.

If an existing member association loses its member privileges for any or all of two consecutive seasons, then the associations' membership will be terminated.

Once an association's membership has been terminated, and it wishes to rejoin the league, then the association will have to meet the criteria with respect to new associations joining the league.

### **1-1.02 – New Associations**

New associations accepted into the NDHL will be placed on probation for the duration of the term of the Board of Directors, with no right to vote on league matters.

Such associations are to abide by the NDHL Constitution and By-Laws, and to respect all issues related to the league. Once the probationary period is completed, the Board will vote to determine if full membership will be granted.

### **By-Law 1-1.03 - Non-member Association Teams**



Teams from associations that are not members of the NDHL can apply to play in the league. Such association teams are to abide by the NDHL Constitution and By-Laws, to respect all issues related to the league, and will have no right to vote on league matters.

## **1-1.04 – Association Fees**

Member and new associations, and non-member association teams are required to provide the NDHL with a deposit of \$500.00 and maintain this amount which will be held and carried forward year to year as long as the Association has teams/ non-member association team is playing in the NDHL.

## **1-1.05 – Association Penalties**

The \$500.00 deposit as established in By-law 1-1.04 will be retained to cover penalties imposed on associations and/or non-member association teams by the NDHL.

An association, or non-member association team may be assessed a monetary penalty for not following the NDHL Constitution, By-Laws, and/or directives. Such violations will result in a \$250 fine, per infraction, as determined by the NDHL executive. All parties at fault will be dealt with for each violation.

## **BY-LAW 2-1 – TEAMS**

### **2-1.01 – Competition Committee**

The competition committee is comprised of three (3) Board of Directors members and is chaired by the NDHL commissioner.

The purpose of the committee is to review team applications that wish to play in the NDHL and determine the division that they will play in. All decisions by the committee are subject to review by the Board as a whole.

### **2-1.02 – Team Registration**

Team registration deadlines will be determined by the Board of Directors for the upcoming season. Member and new association, and non-member association team representatives are responsible for communicating these deadlines to their respective association/ non-member association team(s).



Annually, a member association will provide the NDHL with a \$125.00 deposit per team that they register to play in the NDHL.

Annually, a new member association and non-member association team will provide the NDHL with a \$200.00 deposit per team that they register to play in the NDHL.

All teams registered to play in the NDHL must be entered to play at their designated level.

Associations and non-member association teams may request the competition committee to review a team application(s) to play down a division.

**2-1.03** – (deleted 06.2022)

## **2-1.04 – Team Entry**

Associations that have two or more teams in the same House (District) League category should have one team registered in the Rep league.

## **2-1.05 – Team Equalization: House (District) League**

If an association registers more than one team in the same District League category then the association **MUST** conduct an equalization draft and ensure that the teams are competitively balanced.

## **2-1.06 – Team Equalization: Rep League**

If an Association registers more than one team in the same Rep League category then the Association has the option to either:

- conduct an equalization draft to ensure that the teams are competitively balanced; or
- field teams of different skill/ability levels (e.g.: 1 "A" team and 1 "C" team).

If an association chooses to register a team into the Rep League, this team will be required to remain at this level for the season.

## **2-1.07 – "AA Teams**

Major and minor "AA" teams, subject to approval by the Board, may NOT play in the NDHL Rep League and must play within a "AA" league.



## **2-1.08 – Team Competitiveness**

If a team is too strong for a House (District) League category, the NDHL Board of Directors may move the team up to the Rep League of the same category or another environment deemed suitable to the skill level of that particular team.

## **BY-LAW 3-1 – PLAYERS**

### **3-1.01 – Player Eligibility**

A player can only play on one team in the NDHL.

### **3-1.02 - Player Conduct**

- The player will comply with the "FAIR PLAY" standards.
- The player will ensure that they maintain a positive respect for all the game officials, the other players, team officials, and association/league executive members.
- The player will maintain a positive attitude and comply with appropriate code of ethics while in the arena, dressing rooms, and any other property pertaining to minor hockey programs.
- The player will not wilfully cause damage to any property pertaining to minor hockey programs.
- The player will show respect for all fans who come to the arena to watch them play.
- Failure to comply with the above conditions could result in the suspension or dismissal from the NDHL.

### **3-1.03 – Overage Player**

Consistent with NOHA Policy (revised:08.2022), upon a passed motion by member associations, NDHL associations and non-member association teams, on behalf of a player(s) registered with their association, may have that player(s) participate in a lower age division association house (district) league team provided that the player(s) in question has(ve) an articulated medical or physical impairment(s) deemed to hamper the player(s) development at their appropriate age division.

Upon a passed motion, the NDHL reserves the right to move any player(s) back up to their proper age category at any time during the season.



All overage approvals shall be filed with the NOHA Council Director and the NOHA Office.

### **3-1.04 – Player Affiliation**

Consistent with NOHA Regulation No.9 – Affiliation, and in accordance with a NDHL association's, or non-member association team's policy re: affiliation, player affiliation is recognized for players within the NDHL associations' or non-member association team(s).

## **BY-LAW 4-1 – TEAM OFFICIALS**

### **4-1.01 – Team Officials' Conduct**

- All team officials will set a positive example that their entire team should strive to emulate.
- All team officials will comply with the "FAIR PLAY" standards.
- All team officials will refrain from using foul or abusive language.
- All team officials will maintain, and demonstrate, a positive respect for the game officials, opponents, and opposing team officials.
- Team officials will ensure that the game sheets are signed and handed to the timekeeper in a timely manner.
- All team officials will ensure that each and every player is subject to fair and equal play. Each coach has an obligation to encourage and develop each player to the best of the player's abilities.
- Team officials will work out any problems that they may encounter through their convenors and respective association. Team officials are not to contact the NDHL directly.
- Failure to comply with the above conditions will result in a possible suspension or removal from the league pending a review by the NDHL executive.

## **BY-LAW 5-1 – SUSPENSIONS and DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE**

### **5-1.01 – Suspensions**

NDHL association, and non-member association teams are responsible to promptly advise the Commissioner of all suspensions assessed by an overseeing regulatory body (i.e.: OHF, NOHA, OWHA) on their respective coaches, managers and/or registered players.



As set out by the Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF), the Northern Ontario Hockey Association (NOHA) and/or the Ontario Women's Hockey Association (OWHA), NDHL association, and non-member association team coach(es), manager(s) and/or registered player(s) who receive a suspension(s), shall comply with the respective governing body rules regarding such a suspension(s).

**5-1.02** – (deleted 09.2022)

### **5-1.03 – Discipline Committee**

The Discipline Committee will be comprised of three (3) individuals, namely the Commissioner and two (2) individuals from two (2) member's associations.

Each member association will appoint one individual from whom the Commissioner will select from. The Commissioner will select individuals whose association is not involved with the incident.

If the Commissioner's member association is involved in the incident, the Commissioner may appoint a replacement from the executive who will act in lieu of the Commissioner in such instance.

### **5-1.04 – NDHL Retained Right for Review of On or Off ice incident**

In consideration of the NDHL Constitution ARTICLE 4-1 – PURPOSE and ARTICLE 5-1 – OBJECTIVES, and of the substantiated, or as otherwise alleged, particulars of an on or off ice incident(s); wherein a suspension(s) may or may not have been previously issued by an overseeing governing body (i.e.: OHF, NOHA, OWHA) on a NDHL association, or non-member association team coach(es), manager(s) and/or registered player(s); the Commissioner may direct that the Discipline Committee review any such incident(s) particulars to ascertain the requirement for additional NDHL imposed sanctions (e.g.: suspension(s)/prohibition(s)/dismissal(s)).

### **5-1.05 – Hearing Before Discipline Committee**

Upon review of the on or off ice incident(s) particulars, as substantiated or as otherwise alleged, should the Discipline Committee be in such position that consideration be given for the requirement for additional NDHL imposed sanctions (i.e.: suspension(s)/prohibition(s)/dismissal(s)), the Discipline Committee will hold a hearing with the subject coach(es), manager(s) and/or registered player(s) involved.





## **5-1.06 – Service of Notice of Hearing**

A Notice of Hearing before the Discipline Committee, identifying the hearing location, date and time, and the concerned party(s) right of representation, shall be served either:

1. Personally;
2. By registered mail addressed to the person to be served at the person's last known address; or
3. By electronic means (i.e.: e-mail with read receipt).

A Notice of Hearing shall be deemed served:

1. If it served personally, on the day it was served;
2. If it is served by registered mail, on the fifth day after the day of mailing; unless the person served establishes that the person did not, acting in good faith, through absence, accident, illness or other cause beyond the person's control, receive the notice until a later date; or
3. If it is served by electronic means; on the fifth day after the day of e-mailing; unless the person served establishes that the person did not, acting in good faith, through absence, accident, illness or other cause beyond the person's control, receive the notice until a later date.

## **5-1.07 – Report on Hearing**

Subsequent to the hearing, and no later than ten (10) days following the hearing date, the Discipline Committee will issue a report to the Commissioner, that contains:

1. A summary of the evidence presented at the hearing;
2. The committee's position in regards to the requirement for additional NDHL imposed sanctions (i.e.: suspension(s)/prohibition(s)/dismissal(s)); and
3. The aggravating and/or mitigating factors that substantiate the committee's position for the requirement, or deferral, for additional NDHL imposed sanctions.

## **5-1.08 – Commissioner's Decision**

Upon review of the Discipline Committee report, the Commissioner will decide as the requirement for the imposition of any additional NDHL sanctions (i.e.: suspension(s)/prohibition(s)/dismissal(s), on the concerned coach(es), manager(s) and/or registered player(s); or the deferral of the imposition of the same.

The decision of the Commissioner shall be binding and final in this regard.



## **5-1.09 – Notice of Commissioner’s Decision**

The Commissioner will notify the association’s president, the concerned coach(es), manager(s) and/or registered player(s) of their decision in regards to the incident(s). Such notification will be made within ten (10) days of their decision, consistent with the notification means as provided in 5-1.06 – Service of Notice of Hearing. V

## **BY-LAW 6-1 – GAMES**

### **6-1.01 – Rescheduling of Games**

**Any games required to be rescheduled must be rescheduled fourteen (14) days in advance of the original game.** Both teams must agree on the alternate date.

Failing agreement between the involved teams/associations requiring a game(s) reschedule, the NDHL will impose a reschedule date. The reschedule date will be at the first available ice and not necessarily at the home team's arena.

Playoff games cannot be rescheduled by the teams. A team failing to show up for a playoff game will be forfeited in favour of the team showing up. A fine of \$250.00 will be assessed against the offending team. If both teams fail to show for a playoff game, both teams will have forfeited the game and a \$250.00 fine will be imposed on both teams.

### **6-1.02 – Game Reschedule Forms**

The team wishing to make the change is responsible to have the form completed, signed by both teams and submitted to the scheduler and commissioner within the allotted time.

Reschedule forms are available on the league website.

Completed rescheduled forms must be mailed, emailed, faxed or delivered to the respective scheduler (i.e. Rep League or District League scheduler) and the commissioner at least fourteen (14) days prior to the original scheduled game date.

### **6-1.03 – Penalties**

If the visiting team fails to show up for a game, or fails to reschedule the game at least 14 days in advance, as indicated above, they will be assessed a \$250.00 fine per



infraction. If, as a result of the improper notice, the home team does not have adequate notice to cancel ice time and game officials the league will reimburse the home team's association the actual cost incurred. The reimbursement will be paid from the fine levied and will cover only actual expenses incurred (e.g. if the team uses the ice to practice or for an exhibition game the league will not cover the cost).

If the home team fails to show up for a game or fails to reschedule the game at least 14 days in advance, as indicated above, they will be assessed a \$250.00 fine per infraction. If the visiting team incurred any travel expenses, as a result of the no show, the league will reimburse the visiting team for the actual cost incurred up to the maximum of the fine levied. The Commissioner will be the sole arbitrator for what is actual and reasonable.

#### **6-1.04 – Cancelling Games Due to Unforeseen Circumstances**

Games cancelled without adequate notice will only be permitted if poor weather conditions do not permit the teams to travel to the arena. As well, an unforeseen breakdown at the arena will excuse teams from the requirement to provide teams, the league, and game officials with the required notice.

In the event of a cancellation, due to unforeseen circumstances, the teams involved, game officials, and the league scheduler(s) must be notified as soon as possible. The home team has five (5) days in which to reach an agreement with the visiting team on a reschedule date. If the teams cannot agree on a new date, the respective association or non-member association team presidents and/or the respective association or non-member association team NDHL representatives shall be informed and will attempt to resolve the game reschedule(s). If the game reschedule(s) cannot be resolved by the respective association or non-member association team presidents and/or the respective association or non-member association team NDHL representatives, then the game reschedule(s) will be referred to the commissioner to resolve at their discretion.



## **6-1.05 – Mercy Rule**

For all U11 to U18 NDHL games, both regular season and playoffs, when there is a (5) goal differential, the coach of the team losing may request at the start of the third period, or at any time stoppage in the third period, that the game go to “straight time”, and will continue as such until the game clock runs out, or a goal differential of less than five (5) is regained, at which point “stop time” will resume. If a goal differential of five (5) should recur, “straight time” will resume. Otherwise, the game clock will only be stopped by an on-ice (i.e.: referee), or off-ice (i.e.: timekeeper) game official, or a team called time out.

## **6-1.06 – Mercy Rule – Application for U9 Division**

For all U9 Division modified ice games played prior to January 15 each year, By-Law 6-1.05 – Mercy Rule will not apply. As of January 15, each year, By-Law 6-1.05 – Mercy Rule will apply for all U9 full ice games played.

## **6-1.07 – Mercy Rule – Off-Ice Officials (Timekeepers) Direction**

For all NDHL games, both regular season and playoffs, the maximum goal spread to be shown on the score clock shall not exceed a five (5) goal differential.

Additionally, consistent with the NOHA Operations Manual 7.1 Policies and Procedures, clause e) of Regulation 7.0 Games, when penalties are served in “straight time”, a minor penalty shall be three (3) minutes “straight time”, a major penalty shall be seven (7) minutes “straight time” and a misconduct shall be twelve (12) minutes “straight time”. If a penalty commences during the “straight time” period, the full penalty shall be served “straight time”. However, in the event of an undue delay, an on-ice game official (i.e.: referee), shall have the authority to have the clock stopped.

## **BY-LAW 7-1 – GAME SHEETS**

Game results are entered into an online scheduling program. Each association or non-member association team is to enter home game scores on the website.

Game results shall be entered within seven (7) days of the completion of the game.

If an association or non-member association team is not entering game results in a timely fashion the scheduler(s) may recommend sanctions against the respective association or non-member association team. The sanctions will be determined by the NDHL Board of Directors and voted on by the NDHL members.



## **BY-LAW 8-1 – PLAYOFFS**

### **8-1.01 - Playoff Locations**

Giving considerations to such factors as availability of ice, and on (i.e. referees) and off ice officials, all member associations in good standing will be afforded opportunities on a year by year equitable basis to host NDHL divisional playoffs. Typically, member associations should host divisional playoffs for which they field/support at a minimum a single team.

Giving considerations to such factors as availability of ice, and on (i.e. referees) and off ice officials, member associations, principally those in the east, west and central divisions, and in good standing, will be afforded opportunities on a year by year equitable basis to host NDHL Super Weekdays and Super Weekends. Considerations will be given to alternate locations (i.e.: north division) to host NDHL Super Weekends should a suitable host location not be available from either of the east, west nor central divisions.

### **8-1.02 Playoff Participation**

The participants will be those association and non-member association teams in good standing with the NDHL.

Teams participating in the NDHL shall not participate in tournaments that conflict with league playoffs.

Association and non-member association teams participating in NDHL regular season league play, shall participate in league playoffs, except in the following circumstances:

- that, upon a passed motion by the NDHL Board of Directors, are exempt from their participation; or
- where there's a direct conflict of dates between the NDHL playoffs, and either of the NOHA Tournament of Champions (I.e.: TOC's), or the OWHA Provincial Playoffs.

If an association's, or non-member association's team fails to comply with their playoff commitment for any reason, other than where exempted as noted previously, the association or non-member association team shall be responsible for their share of the total cost of the playoffs that the team was expected to participate in. Further sanctions may be imposed upon the respective association or non-member association team via a passed motion by the NDHL Board of Directors.



### **8-1.03 Application of NOHA Tournament Regulations**

NOHA tournament regulations do not apply to the NDHL playoffs.