

York Simcoe Minor Hockey League

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BYLAW #1: GAMES and GAMESHEETS

1.1: GAMES

1. AA, A and AE will each play a 30-game season (Juvenile Division exempt). The regular season will end the middle of January (exact date to be determined yearly).
2. Conveners *must* approve all game changes (except for just cause).
3. **Game changes can only be made by the ice scheduler or delegate using a game change form.** No team officials may make any change to any scheduled game. No league game will be permitted after 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 division convener and collected by the treasurer. Fees not paid will be taken from the bond.

1.2: TIE BREAKER RULE FOR LEAGUE PLAY

1. Head to Head competition during League Play
2. Goal differential percentage determined by; $GF/(GF + GA)$ between tied teams playing in League Play Head to Head competition, will advance
3. Goal differential percentage determined by; $GF/(GF + GA)$ for tied teams for all games in the regular season and highest percentage, will advance
4. Most goals during the regular season.
5. 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.
6. Coin toss.

1.3: GAME SHEETS

1. White copies of game sheets are to be forwarded to conveners as per OMHA Regulation 18.7. Faxed or emailed copies will be acceptable to update standings providing neither team disputes the results.
2. **The Rostered Coaching Staff and Team Managers are not to receive the white (original) copy of the game sheet under any circumstances. Failure to abide by this rule or failure to forward the white copy of the game sheet to the convener within a reasonable amount of time will result in sanctions to the centre (sanctions to be determined by the Dispute Resolution Committee). It the duty and the responsibility of the home centre to ensure the white (original) copy of the game sheet is forwarded to the convener.**

BYLAW #2: PROTESTS

2.1: PROTESTS

1. Member centres may file a protest on a game played (in the YSMHL Playoffs only) with the Secretary of the YSMHL. **Note:** NOT the OMHA office.
2. Upon receipt of the Protest the President, Secretary and the OMHA Regional Executive member will examine the protest to determine that all procedures relative to the filing the protest have been followed.

2.2: MATTERS THAT MAY BE PROTESTED

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. A violation of any YSMHL, OMHA, OHF or CHA rule, regulation or policy deemed to have a significant and legitimate affect on the outcome of the game. A game official's discretion and judgment of the rules may not be protested.

2.3: TIME ALLOWED FOR FILING AND DEFENDING A PROTEST

1. A Protest must be filed within 24 hours of the starting time of the game in question. The Protest will 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.
2. 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.

2.4: TO FILE A PROTEST

1. Complete the YSMHL "Filing of 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 York Simcoe Minor Hockey Association website.
2. Deliver the Filing of Protest form and attachments to the YSMHL Secretary by facsimile, courier or personal delivery within 24 hours of the starting time of the game in question.
3. Deliver the protest fee of \$150.00 to the YSMHL Secretary by certified cheque or money order.
4. Deliver a copy of the "Filing of Protest" form and attachments to the appropriate YSMHL convenor by facsimile or email PDF file.

2.5: NOTIFICATION OF PROTEST

1. Upon receipt of the protest and pending satisfactory examination by the President, Secretary of YSMHL and the OMHA Regional Executive member the Secretary for YSMHL will provide notification of the protest to the opposing Center.
2. A Center served with a protest may decide to defend or not defend against the protest. The Secretary of YSMHL must be notified of the decision in writing.

2.6: TO FILE A DEFENSE

1. Complete the YSMHL “Filing a Defense” form, attaching all documentation requested. This form must be signed by the President and Secretary of the Centre to be valid.
2. Deliver the Filing of Defense form and attachments to the YSMHL Secretary by facsimile, courier, personal delivery within 24 hours of notification of protest.
3. Deliver defense fee of \$75.00 to the YSMHL Secretary by certified cheque or money order.

2.7: PROTEST COMMITTEE

1. The protest committee shall consist of five (5) members. These members will include the President, One Vice -President, the Secretary, the OMHA Regional Executive Member and the applicable Convenor.
2. 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 President may designate other YSMHL Executive members to fill the vacancies.
3. There must be a minimum of four (4) to constitute a meeting.
4. At the Committee’s discretion, the Committee may invite representatives from the two centres to provide additional information that the committee may need to render a decision.
5. The YSMHL Secretary will acknowledge receipt of the “Filing of Protest” or “Filing of Defense” by communicating directly with the involved YSMHL Association Representatives.
6. In the event the YSMHL Secretary is not available to except a “Protest” for an extended period of time the President will designate a replacement which will be communicated to all member associations.

2.8: EXECUTIVE DISCRETIONARY ACTION

At the discretion of the YSMHL Executive a series can be suspended.

In rendering a decision the Protest Committee may:

- a) Allow the protest
- b) Dismiss the protest
- c) Determine the disposition of the game protested
- d) Determine suspensions that are appropriate

Both centres will be notified in writing of the Committee's decision within 12 hours of the decision.

2.9: APPEAL FROM DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Any group, team official or player subject to disciplinary action by this League, shall have the right to appeal the decision to the YSMHL Dispute Resolution Committee.

Appeals must be made in writing to the Secretary of the League (and a copy going to the OMHA Representative(s) who is a member of the League). Any 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)

BYLAW #3: GATE FEE

GATE FEE 3.1:

There will be no gate fees charged for any game played between two YS teams. For teams advancing out of the region on to another league, gate fees are to be determined by the centres involved and indicated on the contract. (Adopted June 2, 2007).

BYLAW #4: YSMHL TROPHIES

YSMHL TROPHIES 4.1:

York Simcoe trophies are to be returned to the convenor by the **YSMHL January Meeting** and if not returned by that date than a \$500.00 fine is issued to the center of record.

BYLAW #5: YSMHL REGISTRATION FEES

YSMHL REGISTRATION FEES 5.1

Registration fees per team are as follows; first team \$150.00 and subsequent teams \$60.00.

BYLAW #6: DEFAULTS

DEFAULTS 6.1:

Defaults follow the OMHA Manual of Operations Rule 40

In addition:

1. **Playoff Games** defaulted: the two (2) points are lost by the defaulting team and all the rostered team officials are suspended for two (2) games. If it is a series the defaulting team loses home ice advantage.
2. **League Games** defaulted: the two (2) points are lost by the defaulting team and all the rostered team officials are suspended for two (2) games.

(Amendments approved 2011.01.04)

BYLAW #7: PLAYDOWNS (OMHA) and PLAYOFFS (YSMHL)

7.1: TOP EIGHT (8) TEAMS – League Play

1. Top eight (8) teams in regular season standings go to OMHA Playdowns.
2. There are to be no byes.
3. Ties will be decided by the Tie Breaker Rule.
4. Semi-finalist to be brought back to YS to eliminate byes, if necessary.
5. No team is deemed to be eliminated from YS playoffs until that team returns to YS playoffs at which time a decision will be made to place team into flow chart to eliminate byes if necessary.
6. Convenors to have flexibility and use discretion in best interest of all teams.

NOTE: 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. Home ice determined by league standings.

7.2: REMAINING TEAMS – League Play

1. Remaining teams go to YS playoffs.
2. Teams will filter back to YS as they are eliminated.
3. Teams will be reseeded after each round as per finish in league play, except in the preliminaries (round one) where they will play each other and will be seeded according to their finish in that round.

7.3: RECLASSIFIED TEAMS

Any reclassified team or teams coming from another area will be placed one place below the middle of the league standings. CC and C teams (Schomberg and Beeton) will be placed into the flow if they return to YS. Place to be determined by the convenor of that division.

7.4: OVERTIME

1. Any game in YS playoff series or round robin 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 in the contract.
2. Any contracted playoff series ending game of a three (3), five (5) or seven (7) game of the series contract is subject to a ten (10) minute overtime period as per subsection one (1). If an additional game is required to determine the winner of the series, Game Four (4), Game Six (6) or Game Eight (8), depending on the number of games set in the initial series contract. The contract for **the additional game will consist of three regulation periods and three (3) "10 minute" overtime periods** (Game Four (4), Game Six (6) or Game Eight (8) or any subsequent games if series is not decided. No additional playoff game will be competed 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.

7.5: TIME OUTS

One 30 second timeout allowed per team per game in all YS playoff games (series and round robin).

7.6: WITHDRAWAL FROM PLAYOFFS

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)

7.7: TIE BREAKER RULE FOR PLAYOFF PLAY

1. Head to Head competition in Round Robin play, not league schedule
2. Goal differential percentage determined by; $GF/(GF + GA)$ between tied teams playing in Play-off, Head to Head competition, will advance
3. Goal differential percentage determined by; $GF/(GF + GA)$ for tied teams for all games in the Play-off, highest percentage, will advance
4. Most goals during the regular season
5. 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
6. Coin toss

(Amendments approved 2011.01.04)

7.8: OUT OF TOWN OFFICIALS

1. If both centres request “out of town” officials before the commencement of any series or round robin each centre will be responsible to pay the officials' fees and mileage at their centre.
2. If one centre requests “out of town” officials either before or during the series or round robin, the requesting centre must pay the entire cost of the officials for all the games for the remainder of the series or round robin (official fees and mileage)
3. “Out of Town” officials to be used in all YS playoff final series
4. All mileage paid to officials is to be determined using the agreed upon mileage chart at the current OMHA rate per OMHA Reg. 18.6 (See attached chart)

NOTE: “Out of Town” officials means out of town, not assigned. Failure to provide out of town officials when requested will result in penalties to be determined by the Dispute Resolution Committee

Note: this by-law applies to all York Simcoe Minor Hockey League playoff series, not Ontario Minor Hockey Association Play-Downs. Reference OMHA Manual of Operations Reg. 18.3 regarding request for “out of town” officials for series and dispute between centres.

BYLAW #8: DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE 8.1:

1. The committee will be responsible for deciding issues re: standings, playoffs, game sheets, flow charts and any other extenuating issues. The purpose of the committee is to relieve any one convenor or executive member from the burden of having to make a decision on their own.
2. The Dispute Resolution Committee shall consist of five (5) members. These members will include the President, One Vice -President, the Secretary, the OMHA Regional Executive Member and the applicable Convenor.
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 President may designate other YSMHL Executive members to fill the vacancies.
4. There must be a minimum of four (4) to constitute a meeting.
5. At the Committee’s discretion, the Committee may invite representatives from the centres to provide additional information that the committee may need to render a decision.

(Amendments approved 2011.01.04)

BYLAW #9: BLUE PUCKS

BLUE PUCKS 9.1:

Blue Pucks are to be used for the Tyke Select League. (Adopted February 2, 2007)

York Simcoe Minor Hockey League – Tyke Select divisions will use the “regulation” black puck for all league games starting in the 2011/2012 hockey season. (adopted November 2, 2011)

BYLAW #10: OFFICIALS

OFFICIALS 10.1:

YSMHL requires that a three (3)-man officiating system be used starting at the Major Peeewe age group. There will be occasions where due to availability or injury a two (2)-man system will be used. These occurrences should be kept to a minimum. (Adopted January 5, 2007)

BYLAW #12: REQUEST FOR RECLASSIFICATION OF TEAMS

REQUEST FOR RECLASSIFICATION OF TEAMS 12.1:

Centres requesting a team to play in a higher or lower division must make the request no later than the August meeting of that year in order to give convenors time to schedule.

BYLAW #13: ANNUAL DINNER

ANNUAL DINNER 13.1:

There shall be an Annual Dinner.

The entry fees will include dinner for the President or designate and the YSMHL representative and their partners from each center. (three meals paid per YSMHL member centers)

The fees for the dinner will include the Executive Members and Convenors of the York Simcoe Minor Hockey League and the Ontario Minor Hockey Association – Regional Area Members and their spouse.

Fee schedule will be provided by the host centre for additional persons who wish to attend the YSMHL Christmas Dinner.