

# **KAWARTHA FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST HOCKEY LEAGUE**



## **Council Constitution and Playing Rules**

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Article 1 - COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

**1.01 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- (a) "Association Approval"  
A committee shall be selected for each upcoming season and will be submitted by July 1 to the executive of the Association for their approval.
- (b) "Composition"  
The committee shall consist of the Co-ordinator, Secretary, Treasurer and one other person, all appointed by the Association.
- (c) "Responsibility"  
The committee shall be responsible for the weekly running of the league, grievances, and disciplinary action.

**1.02 CO-ORDINATOR**

- (a) "Appointment"  
The co-ordinator is appointed annually by the Association.
- (b) "Responsible To"  
He is responsible directly to the Association and will file a report to the Association after each of the three (3) meetings and any other specially called meetings.
- (c) "Term of Office"  
His term of office shall be for one year from July 1 to July 1. He may be appointed for two (2) one year terms, but after his second term he must have one (1) full year's rest.
- (d) "Job Description"  
1 Chairs all duly called council meetings. (see meeting rules)  
2 Notifies all council members by telephone of dates of called meetings, and sends an agenda no less than two (2) weeks before said called meeting.  
3 Notifies all Association pastors by September 1 of the need to choose a coach and spiritual representative before the first annual meeting of the league which is the last Thursday of September.  
4 Books the ice and the referees for the upcoming year upon appointment.  
5 Organizes the hockey banquet and the trophy engraving.  
6 He also oversees the weekly running of the league and handles any problems that may arise.

**1.03 SECRETARY**

- (a) "Job Description"  
1 Recording secretary is responsible for minutes of meetings, ensuring accuracy and proper procedures are adhered to.

- 2 Ensures minutes of past meetings are sent to the Chairman of the Association, each council member, and the pastor of each participating church, no later than two (2) weeks after each meeting.
- 3 Arrange or oversee scheduling of league regular season games.

**1.04 TREASURER**

- (a) "Job Description"
- 1 As treasurer, the chosen will assume the duties of collecting the entry fees from each team, deposits, withdrawals, issuing of cheques and preparing a financial statement for each called meeting.

**1.05 STATISTICIAN**

- (a) "Job Description"
- 1 The statistician will be a person selected by the league whose duties involve the acquisition of all game sheets, tallying all player and league statistics and the distribution of league approved statistics throughout the season.

**1.06 MEETINGS**

- (a) "First Annual Meeting"
- The first annual meeting is held on the first Thursday after Labour Day. At this meeting the following will be included in the agenda:
- 1 collection of the entry fees in full to be made from each team;
  - 2 confirmation of teams to be involved;
  - 3 number of players, their names and telephone numbers are to be submitted;
  - 4 dates of conflict between church calendars and league scheduling;
  - 5 any changes to the Playing Rules or Constitution must be submitted to the Secretary in writing on or before this meeting if they are to be considered for the up-coming season. The changes will be voted on at the second annual meeting.

- (b) "Second Annual Meeting"
- The second annual meeting is to be held on the last Thursday of September. At this meeting any additions or deletions and borrowing of players from other churches shall be finalized. The following must be presented to the league executive on or before the second annual meeting.
- 1 list of team members;
  - 2 entry fees;
  - 3 church letter of permission;
  - 4 conflicting dates;
  - 5 names of player reps. (coach, captain, spiritual reps)
- Teams who do not provide these will forfeit points until this requirement is met.

- (c) "Third Annual Meeting"
- The third annual meeting is to be held no later than two (2) weeks after the season's finale.

**1.07 COUNCIL MEMBERS**

(a) "Members"  
The coach and spiritual representative of each team involved in the K.F.B.H.L. are automatically members.

(b) "Substitute  
Members"  
In the event the team does not have a coach, then the captain assumes the coach's position on the council and has all said privileges.

(c) "Who Attends  
Meetings"  
Only the council members, with the exception of the teams captain, may attend a regular council meeting, but the captain has no voice in the meeting. (Exceptions to this rule will be made if the captain is representing the coach or spiritual representative, but not both.)

**1.08 VOTING  
PROCEDURE**

(a) "Number of Votes"  
Each church, regardless of the number of teams in that church, has two (2) votes.

(b) "Voting Privileges"  
The coach and spiritual representative have voting privileges. (Exceptions to this rule will be made if the proxy vote is done by the captain representing the team he regularly plays for, in the absence of his coach or spiritual representative, but not both.)

(c) "More Than One  
Team"  
When a church has more than one team, the Pastor/Board of said church shall designate the voting privileges the voting privileges for that church.

(d) "Voting by Co-  
ordinator"  
The co-ordinator has no vote unless a tie vote is cast by the council, then the co-ordinator shall break the tie by casting his vote.

**1.09 GRIEVANCES**

(a) Grievances shall be resolved by following the steps and order, as outlined in the diagram below.



**1.10 PROCEDURE FOR RULE CHANGES**

- (a) Written notification of proposed new additions, deletions or supplements to the existing rules or constitution of the K.F.B.H.L. shall be forwarded to the co-ordinator four (4) weeks before the annual meeting.
- (b) Written notification to the co-ordinator shall include the wording of the new addition or deletion of said rule (s) and reason(s) for the proposed change(s).
- (c) The co-ordinator, upon receiving the proposed change(s), shall send a copy to the council members and pastors a full two (2) weeks before the first annual meeting.
- (d) Rule or constitution changes shall be discussed at the duly called meeting and shall require a 2/3 majority vote.

**Article 2 - BUSINESS MEETING RULES**

- 2.01 A motion must be moved and seconded before any discussion can take place.
- 2.02 Address the chair; speak when recognized.
- 2.03 No private discussions.
- 2.04 Be relevant.
- 2.05 Be polite and courteous.
- 2.06 No critical or unkind comments - will be asked to withdraw statement or rephrase.
- 2.07 No negative comments unless an alternate or "better" proposal is put forward.
- 2.08 May speak only twice to the same issue.

Article 3 - PLAYING RULES

**3.01**

**PLAYERS**

(a) "Qualifications"

In order to qualify, a player must attend a service before the game to be played;

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except when circumstances arise such as prolonged illness, injury or vacation;

2

the Spiritual Representative's approval must be received in these circumstances.

(b) "Attending Church"

Players must attend the church for which he intends to play, unless approved by the board.

(c) "Other Leagues"

No player who plays Junior or College hockey above juvenile level may play in the league.

(d) "Age"

Players are to be a minimum of fourteen (14) years of age by December

31.

(e) "Registration"

All players must be registered with the executive before they may play.

(f) "Qualifying For Play-offs"

A player must have played a minimum of 50% of the leagues regular season schedule to be eligible for play-off play.

(g) "Movement of Players"

The following guidelines shall govern the movement of players from one team to another team after the current season has

begun:



In cases where a player on the roster of one team transfers his attendance to another church which also has a team in the K.F.B.H.L. for reasons of,

- transfer,  
residence,  
location,  
transfer
- (i) job
  - (ii) relocation of
  - (iii) family re-
  - (iv) or membership

that player shall be free to join the team roster of the church he has transferred to. No league approval is necessary. He may, however, remain on the roster of his initial team provided that his original team is in agreement.

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In cases where a player transfers to another church which also has a team entered in the K.F.B.H.L. and makes the transfer for reasons of unresolved differences or conflicts, he shall not join the team roster of the second church, nor shall he play for his first team if he does not comply with the league attendance requirements. Exceptional circumstances may be heard by the league board and approved by a 75% vote in favour.

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In all other instances the transfer of a player from one team roster to another must first be approved at a duly called league meeting. The team losing the player must also give it's consent for the transfer to take place. In exceptional circumstances, upon appeal to the league board, a lack of consent by the team losing the player may be over-ruled by a 75% vote of the league board.

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In cases of an approved transfer all regular season games played count towards play-off eligibility.

**3.02 DESCRIPTIONS**

**JOB**

- (a) "Pastor and Board"
  - 1 K.F.B.H.L. strongly recommends that the team(s) of their church be a portfolio of a deacon.
  - 2 Pastor and board along with the coach and/or captain, should select a spiritual representative for their team.
  - 3 This is to be done annually, prior to the first meetings of the league on the last Thursday of September.
  - 4 A letter of approval from the pastor and board must be given to the committee before the church's team(s) can play.
- (b) "Spiritual Representative"
  - 1 He must be a mature Christian - spiritually and mentally.
  - 2 He is to be a regular attender of the church he is representing.
  - 3 Regular attendance at the games is a must.
  - 4 He is to attend all regularly called league meetings.
  - 5 He is responsible for promoting Christ-like conduct of all team members in the arena.
  - 6 He is to strictly police the eligibility of players as stated in Rules 1.01 (a) and 1.01 (b).

- 100%. 7 He is to support the Captain and Coach
- 8 He ensures that all players, especially new players, understand all rules and their required conduct on and off the ice.
- out. 9 He ensures that a set of rules is stapled to each schedule given
- jersey. 10 He must wear a 3" letter "S" on the top left corner of his
- (c) "Coach"
- 1 He must be a mature Christian - spiritually and
- mentally. 2 He is to be a regular attender of the
- church. 3 He is to attend all regular league
- meetings. 4 He is responsible for the organization and management of the
- team. 5 He ensures game sheets are sent to the Secretary/
- Treasurer. 6 He is to support the Captain and Spiritual Representative
- 100%. 7 He ensures first time players are introduced to the opposing team that night.
- 8 The Coach is a non-
- player. (d) "Captain/Alternate
- (d) Captain" 1 He must be a mature Christian - spiritually and
- mentally. 2 They are the only players allowed to approach the
- referee. 3 There is to be only one Captain and one Alternate
- Captain.
- (e) "Teams"
- Required" 1 "Players
- Each team shall field eleven (11) definite players prior to the start of league play. However, for the playing of the games, a team could field any number of players.
- Churches" 2 "Combining
- Teams may make up a team including another church if they lack sufficient men in their own congregation. If that church is evangelical and not in our Association, then written request must be received and approved by the executive of the Association at a duly called meeting. Players cannot play until the Co-ordinator notifies the Coach that approval is granted.
- Game" 3 "Players Required Each
- Any team that cannot field a minimum of seven (7) of their own registered players, automatically forfeits any points for that night regardless of a win, loss or tie.
- Players" 4 "Borrowed
- (i)
- Up to four (4) players may be borrowed from other teams to bring a team's total to eleven (11) players.

(ii)

Borrowed players must be approved by the opposing team PRIOR to the start of the game or the game will be forfeited.

- 5 Team lists are set as of December 31. Therefore without league approval, no player that has not played before December 31 can play after this date.

(f)  
Game"

"Positions Filled Each

All positions must be filled each game (ie. Captain, Alternate Captain, Coach, Spiritual Rep) unless for unusual circumstances the person in the position cannot attend. If the positions cannot be filled by the regular person then an alternate may fill in for the night.

### 3.03 RULES

#### GAME

(a)  
Shots"

"Snap

May be used providing part of the stick remains in contact with the ice prior to releasing the shot.

(b)

"No Body Contact"

A minor penalty will be assessed to the aggressor who caused the contact. This could mean an offensive or defensive player.

(c)

"High Sticking" causes the puck to become a dead play. Face off to be brought out of the offensive zone if touched by offensive player.

(d)

"Three Penalties and Penalty Minute Accumulation"

On receiving a third penalty in a game, the player is out of the current game and is suspended from the next scheduled game. The suspension must be served at the next game and the player must be on the bench during the game. The suspended players name must be written on the game sheet and the coach of the other team must be notified. Failure to follow this rule will result in a further suspension until it is served.

Where (3) three penalties are called, (2) two minors, plus (1) one misconduct, the player is suspended according to Provision 1 for (2) two games plus (1) 1 more game incurred for the misconduct penalty. Thus, 2 minor penalties and a misconduct in one game results in a game suspension.

A player who accumulates 30 minutes of penalties during the season (including playoffs), must sit out 1 (one) game (suspension to be served with player in attendance at the game), and is required to meet with the League Executive at their discretion. Following this, an additional accumulation of 30 minutes of penalties in the same season will result in suspension for the remainder of that season including playoffs.

(e)  
Misconducts"

"Game

1 Given in the game for swearing or using any other abusive language, regardless of to whom it is directed, on or off the ice, during the game.

2 Given by referee, at his discretion, for any action that could result in injury, such as slashing, boarding or cross-checking.

3 Any player evicted from a game automatically receives a two game suspension. The player must also attend the required church meeting he is sitting out or he is ineligible to play until this requirement is met.

(f) "Suspension"  
If a player is involved in a fight, spearing or butt-ending, he will be suspended for 15 regular season games. (Play-off games are not included in the 15 game total but they are included in the suspension.)

(g) "Re-instatement"  
A player involved in any infraction as outlined in (e) or (f) above, shall be suspended immediately, and an investigation by the committee shall be conducted and the suspended player shall not play until the committee makes a ruling.

(h) "Line  
Changes"  
Quick changes are expected during the running time in the game or a penalty could result.

(i) "Playing  
Time"  
Each player has paid his share to play and should be given equal ice time and opportunity to do so.

(j) "Notifying  
Referees"  
Executive members are the only persons that may inform the referees of rule deletions, additions or interpretations of instated rules. Therefore, any and all concerns in this regard are to be directed to the executive only.

(k) "Centre  
Line"  
The centre red line will be omitted from the off-side two line pass

rule.  
**3.04  
DIRECTIVES**

**LEAGUE**

(a) "Prayer and  
Handshakes"  
Players are to meet at centre ice after the warm-up and prior to the game for prayer. Teams are also to shake hands before and after the game.

(b) "Game Clocktime"  
Games will consist of three (3) twenty minute periods of running time. Two (2) minutes of stop time may be played at the end of the third period if:

1 there is less than four (4) goals difference in the score.

2 there is enough time left on the clock to allow this.

(c) "Helmets/Face  
masks"  
Players and referees are to wear helmets during the games. It is strongly recommended that full face masks be worn by players.

(d) "Scoring Points"  
Scoring points are awarded for scoring a goal and one assist.

(e) "Game  
Points"  
Teams will receive 3 points for winning, 2 points for a tie and 1 point for a loss or default.

- (f) "No Smoking"  
No smoking by any player or active connected person with the team will be allowed in the dressing rooms or arena areas, before, after or during the games.
- (g) "Registration Fee"  
The registration fee of \$35.00 from each team is due to the league at the first annual meeting.
- (h) "First Aid Kit"  
A first aid kit is to be supplied by each team and made available on the bench during each game.
- (i) "Children"  
Children at the arena are the responsibility of their parents and must be supervised at all times.
- (j) "Play-offs"  
1 The season's championship will be decided by all teams in a tournament setting.  
2 In the event of a tie, the tie shall be broken by following Rule 3.04 League Directives (k).
- (k) "Tie In Standings"  
In the event of a tie in the standings at the end of the regular season the following criteria shall be used to break the tie:  
1 on the basis of the won-loss record between the two teams during the regular season;  
2 on the basis of goal differential (goals for minus goals against) between the two teams during the regular season;  
3 on the basis of total goal differential (goals for minus goals against) for the regular season;  
4 on the basis of least penalty minutes accumulated during the regular season;  
5 on the basis of total "goals for " during the regular season;  
6 on the basis of a coin toss.
- (l) "Time Keepers"  
The league's executive will be responsible for supplying an adult, as time keeper, during all play-off games.
- (m) "Game Cancellations"  
Cancellation of the forthcoming Saturday game must be conveyed to the co-ordinator, on or before the Wednesday night preceding the cancelled game, or the forfeiting team must pay all costs incurred.
- (n) "Payment For Ice"  
The home team for the game being played must collect all monies and pay the arena and referees for costs incurred.
- (o) "Liability Waiver"  
Liability waiver is to be the responsibility of each team. They are to ensure one is completed by each player.