

KAWARTHA BAPTIST HOCKEY LEAGUE



League Rules Playing Rules

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ARTICLE 1 – League Structure and Governance

The Kawartha Baptist Hockey League is a church-run league sponsored by the Kawartha Baptist Fellowship Association and includes the following churches:

- Fairview Baptist Church
- Kinmount Baptist Church
- Little Britain Baptist Church
- Norland Baptist Church
- Port Perry Baptist Church

1.01 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL COMMITTEE

- A. "Association Approval"
 - A committee shall be selected annually for each upcoming season and will be submitted by July 1 to the executive of the Kawartha Baptist Fellowship Association for their approval. The committee shall be responsible for the weekly running of the league, grievances, and disciplinary action. The term of office will commence on July 1 of a year and conclude on June 30 of the following year.
- B. Composition:
 - The committee shall consist of:
 - Executive Co-ordinator,
 - Executive Vice-Chair,
 - Executive Secretary,
 - Executive Treasurer,
 - Council Members

1.02 CO-ORDINATOR

- A. Chairs all KBHL Meetings
- B. Supervises all volunteer positions
- C. Monitors church and team attendance
- D. Receives all grievances and enforces league rules.

1.03 VICE-CHAIR

- A. Assists the Co-ordinator as needed. (The Vice-Chair position is intended to facilitate effective succession planning.)

1.04 SECRETARY

- A. Records and maintains minutes of all KBHL Meetings.
- B. Maintains and updates the KBHL Constitution and records any Rule changes.

1.05 TREASURER

- A. Maintains any and all financial records.

1.06 COUNCIL MEMBERS

- A. Sufficient Executive Council members will be appointed in addition to the previously mentioned Executive positions to allow for no more than two (2) representatives from each participating church. For example, if one person from a church is the Coordinator, his church may appoint one (1) additional Councillor. The Councillors must be annually approved by the Deacons of their home church, and written confirmation should be provided to the Executive Secretary on or before September 15 of the year.
- B. If a church has more than 1 team in the league, they may appoint a total of two (2) councillors plus 1 additional councillor. (A church with 2 teams may appoint 3, a church with 3 teams may appoint 4, etc.)
- C. Executive and councillors will have full voting privileges with the exception of the Coordinator, who may only vote to break a tie.
- D. A quorum of 60% of the Executive Council Committee is required in order for a meeting to take place.
- E. Councillors may appoint a substitute from their Church to attend any meeting, providing written authorization from the assigning councillor is provided to the Executive Coordinator before the commencement of the meeting. (Written confirmation may be provided electronically as opposed to a hard copy)

1.07 ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEER ROLES

The Executive Council Committee will appoint individuals to administer the following functions on an annual basis:

- A. Scheduler
- B. Referee liaison
- C. Timekeeper
- D. Statistician
- E. Tournament Chair

The additional volunteer roles may be performed by any member of the Executive Council Committee or any other person. **The roles themselves do not include council participation or voting privileges.**

1.08 MEETINGS

The following Meetings must be held each year:

- A. **Pre-Season Meeting 1** (Usually late August or early September) The purpose of this meeting is to finalize team entry, table any rule changes, and ensure that schedules and arrangements are in place for the upcoming season.
- B. **Pre-Season Meeting 2** (Usually late September) The purpose of this meeting is to follow up on any issues from the Pre-Season Meeting 1, finalize the schedule and ratify any rule changes.
- C. **Mid-Season Meeting** (Usually in early January). The purpose of this meeting is to assess the first half of the season and resolve any outstanding issues.
- D. **Pre-Tournament Meeting** (Usually early March) The purpose of this meeting is to finalize tournament rosters and tournament format and resolve any issues that may be raised.

- E. **Post-Season Wrap-up** (Usually mid-April) The purpose of this meeting is to analyze and assess the past season, resolve any outstanding issues, discuss any outstanding disciplinary issues, and recommend names for the next season's Executive Council Committee.
- F. In addition to the above, the Executive Council Committee may convene a special meeting after providing a minimum of five (5) days' notice to all Executive Council Committee members.

1.09 GRIEVANCES

- A. Grievances shall be resolved 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 KBHL. shall be forwarded to the Co-ordinator and shared with the council prior to the 1st Pre-Season Meeting, and will be voted on at the 2nd Pre-Season Meeting.

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 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:

- A. The KBHL is a Christian men's league. Female players are not allowed to play in either a regular or substitutionary role.
- B. Players must commit to attend 1 Fellowship Baptist Church service per game played within each calendar year of the season. Services may include regular Sunday morning or Sunday evening services, OR
- C. A regular Sunday Service attendance may be substituted by 2 Fellowship Baptist Church functions in which prayer and Bible Study are the major focus (i.e., College & Careers, Small Group, Church Youth Group). Attendance at 2 non-service functions will qualify for 1 Church Service.

- D. The team's spiritual representative and team captain will be responsible for ensuring church attendance. **Where it is found that a player has not been held accountable to attend church, the league may suspend either or both the team's spiritual rep and/or the captain for up to 3 games.**
- E. Players are expected to play for the church that they regularly attend, however exceptions to this will be allowed subject to league approval.
- F. Multi-team churches that wish to amend rosters or exchange players must do so prior to December 31 of the year. Multi-team churches are expected to balance each team according to talent.
- G. No player who plays Junior or College Varsity hockey may play in the league.
- H. Players are to be a minimum of fourteen (14) years of age by December 31 of the year in which the season commences.
- I. Rosters, including and designating captains, assistant captains, spiritual rep, and coach (if applicable), must be approved by the executive prior to commencement of the season. Teams adding players/coaches to the roster during the season must notify the league.
- J. Players must have played a minimum of 50% of the league's regular-season schedule to be eligible for playoffs. Any player who misses games due to illness or injury must have that declared to the league to ensure playoff eligibility.

Exceptions to this rule will be approved by the league at the pre-tournament meeting.

3.02 "SPIRITUAL REPRESENTATIVE"

- A. He must be a mature Christian - spiritually and mentally.
- B. He is to be a regular attendee of the church he is representing.
- C. Regular attendance at the game is mandatory.
- D. He is responsible for promoting the Christ-like conduct of all team members in the arena.
- E. He is to strictly police the eligibility of players.
- F. He is to support the Captain and Coach.
- G. He ensures that all players, especially new players, understand all rules and their required conduct on and off the ice.
- H. He ensures that a set of rules is stapled to each schedule given out.

3.03 "COACH"

- A. He must be a mature Christian - spiritually and mentally.
- B. He is to be a regular attendee of the church.
- C. He is to support the Captain and the Spiritual Representative.

3.04 "CAPTAIN/ALTERNATE CAPTAIN"

- A. He must be a mature Christian - spiritually and mentally.
- B. They are the only players allowed to approach the referee.
- C. There is to be only one Captain and one Alternate Captain.

3.05 "TEAMS"

- A. **"Players Required"** 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.
- B. **"Combining Churches"**, 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 a 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 Team that approval is granted. Teams may include no more than 2 non-association players (including goalies) as long as those players attend an evangelical church in the area and have been approved by the league executive. Non-association players must attend services to the same extent as association players, and their attendance is the responsibility of the team's spiritual rep.
- C. **"Players Required Each Game"** 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.
- D. **"Borrowed Players"** Up to four (4) players may be borrowed from other teams to bring a team's total to eleven (11) players.
- E. **"Disclosure"** Borrowed players must be declared (and otherwise eligible to play in the KBHL) by the opposing team PRIOR to the start of the game, or the game will be forfeited.
- F. **"Borrowed Player Stats"** Scoring stats will not be recorded for borrowed players. Penalty Statistics will be recorded against the borrowed players' home team record.
- G. **"Finalized Roster Deadline"** Team lists are set as of December 31. Without league approval, no player who has not played before December 31 can play after this date.
- H. **"Positions Filled Each Game"** All positions must be filled each game (i.e, Captain, Alternate Captain, 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.

ARTICLE 4: GAME RULES

4.01 GAME RULES

- A. **"Slap Shops"** No slap shots are allowed. A slap shot or "winding up" for a slap shot will result in a minor penalty.

- B. **“Snap Shots”** May be used, providing part of the stick remains in contact with the ice prior to releasing the shot. “Half Slap” may be used, provided the blade of the stick remains below the knee prior to releasing the shot.
- C. **“No Body Checking”** A minor penalty will be assessed to the aggressor who caused the contact. This could mean an offensive or defensive player.
- D. **“Intent to Injure”** A major (double) penalty may be called if the Referee determines an intent to injure.
- E. When the puck is touched by a **“High Stick”**, play is called. Face-off to be brought out of the offensive zone if touched by the offensive player.
- F. During a penalty, the penalized team is not allowed to change as a result of a whistle (can only change on the fly). The offending team can change whenever they would like.
- G. **“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 suspended player’s name must be written on the game sheet; the coach of the other team must be notified. Failure to follow this rule will result in further suspension until it is served.
- H. 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.
- I. **“Season Penalty Accumulation”** A player who accumulates 30 minutes of penalties during the season (including playoffs) must sit out 1 (one) 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.
- J. **“Game Misconducts”** Given in the game for swearing or using any other abusive language directed towards the Referee or another player, on or off the ice.
 Given by the Referee, at his discretion, for any action that could result in injury
 Any player ejected from a game automatically receives a one (1) game suspension. The player must also continue to attend church services while he is sitting out in order to maintain playing eligibility.
- K. **“Suspension”** Subject to the discretion of the league executive, Players involved in a fight, spearing or butt-ending will be suspended for up to 15 regular-season games. (Playoff games are not included in the 15-game total, but they are included in the suspension.)
- L. **“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. The player will have **48** hours after the game to speak to a committee member about reinstatement. After this time, no investigation will be done.
- M. **“Swearing”** A minor penalty will be given during the game for any swearing that is not directed towards another individual.
- N. **“Line Changes”** Quick changes are expected during the running time in the game, or a penalty could result.

- O. **“Playing Time”** Each player has paid his share to play and should be given equal ice time and opportunity to do so.
- P. **“Notifying Referees”** Executive members are the only persons who may inform the referees of rule deletions, additions, or interpretations of unstated rules. Therefore, any and all concerns in this regard are to be directed to the executive only.
- Q. **“Centre Line”** The centre red line will be omitted from the off-side two-line pass rule.

ARTICLE 5: LEAGUE DIRECTIVES

- 5.01 “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 after the game.
- 5.02 “Game Time”** Games will consist of three (3) twenty-minute periods of running time. Three (3) minutes of stop time may be played at the end of the third period if there is less than three (3) goals difference in the score.
- 5.03 “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.
- 5.04 “Scoring Points”** Points are awarded for scoring a goal and up to two (2) assists.
- 5.05 “Game Points”** Teams will receive 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie and 0 points for a loss or default.
- 5.06 “Registration Fee”** The League may require a registration fee from each team.
- 5.07 “Payments”** The timekeeper will collect money from each team and pay the referee and the timekeeper.
- 5.08 “First Aid Kit”** The timekeeper will bring the league-bought First-Aid Kit to each game and have it available in the event of an injury.
- 5.09 “Final Season Standings”**
 - A. 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 least number of penalty minutes during the season
 - 2. On the basis of the won-loss record between the 2 teams during the season.
 - 3. On the basis of the goal differential between the 2 teams during the season.
 - 4. On the basis of the total goal differential (+/-) for each team during the season.
 - 5. On the basis of total goals scored during the regular season.
 - 6. A coin toss.
- 5.10 “Play-offs”** The season championship will be decided by all teams in a tournament.



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1 Corinthians 10:31

Whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.