

Revisions to the NGHHA Constitution

1) OWHA Updates

Earlier this year the OWHA provided instructions to OWHA Associations on the content of Association Constitutions. The purpose of these instructions is to bring some standardization to these documents across the OWHA, while continuing to provide Associations with the flexibility to incorporate elements specific to individual Associations.

For the most part, the NGHHA Constitution already contained the required content. However, there are several sections requiring revision to incorporate the OWHA content. Revised sections include:

Section 5.6: Revision to the tie-breaking provisions for Board voting

Section 7.5: Standard wording pertaining to Association borrowing authorities

Section 8.1 (c): Expectation that Members will comply with Hockey Canada, OWHA and NGHHA rules and regulations

Section 8.2 (c): Standard wording around termination of membership

Section 8.3: Revisions to clarify the procedures for discipline or termination of membership for Cause

Section 9.1(b): Revised timelines for notice of Annual General Meeting

Section 9.6 (h): Revision to the tie-breaking provisions for member voting

2) Elimination of the Ice Director Position

Ice management is one of the most important aspects of NGHHA operations given it is a key determinant of the success of the house and competitive programs. During the 2019-20 season, a review of ice management practices in the NGHHA was conducted by the VP Operations, in consultation with the NGHHA Board of Directors. A key observation was that the ice management responsibilities were too much for one volunteer, that it was difficult to recruit candidates for the Ice Director position, and that changes to the Association's approach to ice management were necessary.

In response, the NGHHA will be implementing a paid ice scheduler position in 2020-21, to be overseen by the VP Operations. With this new approach, the Board position of Ice Director is no longer required. As a result, the NGHHA Constitution has been revised to eliminate this position from the Board of Directors.

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