

# NORTHERN RHODE ISLAND VIKINGS YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

i. NAME:

This association shall be known as the Northern Rhode Island Vikings Junior Hockey Association, Inc, and is incorporated as a non-profit organization under the laws of the State of Rhode Island

ii. PURPOSE:

TNE Northern Rhode Island Vikings Junior Hockey Association, Inc serves as a non-profit youth hockey association whose function is to familiarize the youth of our member communities with the fundamental individual and team skills required to play the game of ice hockey. The atmosphere shall be one that stresses respect, sportsmanship, fair play, and integrity. The emphasis will be on enjoyment, positive instruction, and cooperativeness.

iii. POLICIES:

The Northern Rhode Island Vikings Junior Hockey Association, Inc shall be noncommercial, nonsectarian, and nonpartisan. It shall not endorse a commercial enterprise or a candidate. The name of the association or names of the members in their official capacities shall not be used in any manner.

iv. MEMBERSHIP

Section One: The membership of the Northern Rhode Island Vikings Junior Hockey Association, Inc shall consist of the Board of Directors, the Officers, it's head coaches and it's voting members

Section Two: Any parent or guardian, upon registration of his/her child in the Northern Rhode Island Vikings Junior Hockey Association, Inc may become a voting member by the completion of the associations' registration forms, payment of tuition, and the payment of the annual fee. A voting member's membership year is in effect from June 1<sup>st</sup> of that year to June 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year

Section Three: A voting member's status entitles the member to vote on any matter brought up at an Open Meeting as long as it does not involve the expenditure of association funds, selection of coaches, or the selection of players. Only the Board of Directors may vote on matters that require the expenditure of the expenditure of association funds, selection of coaches, or the selection of players.

Section Four: Members are committed to uphold the Constitution, By-laws and the policies of the association. In addition, members are expected to submit payment of tuition according to the schedule published prior to the hockey season. Failure to adhere to the association's Constitution, By-Laws, policies and the payment schedule could result in a loss of all rights and privileges to play, coach, or actively participate in the season.

v. GOVERNMENT

The Northern Rhode Island Vikings Junior Hockey Association, Inc shall be governed by its Board of Directors. The officers of the Board of Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting in May.

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The President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer are elected at this annual meeting for a period of two (2) years.

The remaining members of the membership shall consist of the Scheduler, Registrar, Instructional Coordinator, Fundraising Coordinator, and Association Advisors (Historical, league, RI Hockey, and/or USA Hockey). These members shall be appointed by the President and the Board of Directors.

## vi. DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### A. PRESIDENT

The President shall preside at all meetings and have general charge of and control over the affairs of the association subject to decisions voted by the Board of Directors. They shall annually appoint the non-elected members of the Board of Directors.

### B. VICE-PRESIDENT

The Vice-President shall assist the President in the discharge of their duties, and in the absence of the President, act in their behalf, and have such other duties as the board may designate.

### C. SECRETARY

The secretary shall notify the members of all regular and special meetings. They shall receive, answer, and maintain an up to date file of all correspondence pertaining to the association. The secretary shall record minutes of all meetings, prepare and distribute in all pertinent information of the last meeting.

### D. TREASURER

The Treasurer shall keep account of all funds of the association received or distributed and shall deposit all funds in the assigned account. The Treasurer shall present a report to the Board of Directors monthly as to the status of the accounts. The Treasurer will also publish a yearly report of total income and disbursements at the annual meeting in May. Upon completion of their term of office, the Treasurer will deliver to his successors all funds, records, forms, letters, and other association property in their possession. The books may be subject to audit by the Board of Directors as a body. The Treasurer shall sign all checks for disbursement of funds authorized by the association. All monthly bank statements shall be reviewed and co-signed by the President and Treasurer. The President may also sign checks.

## vii. EXONERATION FROM PERSONAL LIABILITY:

The Northern Rhode Island Vikings Junior Hockey Association, Inc, hereby consents and declares that each Officer and member of the Board of Directors, Chairpersons and members of all Committees and all elected or appointed officials in any capacity shall be deemed to assumed office or assignments on the expressed understanding, agreement and condition that each one of them and their heirs, executors and administrators, estate and effects respectively shall from time to time and all times be indemnified and saved harmless out if funds of the Northern Rhode Island Vikings Junior Hockey Association, Inc from and against all liabilities, judgements, costs,

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charges and expenses whatsoever which such members sustain or incurs in or about any action, suit, or proceeding which is brought, commenced or prosecuted against them for and in respect of any act, deed, matter or thing whatsoever made, done, or permitted by him in or about the execution of their duties of their office and also from and against all other costs and charges, and expenses which they sustain or incur in or about in relation to the affairs thereof, except such costs, charges, or expenses as are occasioned by their own willful neglect or default.

## viii. AMENDMENTS

### Section One: The Constitution

Amendments of alterations to this Constitution shall be made only at the annual meeting in May after specific notice in writing to each officer, Board of Director and Voting Member at least sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting and then only by a two-thirds (2/3) majority. A quorum for the annual meeting shall be fifty (50) percent of the membership

### Section Two: The By-Laws

Amendments of alterations to the By-Laws shall be made after specific notice in writing to each officer, Board of Director, and Voting Member at least thirty (30) days prior to the any said meeting and then only by a two-thirds (2/3) majority. At the meeting, the written amendment must be read and receive a second. Receiving a second, it shall be opened for discussion, and subsequently, voted on by all members present. A quorum for the general meeting shall be two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board of Directors. Upon adoption, the by-laws amended, revised, and repealed only in accordance with the provision of the Constitution.