

LEDUC OLD BLADES HOCKEY LEAGUE

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CONSTITUTION & OPERATIONS MANUAL

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A Gentlemen's Hockey League for Residents of Leduc and County

SECTION 1 - CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME

This organization shall be called the Leduc Old Blades Hockey League. The League's abbreviation shall be the LOBHL.

ARTICLE II - AIM

The aims of the League are to foster and encourage in all participants a need for fitness, a desire for increased recreation activity, and to build a strong and lasting fellowship among the players and teams as set out in its Statement of Values and Beliefs.

ARTICLE III - AFFILIATION

The League and each team within the League will not be affiliated; for now, with the Canadian Adult Recreational Hockey Association (CARHA), the governing body for Recreational Hockey across Canada. An affiliation may be considered at a future date subject to the ratification of the members of the LOBHL.

ARTICLE IV - PLAYING RULES

The League shall conduct games in accordance with the rules annually established by Hockey Canada. Where the League Constitution, Rules and Regulations conflict with that of Hockey Canada., the LOBHL Constitution, Rules and Regulations shall take precedence.

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP

The League shall consist of eight (8) teams. Each team and sponsor will be approved by the League Executive and will hold a membership in good standing. Any increase in the number of member teams shall be subject to the approval of the League Executive and be dependent upon an available arena and ice time.

It is incumbent upon the League Executive to ensure that prior to the beginning of the League schedule all teams are assigned sponsorship by a local business or other entity approved by the LOBHL.

ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENTS

The Constitution may be amended or altered by a majority vote during any meeting of the LOBHL provided that a quorum is present and twenty days' notice of the proposed amendment has been served upon the President and the League Executive.

ARTICLE VII - THE EXECUTIVE

The League shall be administered by an Executive Committee and Team Directors. The Executive Committee shall consist of:

1. A President (Voting) – Elected
2. A President-Elect (Voting) – Elected
3. A Secretary (Voting) – Appointed
4. A Treasurer (Voting) – Appointed
5. A Director of Player Safety (Voting) - Appointed
6. The Immediate Past President (Voting) shall be an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee.
7. Team Directors (Voting) - Each team will be represented by two Team Directors who shall be members of the LOBHL in good standing. The two Team Directors shall be selected by the players and/or the League Executive.
8. The Executive Committee may appoint any other person they deem necessary for the efficient operation of the League (Voting).

ARTICLE VIII - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the end of the hockey season and not later than during the month of May on a specific date to be established by the League President, giving a minimum of 20 days notice to the members.

In addition to the usual order of business, the Election process will be conducted at the Annual General Meeting when applicable. A slate of Nominees for all vacant positions shall be put forward to the League Executive by a Nominating Committee, with prior approval of the Nominees. The League Executive; including all Team Directors, and all Members in good standing will be eligible to vote in the election.

ARTICLE IX - ANNUAL DRAFT MEETING

The Annual Draft Meeting of the LOBHL will be held in the month of August on a date to be established by the League President, giving a minimum of 20 days notice to the membership. In addition to the usual order of business, the League Executive will conduct the Annual Player Draft at this meeting.

ARTICLE X - QUORUM

A quorum will be constituted when at least 50% of the voting members of the League Executive and Directors of the Leduc Old Blades Hockey League are present at any meeting including General Meetings.

ARTICLE XI - VALUES AND BELIEFS

We Believe:

- That the LOBHL must operate with proper planning, clearly defined policies, procedures, and job descriptions.
- That communication must be accurate, consistent, and honest and open throughout our operations.
- That the League will operate at all times with financial and fiscal accountability and responsibility based upon the concept of value for the members.
- That all players shall have the opportunity to participate equally and have fun regardless of their skill level. The League will promote fellowship amongst its membership.
- That all participants shall act in an honest and gentlemanly manner using care and common sense, and above all act in the best interest of the organization.
- That a “Safety First” attitude will be incorporated into all aspects of the League.
- That the League and its membership are entitled to caring and qualified leadership within a positive environment.
- That all participants shall be treated with respect and in a manner that enhances gentlemanly conduct and maintains dignity.
- That membership in the LOBHL hockey will instill and foster a quality work ethic, communication, a team effort and fair play through participation.

ARTICLE XII - LEAGUE EXECUTIVE CODE OF CONDUCT

As a volunteer Member of the League Executive of the Leduc Old Blades Hockey League, I agree to:

- make decisions for the ultimate good of the game, the League, and the participants;
- help create an atmosphere where there is a high level of co-operation and trust;
- put my personal differences aside so that I can work with others toward a common goal knowing that each person must support the group consensus;
- respect the dignity of others and ensure that I constructively address the issues presented and not criticise the person presenting them. Personal attacks are unacceptable; I will deal only with the issue and not the personality or individual.
- be knowledgeable, well organized and research facts, as well as listen to each and every person before making a decision;
- carry out the duties assigned to me to the best of my abilities, with the experienced helping the inexperienced. I will ensure that all tasks are clearly understood, accepted and completed;
- make every effort to attend regular scheduled meetings as well as any other meetings required to perform my duties. If I am unable to attend, I will notify the President or Secretary in advance of the meeting, so that an alternate may attend on my behalf.

SECTION 2 - RULES OF PLAY

The Leduc Old Blades Hockey League will play according to Hockey Canada's Rules and Regulations with the addition of the following rules approved by the League Executive:

2.1 PENALTIES, GENERALLY

2.1.1 All penalties are referred to in straight (running) time minutes.

2.1.2 To facilitate the use of straight time (or running time), the following rule shall be used to time penalties, which run from straight (running) time to stop, which occurs during the last two minutes of the last period of each regularly scheduled game. "If the penalty is assessed in straight time, the game clock will be used to determine when the penalized player returns."

2.1.3 Minor penalties will be 3 minutes.

2.1.4 Major and Match penalties will be 5 minutes as per Hockey Canada's Rules and Regulations.

2.1.5 Any player assessed a Major penalty shall also be assessed a Game Misconduct for the same infraction.

2.1.6 When a Game Misconduct, Match or Gross Misconduct penalty is assessed, the Referee shall report the offender and the full details surrounding the violation to the President and League Executive, who may assess further penalties.

2.1.7 When the goalie receives a Major penalty, a player from the ice must serve the five minute Major and the team must play with six skaters. The game will continue immediately. There will be no substitute goalie allowed during the subject game.

2.2 10-MINUTE MISCONDUCT

2.2.1 Examples of conduct resulting in a 10-Minute Misconduct include:

- Obscene, profane and abusive language or gestures.
- Player persists in disputing or showing disrespect for the ruling of an official.
- Player does not proceed immediately to the penalty box.

2.2.2 When a player is assessed two (2) 10-Minute Misconducts in same game, they will also be ejected from the remainder of game.

2.3 GAME MISCONDUCT

2.3.1 Examples of conduct resulting in a Game Misconduct:

- Checking from behind severely (a match penalty could be assessed).
- Player persists in actions as noted in 2.2 above.
- Player is recipient of major, match or gross misconduct penalties.

2.4 MATCH PENALTY

2.4.1 Examples of conduct resulting in a Match Penalty:

- Fighting.
- Attempt to injure or deliberate injury.
- Head butting, kicking, hair pulling.
- Butt-Ending an opponent.
- Deliberate spear.

2.5 GROSS MISCONDUCT PENALTIES

2.5.1 Any player or team official incurring a “Gross Misconduct Penalty” shall be ejected from the game. A substitute for the penalized player shall be permitted immediately.

2.5.2 Gross Misconduct penalties shall be assessed where a person conducts himself in such a manner as to make a travesty of the game. Examples include:

- Where a person conducts himself in such a manner as to make a travesty of the game.
- Physical abuse toward officials, spectators, players, etc.
- Extreme intolerable obscenity or gestures.
- Throwing sticks or other equipment at officials, spectators or players without regard to potential injury or harm.
- Physically attacking other players in the penalty box or players bench.

2.5.3 A total of ten minutes shall be charged in the records against a penalized player for a Gross Misconduct penalty.

2.6 SLAPSHOT

2.6.1 Using a “slapshot” during the game is prohibited. Faking a “slapshot” is also prohibited. When either infraction occurs play shall be stopped immediately and there will be a faceoff in the offending players end.

2.6.2 If an injury to an opposing player results, a Major penalty shall be assessed.

2.6.3 The stick must be below the ankle prior to all shots being taken. When the stick is lifted above the ankle prior to the shot being taken it will be considered a slapshot.

2.7 HIGH STICKING THE PUCK:

2.7.1 Contacting the puck with the stick above the normal height of the shoulders, whether deliberately or accidentally, is prohibited.

2.7.2 Attempting contact with the puck; without actual contact, by waving or batting at the puck with stick above the normal height of the shoulder, whether deliberately or accidentally, is also prohibited.

2.7.3 When either infraction occurs play shall be stopped immediately and there will be a faceoff in the offending player's end.

2.8 BODY CONTACT:

2.8.1 A Minor or Major penalty, at the discretion of the Referee, based upon the intent and the violence of the impact with the opposing player, shall be assessed any player who intentionally bodies, pushes, shoves, stands in front of an opponent for the purpose of making contact and/or does not avert body contact with an opponent. When injury results from intentional body contact, a Major penalty shall be assessed.

2.8.2 In the event that a player, by committing an infraction of the rule, causes an opponent to collide with the boards, a Double Minor penalty shall be assessed. The Major and/or Match penalty applicable to the rule, will be assessed in the normal manner.

2.8.3 Riding by means of shoulder contact will not be considered body contact.

2.8.4 Accidental contact where players do not see each other will not be considered body contact. Where in the opinion of the Referee, accidental contact has taken place; no penalty shall be assessed.

2.9 INTERFERENCE (SPECIFIC TO THE FRONT OF THE NET)

2.9.1 Any clutching, grabbing, holding, or jabbing motion in front of the net by a player of either team, or when a player is knocked down an interference penalty shall be ruled.

2.9.2 A Minor penalty shall be assessed for an infraction of this rule. All players must play the puck; any attempt to redirect an opposing player trying to play the puck will be called for interference.

2.10 PENALIZED PLAYERS

2.10.1 Penalized players must proceed directly to the penalty bench. Any player who does not proceed directly to the penalty bench after being assessed a penalty will be assessed further penalties, within the discretion of the Referee.

2.10.2 Foul language, gestures, or attempts to debate the call by the penalized player will result in further penalties being assessed.

2.11 DELAY OF GAME

2.11.1 All faceoffs will be conducted swiftly and without delay. Any team who does not set up quickly for a faceoff or tries to delay the game in any way will be assessed a Bench Minor for delay of game. This penalty will particularly be imposed where teams or players attempt to delay time in an effort to run out straight time on the clock while killing a penalty.

2.12 ADJUSTMENT OF EQUIPMENT

2.12.1 All adjustments of equipment shall be done off the playing surface, and will not be permitted on the ice, with the exception of the goalkeeper, who must first obtain the permission of the referee. Players who are on the ice and need to adjust equipment must leave the ice during a legal line change only and a replacement player shall be permitted.

2.13 DRUGS & LIQUOR

2.13.1 Drugs and liquor shall not be permitted. Any player, timekeeper, or referee found to be under the influence of drugs or liquor shall be ejected from the game immediately and reported to the League Executive for further disciplinary action.

2.14 HELMETS

2.14.1 All players must wear CSA approved equipment, which includes helmets with chin straps. Players are encouraged to wear half or full face shields.

2.14.2 Helmets must be worn at all times while players are in the players' box, or on the playing surface. Helmets that are knocked off, or come off the head for any reason, shall be considered illegal equipment and the player losing his helmet must proceed directly to the players' bench. The subject player may not make any attempt to retrieve the lost helmet and continue with play. For an infraction of this rule, a Minor penalty shall be assessed.

2.14.3 Helmets must also be worn while in the penalty box and during the pre-game warm-up.

2.15 THREE PENALTY RULE

2.15.1 Any player who has been assessed three (3) Minor penalties in the same game shall be ejected for that game. The player must leave the bench and proceed to his dressing room immediately. This will be recorded as a Game Ejection on the game sheet.

2.15.2 In the event that the third Minor penalty has not been brought to the attention of the referee before the game has been completed, then no change shall be made.

2.15.3 If however, the third penalty has been overlooked temporarily, but it has been brought to the attention of the referee before the final horn, any scoring plays in which the offending player has been involved in after his third minor penalty shall be wiped out and the player shall be ruled off the ice and to the dressing room for the remainder of the game.

2.15.4 Double minors count as two penalties for the application of this rule.

2.16 THREE GOAL RULE

2.16.1 The maximum goals any single player can score in a game is three (3).

2.16.2 In the event a player scores after already scoring three goals, the goal will be disallowed and the resulting faceoff will be at centre ice.

2.15.3 In the event that the third goal has not been brought to the attention of the referee before the game has been completed, then no change shall be made.

2.15.4 If however, the third goal has been overlooked temporarily, but it has been brought to the attention of the referee before the final horn, the goal shall be wiped out.

2.16 SHOOTOUTS AND OVERTIME

2.16.1 Regular Season and Playoffs Due to a Tie:

- If the game is tied at the end of regulation time, the teams will commence with a shootout format where three (3) players from each team are chosen to shoot on an alternating basis.
- The team winning the shootout will receive 2 points and the team losing the shootout will receive 1 point in the standings.
- The shooters shall be one each of an A player, a B player and a C player, who will shoot in order of ABC.
- If the teams are still tied then the shootout continues CBA-ABC-CBA etc. until one team scores and the other does not on the same turn.
- Players who have scored 3 goals during the game are eligible to shoot and score in the shootout.
- Within each of the A, B and C Categories no repeat shooters are allowed until all players from that category have been completed.
- If a team has no players from a specific rating category, C for example, they forfeit that round of the shootout.
- A player with time left on a penalty at the end of the game is ineligible to shoot in the shootout.

2.16.2 A-Final (Championship) Game

- A twenty minute (20) straight time sudden death period will be played in the A-Final Championship game only. Players who have scored 3 goals in regulation time are NOT eligible to score in overtime.
- If the game is tied at the end of that overtime period, the teams will commence with a shootout in the same format as described above for regular season and playoff games.
- Players who have scored 3 goals during the game are eligible to score in the shootout.

2.16.3 B, C and D Finals

- If tied at the end of regulation time, the finalists will not play a sudden death overtime, but will immediately proceed to a shootout with the same format as described above for regular season and playoff games.

2.17 FIGHTING AND ROUGHING:

2.17.1 A Match penalty shall be assessed any player who is identified by the referee as the instigator or aggressor in a fight. The opposing player may then be assessed:

- a Match penalty, if he fights back or continues the altercation,
- a minor penalty for roughing or
- no penalty at all, depending on the circumstances.

2.17.2 If two players throw the first punch simultaneously, then both players will receive Match penalties.

2.18 ABUSE OF OFFICIALS

2.18.1 A Minor penalty shall be assessed to any player or team official who challenges or disputes the ruling of an official during the game or who displays unsportsmanlike conduct. If the person persists, he shall be assessed a Misconduct penalty and any further disputes will result in a Game Misconduct penalty being assessed to the offending player.

2.18.2 A Referee is not required to assess a Minor penalty under this rule before assessing a Misconduct or Game Misconduct for the same reason, and may assess either penalty initially.

2.18.3 A Match penalty shall be assessed to any player or team official as a result of physical abuse towards a referee. Examples of physical abuse towards a referee include tripping, striking, body checking, spitting, etc. At the discretion of the referee, a Gross Misconduct may be assessed for more severe infractions.

2.18.4 Players directing insults, abuse or harassment towards a League Referee from the stands before or after they have played their own game may be asked to attend a League Executive hearing. Disciplinary action may be invoked.

2.19 ICING CALLS

2.19.1 Icing calls will be made when the puck is shot the length of the ice from inside the blue line by the defending team.

~~2.20 SKATE IN THE GREASE~~ REPEALED: October 20, 2019

~~2.20.1 If an attacking skater establishes position in the goal crease of his own accord the play shall be stopped immediately and there will be a faceoff in the neutral zone.~~

~~2.20.2 If the offending player is in the crease opposite of the play (backdoor), or if the offending player was pushed into the crease by a defending player, the referee may warn the player before stopping play.~~

~~2.20.3 At the referee's discretion, if an offensive player is pushed into the crease and prevented from exiting the crease by a defending player, the defending player may be assessed an interference penalty.~~

SECTION 3 - DISCIPLINE

The Director of Player Safety shall have power to suspend summarily any player for any breach or violation of any of the provisions of the Constitution, the Rules and Regulations, or of any decision or ruling of the League Executive, or for verbal or physical abuse toward any of the Officials, provided that the Director of Player Safety is satisfied that such player has committed such breach or violation. Such suspension will be automatically and continuously effective until dealt with by the Director of Player Safety, which must deal with such suspension within one week of receipt of any complaint or game report, by the Secretary. The Director of Player Safety shall have the power to impose such suspension in respect of any matter or incident which may occur at any time in a scheduled league game.

3.1 MINOR PENALTIES:

3.1.1 Players who are assessed three (3) penalties in one game shall be assessed a Game Ejection with no further disciplinary action.

3.1.2 Repeat offenders in the same season may be assessed a game suspension for subsequent "Three Penalties in One Game" infractions. The League Executive will take disciplinary action against players who repeatedly break the Three Penalty Rule.

3.2 LIST OF SUSPENSIONS

Once the decision by the Director of Player Safety is communicated to the Team Directors, the following suspensions are to be served immediately and continuously. Suspensions issued under this section will not be afforded an opportunity to appeal the decision unless otherwise stated.

3.2.1 MAJOR PENALTIES: (EXCEPTION - ACCIDENTAL HIGH STICK)

- 1st Offence - Remainder of Game and Automatic 1 game.
- 2nd Offence - Remainder of Game - Automatic 3 games.
- 3rd Offence - Remainder of Game - Executive decision - eligible for appeal.

NOTE: Where injury results by the action causing the Major Penalty assessment, the League Executive may consider additional disciplinary action. Any additional disciplinary action is eligible for appeal. Examples of injuries leading to further disciplinary action include:

- Violent body contact with intent based on referee's judgement
- Deliberate physical contact after a whistle.
- Contacting an opponent with a high stick incurring an injury.

3.2.2 10-MINUTE MISCONDUCT:

- 1st Offense – Serve 10 minutes unless penalty is assessed in last 10 minutes in which case the player is suspended for the entire next scheduled game.
- 2nd Offense - Same as first offense plus reprimand from League Executive.
- 3rd Offense - Remainder of Game plus automatic two (2) game suspension; Executive decision regarding potential further disciplinary action.

3.2.3 GAME MISCONDUCT:

- 1st Offense -Remainder of Game - Reprimand - Automatic 1 game.
- 2nd Offense - Remainder of Game - Automatic 3 games.
- 3rd Offense - Remainder of Game - immediate suspension - Executive decision - eligible for appeal.

3.2.4 GAME MISCONDUCT FOR ABUSE OF OFFICIALS:

- 1st Offense - Remainder of Game - Automatic 3 games.
- 2nd Offense - Remainder of Game - Automatic 5 games - Appear at League Executive meeting for “Show Cause” hearing. Executive decision - eligible for appeal.

3.2.5 MATCH PENALTY:

- 1st Offense - Remainder of Game - Automatic 3 games.
- 2nd Offense - Remainder of Game - Automatic 5 games.
- 3rd Offense - Immediate Suspension - minimum 1 year, Executive decision - eligible for appeal.

3.2.6 MATCH PENALTY FOR ABUSE OF OFFICIALS:

- 1st Offense - Remainder of Game - Automatic 5 games.
- 2nd Offense - Immediate Suspension - minimum 1 year. Appear at League Executive meeting for “Show Cause” hearing. Executive decision - eligible for appeal.

3.2.5 GROSS MISCONDUCT:

- 1st Offense - Remainder of Game - Automatic 3 games.
- 2nd Offense - Indefinite suspension. Appear at League Executive meeting for “Show Cause” hearing. Executive decision - eligible for appeal.

3.2.5 GROSS MISCONDUCT FOR ABUSE OF OFFICIALS:

- 1st Offense - Indefinite suspension. Appear at League Executive meeting for “Show Cause” hearing. Executive decision - eligible for appeal.

3.3 CUMULATIVE AND SUPPLEMENTAL SUSPENSIONS

3.3.1 Multiple Penalties assessed to individual players will result in cumulative suspensions.

3.3.2 The League Executive will be the final authority. Examples noted above are for clarification or illustration only. The Director of Player Safety and/or the President have the authority to levy suspensions greater than what is listed. Such supplemental suspensions will be eligible for appeal.

3.4 RULES AND DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

3.4.1 The Rules and Discipline Committee will be chaired by the Director of Player Safety or; if in conflict, a member of the League Executive appointed by the President. The balance of the Committee consisting of 3 to 5 members will be Team Directors from teams other than the one the offender plays on.

3.4.2 The accused/offending player may immediately be placed on an indefinite suspension pending a hearing/meeting. The meeting will be scheduled for as soon as possible after the incident (usually within one week).

3.4.3 All notices of meetings, hearings and/or suspensions must be forwarded to the accused/offending player in writing.

3.4.4 When the Rules and Discipline Committee conducts a meeting with reference to an incident, the following individuals will be notified and be required to attend:

- The accused/offending player
- The abused player if possible and applicable
- Witnesses to the incident

3.4.5 Do not refuse anyone wishing to attend, provided they are members of the League or Referees.

3.4.6 After hearing all evidence the Committee will meet in private to render a decision.

3.4.7 The accused/offender, his Team Director(s) and the League President will be notified in writing of the Committee's decision.

3.4.8 An applied suspension with reference to an incident must be dated. For examples:

- Player _____ shall be suspended from League play until April 15, 1999.
- Player _____ shall be suspended for two (2) years and may return to play on April 15, 1999.

3.4.9 The suspended player shall be notified that they have the right to appeal the Rules and Discipline Committee's decision to the League Executive only where allowable.

3.4.10 All suspensions shall be recorded and retained within a specified section of the LOBHL Minute Book. The Committee shall record:

- A summary of the hearing
- The decisions and recommendations of the Committee
- The reasons for making such a decision.

3.5 APPEAL PROCEDURES

3.5.1 The Appeal Panel shall consist of a minimum of five members of the League Executive including the President. The Appeal Hearing will be chaired by the President or in his absence, an appointee. No member of the original Hearing may sit on the Appeal Panel.

3.5.2 Any accused/offending player in a Hearing held before the Rules and Discipline Committee may appeal the decision of the Committee provided it is allowed according to the List of Suspensions and also provided that a Notice of Appeal in writing along with a required \$50.00 (fifty dollar) appeal fee is received by the League Executive within ten (10) days of the accused/offending player being notified of the Committee's decision.

3.5.3 The Notice of Appeal must indicate what is being appealed: the issue of guilt, the suspension, or both. The notice must give the reason(s) for the appeal.

3.5.4 The Rules and Discipline Committee's original decision shall remain in place pending the result of the Appeal. Because of this, the Appeal Hearing must be held within an expedient time frame, i.e. between 7 to 14 days.

3.5.5 An Appeal Hearing is a hearing to appeal a decision based on evidence given at the original hearing. The Appeal Panel has the same rights as the original Hearing Panel and can:

- Dismiss the Appeal.
- Set aside the decision of the original Hearing in whole or in part.
- Render any decision and impose any penalty or suspension or a part thereof, as set out in the List of Suspensions.

3.5.6 The Notice of Appeal shall be accompanied by a fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00). This filing fee shall be credited to the general fund of the Leduc Old Blades Hockey League. If the original decision of the Rules and Discipline Committee is upheld or the penalty or suspension increased, the filing fee will be retained. If the original decision is dismissed or reduced, the filing fee shall be returned in whole to the Appellant.

3.5.7 Parties to the Appeal shall be given seven (7) days' notice verbally and in writing of the date, time and place of the Hearing. The Hearing shall be heard within fourteen (14) days of receiving a Notice of Appeal. If new evidence is to be submitted, its acceptance is at the discretion of the Chairman of the Appeal Panel.

3.5.8 Members of the League Executive who are on the same team as the accused/offending player may not sit on the Appeal Panel, however, they may attend as witnesses.

3.5.9 The accused/offending player will be advised verbally and in writing of the decision of the Appeal Committee. Such decision shall be final and binding upon the player involved.

SECTION 4 - LEAGUE OPERATIONS

4.1 DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND POWERS OF THE LEAGUE EXECUTIVE

4.1.1 PRESIDENT (APPOINTED BY THE LEAGUE EXECUTIVE)

- A. The President-Elect, by appointment, will assume the duties of the President upon completion of the current President's term of office.
- B. The President shall preside at all General Meetings, all meetings of the League Executive and any Committee meeting chaired by him from time to time. He shall generally perform the duties usual to the office of President and may, at his discretion, order the calling of a meeting of the League Executive or any other Committee(s) chaired by him. The President shall exercise general supervision and direction over the affairs of the League Executive and direct the efforts of the League Executive towards the achievement of its Articles and enforcement of its Rules and Regulations. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all sub-committees and shall receive notice of all Committee Meetings.
- C. The President shall call Special Meetings for a particular issue or incident when requested to do so in writing by at least eight (8) of the Team Directors. Such meetings shall be called within one week of the written request.
- D. The President shall be responsible for the co-ordination of all aspects of the operation of the League and for the implementation and enforcement of all Articles, Rules or Regulations which the League Executive deems necessary to enact from time to time.
- E. The President shall have power to suspend summarily any player for any breach or violation of any of the provisions of the Constitution, the Rules and Regulations, or of any decision or ruling of the League Executive, or for verbal or physical abuse toward any of the Officials, provided that the President is satisfied that such player has committed such breach or violation. Such suspension will be automatically and continuously effective until dealt with by the League Executive, which must deal with such suspension within one week of receipt of any complaint or game report, by the Secretary. The President shall have the power to impose such suspension in respect of any matter or incident which may occur at any time in a scheduled league game.
- F. The President shall appoint all Committee Chairpersons as required and such appointments shall be confirmed at the next meeting of the LOBHL League Executive.
- G. The President shall appoint a League Secretary and a Treasurer or a Secretary-Treasurer who must meet with the approval of the League Executive and shall be confirmed at the next meeting.
- H. The President shall vote only in the event of a tie and he shall cast the deciding vote.

I. In the event the President-Elect is unable to take office as President an election will be held at the Annual General Meeting to select both a new President and President-Elect. Candidates for these positions must have served for at least one full year on the League Executive within the previous 5 years.

J. Term of office - two (2) years.

4.1.2 PRESIDENT-ELECT (ELECTED)

A. Elected by the General Membership at an Annual General Meeting.

B. The President-Elect shall act as President during the President's absence.

C. Nominees for the position of President-Elect must have served for at least one full year on the League Executive within the previous 5 years.

D. The President-Elect will be appointed President by the League Executive once the current President has fulfilled his term of office.

E. Term of office - two (2) years.

4.1.3 IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT (EX-OFFICIO)

A. An ex-officio member of the League Executive for two (2) years.

B. Full voting privileges.

4.1.4 SECRETARY (APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT, APPROVED BY THE LEAGUE EXECUTIVE)

A. The Secretary shall act as President during the President's and President-Elect's absence.

B. The Secretary shall be responsible for preparing meeting agendas, keeping minutes of all League Executive meetings, arranging for local

C. Newspaper coverage, other publicity and business arrangements on behalf of the League Executive, and the conduct of all correspondence on behalf of the League.

D. The Secretary shall ensure that all approved amendments to the LOBHL Articles, Rules and Regulations are appropriately recorded in the master Operations Manual.

E. The Secretary will obtain and retain all game sheets and refer pertinent items such as game suspensions, etc. to the President and League Executive for appropriate action.

F. Term of office - two (2) years.

4.1.5 TREASURER (APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT, APPROVED BY THE LEAGUE EXECUTIVE)

- A. The Treasurer shall open an account in a recognized financial institute for the League, shall be responsible for the receiving, safe custody and accounting of all monies and the disbursement of monies as directed by the League Executive. He shall ensure that all cheques are issued as directed by the League Executive and bear the necessary signatures.
- B. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all business of the League including bank reconciliations and shall prepare a detailed operating budget and a statement annually or interim statements as directed by the League Executive.
- C. Term of Office - two (2) years.
- D. The President, at his discretion, may appoint a Secretary-Treasurer with combined duties and responsibilities.

4.1.6 DIRECTOR OF PLAYER SAFETY (APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT, APPROVED BY THE LEAGUE EXECUTIVE)

- A. The Director of Player Safety shall have power to suspend summarily any player for any breach or violation of any of the provisions of the Constitution, the Rules and Regulations, or of any decision or ruling of the League Executive, or for verbal or physical abuse toward any of the Officials, provided that the Director of Player Safety is satisfied that such player has committed such breach or violation.
- B. The Director of Player Safety shall have the power to impose such suspensions in respect of any matter or incident which may occur at any time in a scheduled league game.
- E. Term of Office - Two (2) years

4.1.7 TREASURER (APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT, APPROVED BY THE LEAGUE EXECUTIVE)

- F. A Registrar works with the Treasurer to coordinate all player registrations for each upcoming season. This is a critical process and it will be important to entrust that individual to ensure that registrations are accurately completed, fees collected, and precise accounting is maintained. All fees must be processed over to the Secretary or Treasurer and deposited expediently.
- G. The candidate for this position may ideally be a local businessman who plays in the League and would be willing to donate the use of his or his employer's place of business as a depot for players to call by to register.
- H. There may be a subtle benefit for the Registrar to have players come into his place of business, particularly if it is a service or retail business.
- I. Term of Office - two (2) years.
- J. The President, at his discretion, may assign the duties of the Registrar to the secretary or treasurer with combined duties and responsibilities.

4.1.8 TEAM DIRECTORS (2 ASSIGNED FOR EACH TEAM)

- A. Appointed from a slate of Nominees and assigned to a team by the League Executive.
- B. Will attend Rules and Discipline Committee meetings when requested to do so.
- C. Will attend all League Executive and other Committee meetings at the call of the President or his appointee.
- D. Will act as a liaison between the League Executive and their assigned team and will keep their teams reasonably and properly informed.
- E. Will communicate Directives from the League Executive pertaining to team and player conduct within the rink before, during or after games, on or off the ice.
- F. Will enforce the provisions of the Articles, Rules and Regulations of the LOBHL.
- G. Will administer the finances of the LOBHL.
- H. May serve as many as three 2-year terms to a maximum of 6 years.

4.2 SUB-COMMITTEES

At the commencement of each season, the President, in consultation with the League Executive, will determine which sub-committees should be struck to carry out duties that will benefit the LOBHL in general and add to the smooth operation of the League.

The following is a list of possible sub-committees with an overview or brief description of it's function.

4.2.1 RULES & DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

- A. Chaired as required by the President-Elect or, if in conflict, another member of the League Executive appointed by the President. The balance of the Committee; which will be not less than three (3) and not more than six (6) members of the League Executive, will consist of Team Directors chosen from teams other than the team the offending player is a member of.
- B. This Committee will be asked to review the League Rules at least once per year and bring forward recommendations, if applicable, to the League Executive for approval.
- C. This Committee will conduct all Hearings and will impose suspensions whenever necessary. (See Rules-Rules and Discipline Committee)

4.2.2 APPEAL PANEL

- A. Chaired by the President or, if in conflict, an eligible member of the League Executive. No member of the Rules & Discipline Committee who sat on the initial Hearing Panel may sit on the Appeal Panel.
- B. The Appeal Hearing is a completely new hearing. The Appeal Panel has the same rights as the original Hearing Panel.

4.2.3 DRAFT COMMITTEE

- A. Chaired by the President who will act as Facilitator for the LOBHL Annual Player Draft to be conducted at the Annual Draft Meeting held in August of each year. (Refer to Draft Procedures in the Operations Manual).
- B. The Draft Committee will normally include the Executive Committee, augmented by appointing select experienced members.

4.2.4 OFFICIALS COMMITTEE

- A. To be chaired by the President or appointee. This assignment could also be the responsibility of the Rules and Discipline Committee.
- B. Responsibilities would include rating and hiring Referees, dealing with grievances filed by officials, determining pay scales for all the officials including Referees, timekeeper, etc., and acting as a liaison between the Officials and the League Executive.

4.2.5 UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR

- A. A member of the League Executive appointed by the President. The Coordinator will ensure that all uniforms are accounted for, properly maintained (i.e. cleaning and mending) and stored in sweater bags over the summer months.
- B. The Chairperson will seek out a secure storage facility (possible donated by a player) and will enlist a Team Director from each team to both distribute and collect all uniforms and equipment such as bottles, pucks, etc.
- C. The Uniforms & Equipment Coordinator will report in writing to the League Secretary for permanent record the name(s) of any player(s) who fail to return their uniform so that an appropriate fine can be assessed or disciplinary action taken.

4.2.6 50/50 DRAW COORDINATOR

- A. If applicable, the President will appoint a 50/50 Draw Coordinator who will ensure that tickets are available and all teams receive a schedule whereby the applicable Team Directors will make certain that his or their team will carry out their sales responsibility when assigned to do so. Funds collected will be processed over to the Secretary or Treasurer for deposit.

4.2.7 ANNUAL BANQUET COMMITTEE

- A. To be chaired by a member of the League Executive appointed by the President at the onset of the season. The appointed Chairman will select other League members as required to form a Committee that will assist him in conducting a successful, well-attended Annual Banquet. The Committee will submit a budget by the end of January along with an outline that will specify the costs, ticket prices, entertainment, meal selection, prizes, theme, date held and all other significant details that would apply.

4.2.8 SPONSORSHIP

- A. The responsibility of the President or in his absence, an appointed Sponsorship Coordinator. Prior to the commencement of the season, the President and/or Sponsorship Coordinator will make a public relations visit to each Sponsor to:
 - a. Promote the success of the LOBHL
 - b. Reinforce the benefits of the sponsorship
 - c. Deliver the annual invoice
 - d. Thank the Sponsor for continuous support
- B. The League Executive will address the budget at the Annual General Meeting and make a determination as to the cost of sponsorships for the season. It is important to retain a Sponsor's loyalty by providing a benefit at a fair and reasonable fee.
 - a. The cost of sponsorship for the season is determined on the assumption that the sponsorship will continue for three (3) or more years.

- b. After three (3) years, a sponsor is considered a “Loyal Team Sponsor” and will receive a loyalty discount on the cost of sponsorship as determined at the Annual General Meeting.
 - c. The League will assign the jersey colour for new sponsors.
 - d. The League will purchase the jerseys from a selected supplier who will work with the sponsor to propose a design to the League Executive for approval.
 - e. The selected supplier will recommend the number of jerseys, sizes and other details for approval.
- C. New Team Sponsors may request replacement jersey sets. In such a situation, the League will purchase the jerseys and the sponsor will be billed by the League for full cost recovery.
- D. Loyal Team Sponsors may request replacement jersey sets.
- a. If the jerseys are less than 5 years old, the League will purchase the jerseys and the sponsor will be billed by the League for 50% cost recovery.
 - b. If the jerseys are more than 5 years old, there will be no charge to the sponsor provided funds are available for the replacement.
- E. Jerseys will be replaced as required based on quality (damage, staining, lost, etc.). The expected life cycle of a set is 5+ years.

4.2.9 OTHER

- A. The President, where deemed necessary, may strike other Adhoc Committees or appoint reliable individuals to assist with various responsibilities such as keeping League Statistics, preparing newspaper articles, maintaining internet exposure and assist in other areas that the League Executive determines to be important to the success of the LOBHL.

4.3 MEETINGS

4.3.1 AGENDA

- A. The Secretary or Secretary Treasurer, as the case may be, will be responsible to consult with the President and prepare a proper Agenda for all meetings. Agendas should be supplied to attendees in advance of the meeting whenever possible (i.e. by email)

4.3.2 ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE AGENDA SHALL BE:

- A. Call to order
- B. Confirm Quorum is Present
- C. Adopt Agenda
- D. Approve Minutes of previous meeting
- E. Business Arising from the Minutes (unfinished Business)
- F. President's Report
- G. Secretary - Treasurer's Report (approve accounts)
- H. Team Directors Reports (where applicable)
- I. Correspondence
- J. New Business (list items)
- K. Other Business (minor housekeeping items)
- L. Election of Officers (if Annual General Meeting)
- M. Special items (if applicable)
- N. Adjournment
- O. Date of Next Meeting (if known) or at the Call of the Chair.

4.3.3 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- A. The LOBHL shall conduct a General meeting during the month of May subsequent to the conclusion of the hockey season..

4.3.4 ANNUAL DRAFT MEETING

- A. A general meeting of the LOBHL held in the month of August in order to carry out normal League business and to conduct the Annual LOBHL Draft.

4.3.5 LEAGUE EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

- A. Regular scheduled League Executive meetings shall be held each month in the evening at a time and place to be determined or at the call of the Chair. All members of the League Executive will receive appropriate notice. Executive Meetings are not usually held during the off-season.

4.3.6 SPECIAL MEETINGS

- A. All General Meetings other than the Annual General Meeting and Annual Draft Meeting shall be called Special Meetings. Special Meeting requests will be granted upon written notice from at least eight (8) of the Team Directors to the President. Such meetings will be called within one week of the written request.

4.3.7 CALL OF MEETINGS

- A. At least twenty (20) days before every General Meeting, notice thereof specifying the place, the day, and the hour of the meeting, and in the case of special business, the general nature of such business, shall be given to the Members.

- B. The accidental omission to give such notice to or the non-receipt of such notice by any Member shall not invalidate the proceedings at any Meeting.

4.3.8 DECIDING VOTES

- A. At General Meetings every member shall have one vote and all votes shall be given personally. In case of an equality of votes at any General Meeting, whether upon a show of hands or at a poll, the President shall be entitled to a casting vote. In case of any dispute as to the admission or rejection of any vote, the President shall determine the same, and such determination made in good faith shall be final and conclusive. All Members present at meetings shall be entitled to vote unless the Member has a conflict of interest, or is not a Member in good standing.

4.3.9 RULES OF ORDER

- A. The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the LOBHL in all cases in which they are applicable.

4.3.10 MEETING CHAIRPERSONS

- A. The President, or in his absence, the President-Elect or Secretary shall chair the Meetings. If neither the President nor the Vice-President or Secretary are present at the time of holding a Meeting, or if they are not present within 30 minutes from the time appointed for the meeting, the Members present shall choose one of their Members to be the Chairman for such meeting.

4.3.11 VOTING

- A. At every Meeting every question shall be decided by a simple majority of the votes, in the first instance by a show of hands, unless before the show of hands a secret ballot is demanded by at least two (2) Voting Members personally present.
- B. A declaration by the President that a resolution has been carried or carried by a particular majority, or lost, shall be conclusive evidence thereof, without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favor or against any such resolution.
- C. If a poll were demanded, it shall be taken at such time and place and in such a manner as the President may direct, and the result of such poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the Meeting at which the poll was demanded. A demand for a poll may be withdrawn.
- D. All voting at elections; which will be held during the Annual General Meeting, shall be by secret ballot and ballots shall be counted by at least two scrutineers appointed by the President or Chairman of the meeting.
- E. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted at any General Meeting. Voting by proxy will only be permitted at League Executive Meetings where a Team Director is not able to attend the meeting and sends a substitute to act on his behalf.

4.4 ELECTION/APPOINTMENT PROCESS

4.4.1 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- A. At least 30 days prior to the Annual General Meeting, the President and the Secretary will select at least two or more other members of the League Executive to join with them to form a Nominating Committee. The President shall act as Chairman.
- B. The Nominating Committee will identify vacancies for the Team Director category and the President-Elect position if applicable and the following procedures will take place.

4.4.2 TEAM DIRECTORS - ELECTION

- A. Once vacancies are determined, the Nominating Committee shall put the call out for candidates or solicit individuals to fill the slate of Nominees and obtain their consent. The slate must be filled for all vacancies. Any other players wishing to let their name stand for election as a Team Director may submit their name in writing to the President prior to the Spring General Meeting.
- B. The President will call for further nominations at the Spring General Meeting. If there are no further nominations, the President will call for a vote to accept the slate of candidates.
- C. Should other nominations come forward from the floor, the President and Nominating Committee will then conduct a vote by secret ballot. The votes shall be counted by two scrutineers appointed by the President or Chairman of the meeting.
- D. The candidates for Team Director receiving the most votes will be declared elected for a two-year term. In the event of a tie for the last vacancy, candidates tied with the least votes will run on a second ballot.
- E. The candidate with the most votes on the second ballot to break the tie will be declared elected for a two-year term.

4.4.3 ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT.

- A. When applicable, the Nominating Committee will call for eligible nominations for President-Elect or seek out individuals to run for the position. Players wishing to let their name stand for election to this position may submit their name in writing to the President prior to the Annual General Meetings.
- B. Candidates for President-Elect must have served for at least one full year on the League Executive within the previous five (5) years.
- C. Consent is to be provided by all candidates acknowledging their willingness to stand for this office.
- D. The President will call for further nominations from the floor at the Annual General Meeting. Should there be more than one candidate for this office, a vote by secret ballot will take place.
- E. The President-Elect's position shall be filled by the candidate receiving the most number of votes and will be declared elected for a two year term.

F. In the event of a tie vote for the position of President-Elect, a re-vote will be taken. If a tie still exists, then Roberts Rules will be used to break the tie.

4.4.4 APPOINTMENT OF THE PRESIDENT

G. The incoming President shall be the prior President-Elect and shall be appointed by the League Executive to hold office for a two year term.

4.5 ANNUAL REGISTRATION

4.5.1 The annual registration fees per player to play in the LOBHL shall be established by the League Executive based on that current season's budget for ice, referees, administration costs and other costs normally associated with League operations and approved by the League Executive.

4.5.2 Players must be registered and fees paid in full prior to participating in League play. A \$20.00 penalty for NSF cheques or returned cheques shall be assessed against the player responsible. This penalty must be paid prior to any participation in League play.

4.5.3 Should a player discontinue playing in the LOBHL at any time and for any reason, a minimum cancellation fee will be retained which shall be the greater of 1) \$70.00 or 2) a pro-rata amount based on the annual registration fee divided by the total number of League games including play-offs multiplied by the number of League games having expired in the schedule at the time of resignation or discontinuance. No fees or portion thereof shall be refunded after the third round of the regular season. The minimal cancellation fee of \$70.00 may be amended by the League Executive at any Meeting.

- Annual Registration Fee x # of games expired = cancellation fee*
- Total Games
- (League and Playoff)
- *Such fee not to be less than \$70.00

4.5.4 Players that register during any part of the season will pay a pro-rated fee. Fees must be paid in full prior to participating in League play.

4.5.5 Players that are suspended will not receive a refund of any portion of their registration fees.

4.5.6 An approved Registration and Waiver Form is attached as Appendix A and must be completed by all players and spares each year prior to stepping on the ice for league play.

4.6 THE TEAMS

4.6.1 AGE REQUIREMENT: Players must be thirty-five (35) years old as of December 31st of the current season. Exemptions may be made for goaltenders only if no eligible goaltenders are available and only with approval of the Executive Committee. Players may be required to provide proof of age.

4.6.2 NUMBER OF PLAYERS: Each team shall have a maximum of fifteen eligible players (fourteen (14) plus a goaltender). Through the use of approved Spares, Team Directors should make every effort to have a minimum of fourteen (thirteen (13) plus a goaltender) eligible players dressed for each League game. The executive will establish rules related to approving spares. All spares must be from an official approved spare list.

4.6.3 FEWER THAN FOURTEEN PLAYERS: If a team has fewer than 14 eligible players dressed for league play, the Team Director must discuss the matter with the opposing Team Director. If the opposing Team Director is not satisfied that every effort to have a minimum 14 eligible players was made, they may lodge a complaint with the President, or Vice President after the game. For a complaint to be valid, it must be noted on the game sheet prior to the start of play. The consequences of playing with fewer than fourteen players are as follows:

- First valid complaint of an offense: Team Directors receive a league warning.
- Second valid complaint of an offense: Team is assessed a \$50 fine payable to the league's general revenue.
- Third valid complaint of an offense: Team is assessed a 2-point penalty in the standings.
- Fourth valid complaint of an offense: Team Directors are subject to a Disciplinary hearing and potential suspension from play.

4.6.4 FEWER THAN FOURTEEN PLAYERS, EXEMPTIONS: At the discretion of the President, the league may exempt all teams from the requirement to dress fourteen eligible players due high demand/low availability weekends. For example, September Long Weekend, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years.

4.6.5 GOALTENDER REPLACEMENT: A goaltender can be replaced during Regular Season due to an injury mid game. A goaltender cannot be replaced during Play-Offs due to an injury mid game.

4.6.6 BOUNDARIES: The Leduc Old Blades Hockey League is a gentleman's hockey league for local residents of the City of Leduc and County of Leduc. Priority for new registrations will be first given to residents of the City of Leduc and County of Leduc.

4.6.7 Registration priority will be given in the following order:

- A. Returning players
- B. City and County of Leduc Residents
- C. Imports

4.6.8 IMPORTS: Import priority will be given firstly to non-residents who grew up in Leduc and County and played local minor hockey. Lowest priority will be given to import players who are non-residents of the City of Leduc or County of Leduc and/or may be employed within the subject area only and merely want to play in the LOBHL.

4.7 LEAGUE EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

4.7.1 Provided that each team is given seventy-two (72) hours notice of League Executive Meetings, each Team Director must make every effort to be represented at the meetings.

4.7.2 Meeting dates to be set by the President.

4.7.3 Should both of the two Team Directors be unable to attend a meeting, they will appoint another member of their team as a substitute to attend the meeting with full voting privileges by way of proxy.

4.8 UNIFORMS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT

4.8.1 All teams will be supplied with sweaters, socks and other essentials such as pucks, and water bottles.

4.8.2 It will be the Team Directors responsibility to assign sweaters and socks to players and to ensure that they are returned and accounted for at the end of the hockey schedule.

4.8.3 Any player that does not return a uniform within 30 days from the final playoff game will be suspended from future enrollment in the Leduc Old Blades Hockey League until the uniform is returned. The player will be assessed a fine of \$50.00 in addition to the registration fee for the following hockey season.

4.9 CONDUCT

4.9.1 Players must not play hockey under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Smoking and alcohol consumption is not permitted within the stands or ice surface area as per City of Leduc regulations. The Parks and Recreation Board monitors this regulation closely, and in the past have requested assistance from the RCMP.

4.9.2 Players abusing this regulation may be requested to attend a League Executive Meeting and may receive suspensions of one or more games. Habitual offenders will be expelled from the LOBHL.

4.10 ABSENT PLAYERS

4.10.1 Players missing three (3) consecutive games without a valid reason will be subject to suspension according to the following process:

- A. The Team Directors will submit the offending player's name to the League Executive with the reason for the submission.
- B. The offending player will be contacted by the League Executive and will be requested to attend a meeting to review the reasons for his absence and asked to show cause as to why he should not be suspended.
- C. Failure to attend the meeting will result in an automatic suspension for the balance of the season.
- D. The decision of the League Executive will be final and binding.

4.10.2 If a player indicates to his Team Director that he will be unable to play due to injury or any other valid reason acceptable to the League Executive, his team may request a temporary replacement from the spare list for the next game.

4.10.3 If a player is on an extended job assignment in excess of three games which creates a long term vacancy, the player must provide notice to his Team Director in writing so that he will not be permanently replaced.

4.10.4 A replacement player of a similar skill factor will be appointed from the spare list to replace the injured or departed player.

4.10.5 The League may make rules prescribing the number of consecutive games a spare may play for one team.

4.10.6 If a player is unable to continuing playing for the balance of the season, the Team Directors will replace that player from an eligible list of equivalent skill rating. The Team Directors will have 4 weeks to replace said player, exceptions may be granted by the President on an exceptional basis.

4.11 TEAM CAPTAINS & ASSISTANTS

4.11.1 All teams will appoint a Captain and two Assistants, any two of which should be the Team Directors. In the event that a goaltender is a Team Director, then an alternate player will be chosen as an Assistant.

4.12 GAMES

4.12.1 All scheduled games will take place at the time and place stated in the official League Schedule which will be provided to all players at the season's opening game. The official schedule will be approved by the League Executive and is not normally changeable.

4.12.2 Teams must not be late and must be prepared to start all games on time.

4.12.3 Each game will consist of two thirty-five (35) minute periods of straight (running) time with the last two minutes of the 2nd period being stop time.

4.12.4 The League Executive reserves the right to alter the League Schedule due to unforeseen circumstances. In such cases the League Executive would serve appropriate and timely notice of any change to the players by way of their Team Directors.

4.13 REFEREES / TIMEKEEPER

4.13.1 The two man referee system will be used in all League games.

4.13.2 The League will be responsible for providing and paying competent referees and a timekeeper for all League games.

4.13.3 The timekeeper will turn in all score sheets to the League Secretary or appointee subsequent to the finish of the evenings scheduled games.

4.14 INCIDENTS

4.14.1 A team may protest a violation of the Leduc Old Blades Hockey League to the President or the League Executive.

4.14.2 All protests must be presented in writing via the Team Director(s) within 48 hours from the occurrence. Verbal representations will not be acceptable and will not be acted upon.

4.14.3 Individual player concerns must first be presented to the player's specific Team Director unless the concern or complaint involves the Team Director, then they may contact the President direct.

4.14.4 A Special Meeting of the League Executive or the Rules & Discipline Committee will be held within 7 days of receipt of the written protest or complaint to address the concern and provide a response.

4.15 ANNUAL PLAYER DRAFT

4.15.1 Subsequent to the Annual General Meeting, the Leduc Old Blades Hockey League Executive will be in place and will include a President, President-Elect, Immediate Past-President, Secretary, Treasurer and sixteen (16) Team Directors who have been paired at two for each team.

4.15.2 Pairings will attempt to ensure that new Directors are paired with experienced Directors. No two Team Directors will stay together on the same team beyond one year or season.

4.15.3 The President will appoint a Draft Committee as per Regulations.

4.15.4 Player registrations will take place primarily during the months of July and August prior to League play, which will commence the September long weekend.

4.15.4 The Draft Committee will ensure that the registration priorities are followed in determining which registrations are accepted. Eligible player returnees will always be given priority to play on a team and will not be bumped by a new player with a higher skill rating. To do so would be contrary to the mandate and spirit of the LOBHL.

4.15.5 New registrants or excess player registrants will be rated and placed on the master Waiting List until permanent openings become available or a substitute is required temporarily.

4.15.6 All registrants will be factored and/or rated by the Draft Committee in preparation for the Draft.

4.15.7 The President or in his absence, the President-Elect will act as the Draft Facilitator and will co-ordinate all necessary activities leading up to and including the final Draft.

4.15.8 The Draft Committee will confirm or adjust, and publish, the draft rules and order of selection, and make the rules and pools available to the Directors at least two days prior to the Draft night.

4.16 BUDGET AND FINANCES

4.16.1 It is critical to the well-being and future success of the LOBHL that certain financial standards are instituted and maintained. The League Executive is given a mandate to carry out all responsibilities pertaining to the financial affairs of the LOBHL keeping in mind that they are acting on a trust basis on behalf of the entire membership.

4.16.2 The fiscal year for the LOBHL shall operate from July 1st to June 30th.

4.16.3 Prior to the Annual General Meeting held in August of each year, the President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President, Secretary and Treasurer will meet to draft a proposed rolling 3-year budget for the forthcoming season and subsequent 2 seasons. It will be put forward to the entire League Executive and general membership for ratification at the A.G.M.

4.16.4 All income and expenses will be evaluated and factored on a budget analysis worksheet.

4.16.5 The philosophy of the League is one of self-sufficiency and to operate on a non-profit, break-even basis.

4.16.6 The budget must allow a 10% contingency for unallocated expenses or overages.

4.16.7 All money received for team sponsorship will be kept in a separate account to ensure funds are available for replacement jerseys and socks.

4.16.7.1 Procurement of jerseys and socks will not exceed available funds in the team sponsorship account.

4.16.7.2 The League Executive can decide to allocate a portion of sponsorship funds towards operating expenditures.

4.16.8 The Treasurer will be expected to perform a reconciliation from the bank statements each month. The Treasurer will provide a financial report at each League Executive meeting.

4.16.9 Policies pertaining to such items as allowable expenses and cheque signing authority will be put in place.

4.16.10 Subsequent to the completion of the League schedule, the Treasurer will complete a year-end financial statement or profit and loss statement for the fiscal year which will be distributed at the Annual General Meeting.

SECTION 5 - LEAGUE AWARDS

- Awards consists of an individual trophy given to the player to keep.
- Awards are presented during year-end banquet
- Awards committee consists of all executive present during the monthly meeting closest to the end of the regular season

5.1 A Final Winners and League Champions

Description: Team winning the league title as determined by winning the A final, every player on the championship team will receive an A Final Champion trophy.

5.2 Hall of Fame Award

Sponsored by: Dorothy Gilbey, in memory of long-time former member Wayne Gilbey

Description: A lifetime achievement award for long-time members or other supporters, similar to a Hall of Fame. Recipients are to be categorized as either builders, players or 'Friends of the League'.

Determined by secret ballot from members of the awards committee from a list of potential candidates by same committee.

5.3 Gary Tremblay Memorial Points Leader Award

Description: This award is given to the player who led the league in regular season points.

5.4 Best Defenceman

Description: This award is given to the league's Best Defenseman as voted on by an initial ballot among league members, with a final vote between the league executive and team reps committee.

5.5 Goalie of the Year

Description: This award is given to the goalie that had the highest regular season save percentage (to 3 decimal places). The recipient must be playing at the end of the regular season and must play a minimum of 10 games.

5.6 MVA

Description: This award is given to the league's Most Valuable A Player as voted on by an initial ballot among league members, with a final vote between the league executive and team reps committee.

5.7 MVB

Description: This award is given to the league's Most Valuable B Player as voted on by an initial ballot among league members, with a final vote between the league executive and team reps committee.

5.8 MVC

Description: This award is given to the league's Most Valuable C Player as voted on by an initial ballot among league members, with a final vote between the league executive and team reps committee.

5.9 Bag Draggers

Description: This award is given to a member of each team for fulfilling their role ensuring the team is equipped for socializing and supporting league engagement

5.10 Wes Ruptash Spirit of the League

Description: Camaraderie and support for your community are two values that Wes Ruptash cherished and this award is given to the league member who is best known for socializing, roaming from room to room, and embodies what the league is about. This award is voted on by an initial ballot among league members, with a final vote between the league executive and team reps committee.

5.11 Blood & Guts

Description: This award is given to a member of each team, as voted on by their own team members, to the player who gives it his all, never quits, and lays it all out on the line each week for his team.

5.12 VIP

Description: This award is given to a member of each team, as voted on by their own team members, to the player who is an integral member and unsung hero to the team.

5.13 Sleeper Pick

Description: This award is given to a member of each team, as voted on by their own team reps, to the player who overachieved and played at a higher level in which they were drafted.

5.14 Reps of the Year

Description: This award is given to the league Reps of the Year as voted on by the executive team. Awarded to the two team reps who excelled in terms of drafting, representation, and ambassadors of the league.

5.15 Lady Byng (Most Sportsmanlike)

Description: This award is given to the league's Most Sportsmanlike Player as voted on by an initial ballot among league members, with a final vote between the league executive and team reps committee.

5.16 Rookie of the Year

Description: This award is given to the league's Rookie of the Year as voted on by an initial ballot among league members, with a final vote between the league executive and team reps committee.

5.17 Ambassador

Description: A veteran league member who has in the past or is presently devoting personal time and energy to the betterment of the league and exemplifies the gentlemanly nature of the league as determined by secret ballot from members of the awards committee from a list of potential candidates by same committee.