

PEMBINA MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION Revised May 2022

That where the provisions of this Constitution, By-Laws, or Regulations are inconsistent with the Constitution, By-Laws, and Regulations of the Hockey Canada and Hockey Manitoba, Hockey Canada and the Hockey MB Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations shall prevail.

SECTION 1: REGIONAL ORGANIZATION

Article I: Name

The name of the organization shall be the Pembina Valley Minor Hockey Association (P.V.M.H.A).

Article II: Aims

- a) To encourage, develop and foster amateur hockey throughout the Pembina Valley Region.
- b) To encourage among those adults interested in Minor Hockey, the concept that hockey ability is secondary to the participants themselves.
- c) To promote the concept of healthy competition among all teams involved.
- d) It is the aim of the association is that the concept of winning is on an equal footing with the concepts of co-operation, sportsmanship, enjoyment, and friendship. These concepts shall be supported and promoted by the participants, parents, coaches and managers etc.
- e) To coordinate efforts with Hockey MB and Hockey Canada to offer organized hockey programs.
- f) To organize leagues which provide meaningful opportunities for players to develop their hockey skills
- g) To organize matches to determine representation for provincial championships as per HM Rulebook.
- h) To enforce the rules of the game of hockey as adopted by the Pembina Valley Minor Hockey Association and Hockey Manitoba and to assist teams/centers in resolving disputes.

- i) To facilitate the formation of regional teams.

- j) Teams – Regional AAA, AA team(s) will be called “Pembina Valley Hawks”
All Regional AAA or AA teams will have a minimum of 15 players plus 2 goalkeepers or (other) as approved by regional director.

- k) All regional teams(s) will fall under the direction of the Director of the region and its executive. Team(s) will represent the region in a league recognized by Hockey Manitoba and the regional executive.
Regional team rosters must be submitted to the director of the region for approval, once approved the regional director may direct a representative to submit the roster to Hockey Manitoba. Regional team(s) must have a constitution and abide by said constitution. Any changes to the above-mentioned constitution must be approved by the regional director. Minutes of these changes must be documented and kept by the region. The regional director shall approve a manager and 2 parent liaisons for the season.

The teams(s) coaches must submit a criminal record check and or child abuse registry check to the Director of the region each season or as directed and must report to the regional director any charge that would/could affect ones record as soon as possible.

- l) Financial – Regional team(s) must submit a financial statement including a starting and closing bank balance to the Director of the region by May 1st of each year.
Responsibility – It is the responsibility of the team(s) to provide copies of any meeting minutes upon request by the regional director. It is the responsibility of the team(s) to provide a written report to the Director of the region by April 1st of each year or prior to the regions AGM.
- m) To recognize volunteers who contribute to the development of amateur hockey through the Dr. Letain Memorial Award.

Article III: Membership

- a) PVMHA Boundary
The boundaries of the Pembina Valley Region are established by Hockey Manitoba and stipulated in the HM rulebook. PVMHA is comprised of the following associations within the regional boundaries identified within the HM handbook: Altona, Carman, Elm Creek, Holland, Morden, Notre Dame, Roland, Treherne, Winkler, Gretna, Miami, Swan Lake, Somerset, Manitou and St. Claude along with the following Amalgamated Communities:
Red River Wild – Morris/St Jean/ Rosenort
Southern Steelers
Macdonald Hockey – Starbuck/Oak Bluff/Sanford/Domain
Rock Lake – Cartwright/Clearwater/Crystal City/Pilot Mound/ Baldur

Amalgamated Centers are to identify a home association and annually request amalgamation to the regional director as per HM handbook.
Amalgamated communities will be allowed one (1) vote at regional meetings.
- b) League Meetings/Annual/Semi Annual Meetings
Each association will be eligible to vote at all regional meetings on all motions.
Any association that has not paid its fees (including bonds or are a member not in good standing) shall not be entitled to vote at any league meetings until said fees are paid in full.
Notice of the Annual Meeting will be given not less than 14 days prior to the meeting. An Annual General Meeting cannot be held unless all of the members/associations have been notified.

Article IV: Regional Executive

- a) The Executive of the Pembina Valley Minor Hockey Regional Association shall consist of the following Terms of Office:
 - The *Director*, Minor Council Rep -1 Year term
 - *Vice Director, Development* Rep - 1 Year term
 - *Vice Director, Female* Rep - 1 year term
 - *Past Director* 2 year term. The term is renewable the discretion of the Executive.
 - *Secretary/Treasurer* - Appointed by Executive
 - *2 -League Convener* - 2 year term (even years)
 - *2- League Convener* - 2 year term (odd years)
 - *League Scheduler* – Appointed by Executive

- *Member at Large* – 1 year Term both for East and West
- *Referee-in-Chief/Referee Coordinator* - Appointed by Hockey MB
- *Development Coordinator(s)* - Appointed by Executive
- *Coach Mentor* - Appointed by Executive
- *Discipline Committee Chair* - Appointed by Executive

Members of the Board are elected at the Annual Meeting. Duties of the newly elected Executive will commence following the Hockey Manitoba Annual Meeting or at the discretion of the director.

b) Voting – Executive Meetings

The Director will be allowed to vote only if a tie occurs.

The Regional Executive shall have full voting powers.

c) Meetings

Regular meetings shall be held monthly from August –April or at the direction of the Director. Annual Meeting will be held prior to Hockey Manitoba’s Annual Meeting.

The Semi-Annual Meeting will be held no later than the third weekend in October.

Quorum for the Regional Executive meetings shall be 50% voting members plus 1.

d) Duties by Position

1) *Director*

- To chair all Regional Executive meetings of the Pembina Valley Minor Hockey Association.
- To represent the P.V.M.H.A. at Hockey Manitoba as Director for the Region.
- To issue or approve all suspensions on players/coaches/managers/parents, etc. from within the Region or participating within the regions leagues as per Hockey Manitoba guidelines.
- To give guidance and direction to the members of the Regional Executive, associations and general membership of P.V.M.H.A
- To secure nominees for the Regional Executive together with the Vice Directors and Regional Representatives.
- To act as Director of the Pembina Valley Leagues.
- To oversee and govern the 4 regional AAA teams and any regional team or program.
- To assign duties within the regional executive as required.

2) *Vice- Director, Development*

- To chair Regional Executive meetings of the P.V.M.H.A. in the absence of the Director.
- To represent the P.V.M.H.A. at Hockey Manitoba Development Council.
- To secure nominees for the Regional Executive with the Director.
- To serve in any capacity, or assist any member of the Regional Executive, as assigned by the Regional Executive.
- To oversee and deliver regional coach and player development and Hockey Manitoba Programs.

3) *Vice- Director, Female*

- To assist associations with the formation of new teams.
- Work cooperatively with other organizations regarding the development of female hockey.
- To serve in any capacity as directed by the Regional Executive.
- To represent P.V.M.H.A. at Hockey Manitoba Female Council.

4) *Past Director*

- As a member of the Executive, a Past Director acts in a position of trust for the association and is responsible to assist in the effective governance of the organization.
- The Past Director is also responsible and accountable to the Director and the membership.
- Assists in managing and establishing overall long- and short-term goals, objectives, and priorities for the Pembina Valley Minor Hockey Association in meeting the needs of the community.
- Be the primary resource for the Director and Vice-Directors.
- In conjunction with the Executive Committee provide guidance and leadership.

5) Secretary - Treasurer

- To serve as treasurer for the P.V.M.H.A., this to include having financial records of the P.V.M.H.A. audited on an annual basis.
- To serve as secretary for the P.V.M.H.A. and as such handle all official correspondence and record minutes of all Regional Executive meetings.

6) League Convenors

- To supervise their divisions and report to the executive any problems relating to the rules and regulations of the P.V.M.H.A.
- To secure nominees for the Regional Executive together with the Director and Vice Directors.
- To serve in any capacity, or assist any member of the Regional Executive, as assigned by the Regional Executive.
- To act as convener for competition in the P.V.M.H.A for the league and Hockey Manitoba play.

7) League Scheduler

- To lead in the coordination of all minor hockey association league play scheduling.
- Duties as assigned

8) Member at Large

- To provide assistance to the regional executive in running their programs.
- Duties as assigned.

9) Referee-in-Chief/Referee Coordinator

- Work to improve the quality of officiating within the region by organizing official clinics and assessing officials throughout the region.
- To assist and advise the Regional Executive on matters pertaining to rules and officiating.
- To attend, on behalf of the P.V.M.H.A. any meetings or clinics as requested or required by Hockey Manitoba.
- To work closely with Hockey Manitoba and P.V.M.H.A. regarding to the ongoing process of clinics, supervision, evaluations and referee promotion.

10) Development Coordinator

- To be responsible for the arranging of coaching, timekeeping, and other developmental programs.

10) Coach Mentor

- To provide associations coaching resources and assistance as required.

11) Discipline Committee Chair

- To work closely with the convenors, director and referee in chief in matters of player, coach, manager or other team officials, and spectators in matters of supplementary discipline when the situation arises. The chair will receive copies of all game incident reports that are submitted to Hockey Manitoba and act on them in a timely manner.
- e) Responsibilities of Associations
- Associations must supply all team and executive contacts to the Secretary-Treasurer by the semi-annual meeting, plus a performance bond if applicable.
 - Appoint a center/association representative to represent their members to the Pembina Valley Minor Hockey Association.
 - Appoint a registrar who will be responsible for all matters pertaining to the registration for the association.
 - Ethically carry out all duties including rules and regulations etc.
 - Shall make sure that all Hockey Manitoba rosters are submitted to the Hockey Manitoba registrar before any games are played, including exhibition. All rosters to be submitted through their association's registrar, or their appointee, and all communication with the Hockey Manitoba registrar regarding rosters are to be done through the association to the Pembina Valley Minor Hockey Association.
 - Shall be approved by regional executive to have team(s) participate in an "Exhibition Only" season.
 - Shall send minutes of their Association's Annual Meeting and Constitution to the Regional Executive when requested.
 - Shall assure that all game sheets are submitted to the appropriate convenor on time.
 - Shall insure that all issued suspensions are served. Including parents, coaches and non-players.
 - Shall not engage in organizing league play in alternate region.
 - Shall insure their coaches and staff comply with ALL rules within the HM rulebook. (eg Helmets)

Article V: Finances

Any two of the Director, Vice Directors, and the Secretary –Treasurer may act as signing officers.

The financial year shall run from June 1 – May 31.

The financial records shall be audited and presented at the semi-annual meeting.

Article VI: Amendments to the Constitution and By Laws

The Constitution may be amended or revised by a two-thirds vote of the total members and executive eligible to vote at the Annual or Semi-Annual Meeting.

Bylaws maybe amended or revised by a two-thirds vote of the total at any regional executive monthly meeting.

SECTION 2: REGIONAL OPERATIONS

The Pembina Valley Minor Hockey Association shall adhere to the most recent revision of the Hockey Manitoba Constitution, Regulations and Rules of Competition.

2.1 Player Categories and Registration

- All player categories and player registration shall follow the guidelines established by Hockey MB.
- All players must be registered on Hockey Canada rosters. Rosters are to be returned to the Pembina Valley Minor Hockey Association Zone registrar before any games played, including exhibition.
- Failure to comply with above will result in loss of bond and game forfeiture plus \$200.00 fine for each individual team failing to comply with the above.
- All players and coaching staff will use the online registration provided by Hockey Canada Registration/ Hockey Manitoba.

2.2 Participation in Pembina Valley League

- The Teams designated to each division shall be determined at or following Semi Annual Meeting.
- League divisions will be determined by the regional executive in consultation with association presidents giving consideration to age, travel, facilities, and registration numbers.
- Team placements must be made prior to team semi-annual meeting, exceptions to team placement guidelines will be considered by the executive. Admission of teams from outside the Region into the P.V.M.H.A. for league play will be subject to approval by the regional director and acceptance by membership at the Annual or Semi-Annual Meeting or by special vote.
- Teams wishing to leave the Pembina Valley Minor Hockey League must secure permission from the Regional Executive prior to the Semi-Annual Meeting. No team or association shall seek acceptance into another region without first the approval of the regional director.

2.3 Ineligible Players

A team who plays an illegal player, such as

-using a false name

-using a suspended player

-affiliating over a total of 11 skaters for U7 and U9, 13 skaters for U11, and as per Hockey Manitoba handbook for U15 and U18, a player older than his age classification shall be liable for suspension, forfeiture of all games played with said player, and charged a bond unless approved by Regional Executive. The coach himself will be suspended until Regional Executive rules on said matter.

2.3 Fees

- An entry fee will be assessed for each team registered, payable at the league scheduling meeting to the Secretary-Treasurer. The fee will be established by the Regional Executive at the Annual Meeting.
- A performance bond of **\$200** will be assessed to every association participating in the League.
- All fees are to be paid at the scheduling meeting. Failure to do so will result in the Association being ineligible for league play until fees are paid.

2.4 Protests/Appeals

All protests or appeals to be accompanied by \$200, 50% of said fee to be returned if protest or appeal is upheld. Protest of appeal to be confirmed no later than 24 hours after the game or dispute to the Director. The fee and rationale for the protest or appeal needs to be in the Director's possession within an additional 48 hours. All protests or appeals must be submitted by the Association President. The Director shall not consider or accept protests or appeals on the phone. The Regional Executive will appoint a protest committee and follow the appeal protocol / guidelines of HM.

2.5 Special Rules for Affiliation in PVMHA

- a) ***As Per the Hockey MB Rules Section 45 G):***
Minor Hockey Associations or Leagues may limit the use of affiliates for their own house/regional leagues.
- Minor Hockey players rostered in Pembina Valley are permitted up to a **maximum of 5 games** as an affiliate player.
 - The **5 game** maximum is the cumulative total of ALL league play, league playoffs, provincial playdowns, and provincial tournaments.
 - AP's are NOT to be used for a competitive advantage. In the spirit of the rule, AP's are intended to fill roster spots due to absent players to facilitate the game play. AP goaltenders are NOT to be substituted for regular team goaltender who is healthy to play, unless approved by convenor prior to game.
 - Exceeding the 5 game maximum requires an application to and approval by the PVMHA Director.
- b) A player's priority will be to their regular rostered team as per HM rulebook.
- c) Players must affiliate from a lower category within the same age division. If affiliating from a lower age division, player must affiliate from an equal or lower category. Teams may add eligible affiliate players to supplement their rosters as follows:
- U11 & U13: up to 13 skaters and 2 goalies
 - U15 and U18: up to 15 skaters and 2 goalies
- Example: U13 Gold eligible AP's from U13 Silver, U13 Bronze or U11 Gold, Silver, Bronze. .
Example: U11 Silver eligible AP's from U11 Bronze OR U9 Silver, U9 Bronze.
Example: U9 Bronze eligible AP's from U7 teams from within your home association.
- d) U7/U9 Rosters: Minor Hockey Associations with more than one team of U7 or U9 Rosters may affiliate freely between their teams. The exception would be league play for U9. In addition, these teams may affiliate players from neighboring associations with permission from the Association President and Regional Director. The intent is to allow team formation when numbers are less than eleven.
- e) A team of a higher division or category may not use an affiliated player prior to receiving consent of the coach and then the parent with which the affiliated player is registered.

AP requests MUST follow the following steps:

STEP 1: The head coach of the team requesting the AP shall contact the head coach of the players regularly rostered team. If regular rostered coach grants permission, proceed to step 2.

STEP 2: The requesting coach may contact the parents regarding availability.

- f) Eligible AP's participating in a game with a team outside of their rostered team **must indicate "AP (1 of 5)" on the game sheet** for game 1, and MUST continue in this manner "AP (2 of 5)", "AP (3 of 5)", "AP (4 of 5)", "AP (5 of 5)" for all teams in which they participate as an eligible AP.
- g) It is the responsibility of the Head Coach to:
- **Ensure the player is eligible when a request occurs.** Players can move to a higher tier within the same age category. U11 bronze to U11 Silver or U13 Silver to U13 Gold as examples. OR a player can move from a lower age category to a higher age category but **MUST** be in the same tier or lower. U11 bronze to U13 bronze, U11 silver to U13 Silver, and U11 gold to U13 gold as examples.
 - **Keep track of the number of games each player has participated as an AP.** If a player on your roster participates as an AP for more than 5 games, without prior regional approval, the Minor Hockey Association will pay a \$400.00 bond/per occurrence. A second offense will result in an \$800.00 bond/player.
 - **Notify your league convenor when a player on your roster has reached the maximum 5 games.**
- h) Requests for unlimited AP or a variance of the 5 game rule, must be submitted to the PVMHA league convenor and approved by the PVMHA Director.
- i) Requests for AP outside of your home association must be approved by the PVMHA Director.
- j) ALL GAMESHEETS (exhibition, tournaments, league, play downs, playoff) must be completed in full and sent to the league convenor within 24hrs of the game completion. Non-compliance will result in a fine.

2.6 Game Sheets

- a) Must use PV game sheets in league games; Include game numbers, dates, both team names, referee names, league level and division.
- b) The HOME team MUST email game sheet to convenor within 24 hours.
- c) If there is an incident report (on HM site) or major penalty, the game sheet must be emailed to immediately to the PVMHA discipline chair.
- d) Overage players must be noted on game sheet as OA. AP's must be noted on game sheet as AP.
- e) Officials must print the name clearly on the game sheet.
- f) All exhibition, tournaments, league, play downs, playoff GAME SHEETS must be completed in full and to the league convenor within 24hrs of the game completion. Non-compliance will result in a fine.

2.7 Games

- a) All league games are to be played prior to league end date, which will be determined at the semi-annual meeting. For any scheduled games that cannot be played two (2) points will be awarded to the non-offending team and the offending team shall forfeit their bond.
- b) Winning team is responsible for forwarding (scan and email) game results and game sheets to the conveners within 24 hours of the end of the game. Failure to do so will result in loss of points and bond. In case of a tie, home team is responsible for submitting game sheets (same time frame as above). Failure to do so will result in loss of points and bond. If scheduled game is postponed, the home team must notify respective convener. Failure to do so will result in loss of bond.
- c) Cancellation of games must be approved by the convener, and can be cancelled for circumstances other than weather, example ice plant failure and/or unforeseen circumstances, at the full discretion of PVMHA. Games cancelled due to weather are to be rescheduled within two (2) weeks and the convener notified. Failure to do so will result in a loss of bond.
- d) Mercy Rule – If a team is ahead by 7 goals or more at any time in the 3rd period, the balance of the game shall continue in run time. Should the score be narrowed to a margin of 6 goals or fewer, the game shall continue to be played in run time format. The play shall not revert to stop time. This applies for league or exhibition games, and playoff games. As per Hockey Manitoba, this rule does not apply to provincial play downs or provincials' championship tournaments. All minor penalties will be 2 min even in straight or run time. For example, a game may start with stop time and then go to running time
- e) The home team will supply the pucks for warm up.
- f) A game ejection is not the same as a game misconduct; a game ejection is received when you have 3 stick infractions in one game, after 3rd infraction you are ejected for the rest of the game (slashing, high-sticking, crosschecking, spearing, and butt-ending).
- g) A tie in points for league standings shall be broken as follows:
- 1) If teams are still tied it will be most wins
 - 2) Games played against each other
 - 3) The team with the best goal average of overall games would qualify.
- h) games by age category:
- i. U7
All games and practices at the Under-7 (U7) level shall use modified ice surfaces consisting of **cross-ice** sections as of the 2015-16 season. U7 will follow the Hockey Manitoba U7 MHA Resource Guide.
 - ii. U9
All players in the Under-9 age category will play on a half-ice surface for the duration of the season. U9 will follow the Hockey Manitoba U9 Half-Ice Guidelines.
 - iii. U11
Will follow the Hockey Manitoba U11 player pathway. Games will consist of two fifteen (15) minute periods stop time, plus one (1) twenty (20) minute stop time period, with a ten (10) minute rest between either the first and second period or the second and third period.

- iv. U13 and U15
Games will consist of two fifteen (15) minute periods stop time, plus one (1) twenty (20) minute stop time period, with a ten (10) minute rest between either the first and second period or the second and third period.
- v. U18
Games will consist of three twenty (20) minute periods stop time with a ten (10) minute rest between periods.

2.8 League Playoffs

- Each hockey division shall play off and declare a winner in every age category. If any age group, the East and/or West divisions have been subdivided, the subdivisions shall play off to declare a winner who will then proceed to the regional East and West finals for the banner. They may meet in a cross-over final.
- Play off structure will be a convener's recommendation in the best interest of all teams with approval at playoff meeting. There are to be **NO** tournaments scheduled for the first two (2) weeks of play-offs.
- All play offs (U13 to U18) shall be a best two out of three series. If a play-off game is tied at the end of regulation time, a ten minute sudden death period is played immediately. If still tied, ice is to be resurfaced followed by 20 minute sudden death periods until a winner is declared.
- All play offs (U9 to U11) shall follow Hockey Manitoba Player Pathway Document(s). For U11 a tournament style playoff format is "required" <https://www.hockeymanitoba.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Hockey-Manitoba-U11-Player-Pathway-2021-2022-season.pdf>
- Teams to notify convener of three (3) agreed upon dates. Dates may only be changed due to weather or by mutual agreement. Failure to comply may result in default or disqualification of offending team **and loss of bond**.
- If series are not completed by the dates so set, both teams involved will be subject to disqualification. Before disqualification the convener will contact the President of each participating association and give them 24 hours to provide a plan acceptable to convener to complete the series. The team or teams unable to satisfy the convener shall be disqualified **and loss of bond**.
- In the division play offs, the team with the most points after league play will be awarded the first home game.
- Teams may opt out of league play once the league schedule is completed
- In the event playoff games go over the booked time limit the follow shall apply:
 - All efforts will be made to finish the game as per the HM rule book. If the rink will allow the game to continue, it continues until decided as per HM rule book. If the rink management requires the game to stop, then the game shall remain as a tie.
 - Games two and three will be played as scheduled, if one team wins both of those games then the series is decided. If games two and three are split then a fourth game is to be played as a normal game, the home team will retain home advantages, starting a new game 5 on 5 at 0-0, with the same rosters as used in game one, with any game ejections (suspensions) in game one, two or three in force for game 4. This game will play until a winner is declared. It will follow the HM rules, should be scheduled within a max of 3

days of the completion of game 3, with the appropriate amount of time (i.e., 2 Hours), with the cost of the referees and referee travel expenses split 50/50 between the teams. PVMHA will assign the referees.

- Regarding the roster for game 4, there will be no variances to the game 1 roster, other than those approved (with reason) by the convener and the regional director.
- Officials:
 - League Play Offs – Categories of U13 and higher must have a minimum of one Level III official used. All U15 Male and U18 Male must use the (3) three man system.
 - Home Team provides the officials. In the event of a 3rd game in all categories the league will appoint head official or officials. The fee and mileage of the referee will be shared, home team will pay for the linesmen. All other leagues are at the discretion of the league convenor.

2.9 Provincial Playdowns

- PVMHA shall run regional provincial playdowns from U11 to U18 to determine who will represent Pembina Valley in the Provincial Hockey MB Tournaments. Playoff format will be decided by the league convener and will be best 2 out of 3 format. Home team is determined by eastern most team for odd years and western most team for even years.
- Deadline for roster submission to compete in provincials is Dec 1st. Provincial team submission to Hockey MB from PVMHA is Jan 31st. All series must be completed prior to Jan 31st.
- For AP's rules during regional provincial playdowns please refer to section 2.5 of this document, please note that AP rules for the Hockey Manitoba Provincials will follow Hockey Manitoba Rules.

2.10 Officiating

a) League Play

All officials must be certified in the current season. No association is to use officials that are not certified by the date of the last clinic offered by Hockey MB in the current season.

The host team has the option of using a 2 man or 3 man system for officials at all age levels, Male or Female with the exception of **U15** and **U18** Male. If the 2 man system of officiating is used, one official shall be at least 4 years older than, and the other official shall be at least 2 years older than, the age group playing. If the 3 man system of officiating is used, the referee shall be at least 4 years older than the age group playing, and the linesman shall be at least 2 years older than the age group playing. ***Under certain circumstances the associations referee in chief may request to use an official 3 years older instead of 4, however this request must be approved by the regional director of officiating and the regional director***

Any center not using qualified officials will be charged a bond.

Immediate family members **shall not** officiate in a playoff game.

b) Major, Game Misconduct, Gross Misconduct and Match Penalties

Any player who is assessed a game misconduct that cannot be served in its entirety in that game (Assessed in the last 10 minutes of the 3rd period or any time in overtime), will automatically be suspended for their team's next game.

Any player who is assessed a 5 minute major penalty will automatically be assessed an additional 1 game suspension, 2 games if the penalty is assessed in the last 10 minutes of the 3rd period or anytime in overtime.

Any player who is assessed a match penalty or a gross misconduct penalty is suspended pending a hearing by the director and whomever is appointed to investigate the incident. Hockey Manitoba guidelines for suspensions as outlined in the Hockey Manitoba handbook shall be considered as the **minimum** standard for any suspension. Pembina Valley Minor Hockey reserves the right to increase the suspension at their discretion.

All match penalties must be reported to the Hockey Manitoba game incident report form within 12 hours by the official. The player is suspended until a ruling is made. Any suspension includes league, Hockey Manitoba or league play offs and Hockey Manitoba sanctioned tournaments in suspended players age category. Exhibition games do not count as games missed or sat out. Hockey Canada rules will apply in all games. The onus is on the coach to ensure that suspensions are served.

c) Suspensions

A major penalty any time in a game results in a minimum of a 1 game suspension. This is a PV rule. All suspensions will be reviewed by the Disciplinary Chair. Appeals may be made to the Director for a committee review.

Any major penalty in the last 10 minutes of a game results in a (2) game suspension. League play only.

U18 boys will follow Zone IV high school regulations with the exception of a 10min misconduct (in last 10min of game) will not result in a next game suspension.

All suspensions must be served in league or sanctioned tournament games, no exhibition games, and must be served with the team the player is rostered with.

All suspensions will be administered by the league disciplinary chair and not the on-ice official.

2.8 Bonds

Any coach, on-ice helper, assistant coach, goaltender coach who does not have a helmet or is wearing a helmet without a fastened chinstrap will result, without warning, an automatic bond. Per occurrence, per coach (see bond escalation 200-400-800)

Any association not complying with the regulations pertaining to officials and the format for the officiating of games, shall forfeit their bond.

Winning team is responsible for emailing game results and game sheets to the conveners within 24 hours of the end of the game. Failure to do so may result in loss of points and bond. In case of a tie, home team is responsible for submitting game sheets (same time frame as above). If scheduled game is postponed, the home team must notify respective convener.

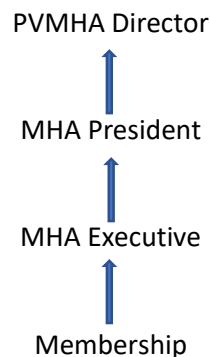
All league games are to be played prior the completion of the half or the league schedule dates, which will be determined at the semi-annual meeting. For any scheduled games that cannot be played two (2) points will be awarded to the non-offending team and the offending team shall forfeit their bond.

Any game cancellations must be approved by the respective convener. When a team calls for approval of a game cancellation, except for weather, they must give a rescheduled date for said game. Games cancelled due to weather are to be rescheduled within two (2) weeks and the convener notified. Failure to do so will be subject to loss of bond.

Teams cannot reschedule any more than 2 games before Christmas and 2 games after Christmas.

There are several layers to the new bond fee structure. This includes an escalating feature for serial or repeat offenders. There is one exception as noted below, surrounding a refusal to travel to an away game.

- Game sheet not faxed in by winning team within 24 hours
- Coaches not wearing helmets with fastened chin strap while on ice for team activities
- Use of improper (age requirements for officials as laid out in the constitution) or uncertified officials
- U11 game with no mentor where no prior consent has been given by Referee In Chief
- Scheduled games not played (forfeit)
- Cancelled games due to weather not rescheduled within the mandated 2-week period and convener not notified
- 3 playoff game dates not set and submitted to convener prior to start of playoff series
- Use of illegal/ineligible player as outlined in the constitution
- Roster not submitted prior to any exhibition or league games
- Not following the communication chain of command



The above listed offences will result in the loss of a bond. The first incident will be \$200, the second will incur a \$400 bond, and the third and any subsequent infraction will be charged an \$800 bond. In the event a team refuses to travel to an away game for any reason other than inclement weather, an \$800 bond applies regardless of if it is a first-time infraction.

Use of Pembina Valley League game sheets is mandatory for all league games and playoff games. A \$25 fine will be enforced to the home team for each ineligible game sheet used.

2.8 Appeals

All protests or appeals to be accompanied by \$200, 50% of said fee to be returned if protest or appeal is upheld. Protest of appeal to be confirmed no later than 24 hours after the game or dispute to the Director. The fee and rationale for the protest or appeal needs to be in the Director's possession within an additional 48 hours. All protests or appeals must be submitted by the Association President. The Director shall not consider or accept protests or appeals on the phone. Associations involved in the protest or appeal will be asked to attend protest or appeal meeting. The Regional Executive will appoint a protest committee.