



(2010-11)

## R.O.W.E. Constitutional Agreement

Between

**R**ayside Balfour Minor Hockey Association/  
**O**naping Falls Minor Hockey Association/  
**W**alden Minor Hockey Association/  
**E**spanola Minor Hockey Association/

Established 2003

Last Up-dated **Sept 2010**

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*The aim of this Agreement is to provide a league for Houseleague Hockey competition between the Rayside-Balfour Minor Hockey Association, Walden Minor Hockey Association, Espanola Minor Hockey Association and Onaping Falls Minor Hockey Association for Pre-Novice to Bantams. In 2010-11, we welcome Valley East Minor Hockey and Girls Hockey Teams to the League on a 1-year Trial.*

The executive will consist of each Association's President or designate and a Convenor for one division from each Association. All rules and policies in NOHA and CHA will apply except those listed below.

### **RULES:**

1. The League will hold a **Coaches/Managers Season Start-up Meeting** near the end of September to go over this Constitution, Team expectations, meet the Divisional Convenors, and discuss other pertinent items for the Season. It is **mandatory** for each Team to send at least one Representative (preferably the coach). **Failure to attend will result in a \$100 Fine.**
2. League play will start the Saturday or Sunday closest following October 1<sup>st</sup>.
3. All Associations will follow the same evaluation process /team selection. All players will be graded according to skill level (A, B, C); a draft will take place by skill level to ensure balanced teams. The only exception to this will be Girls Hockey.
4. The Pre-Novice - PeeWee Teams will be an 18-24 game schedule. The Bantam Teams will play about 28 games. You will play every team an equal amount of times where possible. Location of the games cannot be guaranteed.

5. All games 1hr for each Category except Peewee and Bantam:

PRE-NOVICE: 3 periods of 12 minutes

- 3 minute buzzer will be used stopping play for player change.
- Play will resume with a new 3 minute session and a face off closest to the area of play.
- Time will run continuously during each 3 minute shift.
- Coaches are permitted on the ice (until January) to help with face off positioning, encouragement.
- Off-side calls and penalties will start in games after January 1<sup>st</sup>
- Teams will not switch ends after each period
- Nets are not to be pegged

NOVICE: 3 periods of 11 minutes - all stop time, if time allows

ATOM: 3 periods of 11 minutes - all stop time, if time allows

PEEWEE: 2 periods of 12 minutes, 3<sup>rd</sup> Period 15 minutes - stop time, if time allows  
**(Minimum of 1 hr 15 minutes no flood, or 1 ½ hr with 1 flood)**

BANTAM: 3 periods of 14 minutes - all stop time, if time allows (1 ½ hr ice slots with flood between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> period.

6. Referees/linesman/timekeepers will be the responsibility of the **Home team** (Schedule & Payment)

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PEEWEE: 2 man system minimum (3 playoffs)

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7. All teams will have a **3-minute warm up** at the start of the games. The Referee will blow the whistle with 1 minute remaining, which will indicate, to the teams to pick up the pucks to enable the game to start immediately at the 3 minutes allowed. Teams not abiding by the rules and not ready to play at the end of the 3 minute warm up will be assessed a penalty for delay of game.
8. Teams will shake hands prior to the game at the end of the pre-game warm up.
9. Game sheets will be the responsibility of the home team.
10. All Associations will submit their team's home ice times by **September 22nd** to formulate a league schedule.
11. Games to be rescheduled must be done 14 days in advance of the scheduled game. Both teams must agree on an alternate date and time arranged by the home team. Rescheduling forms must be filled in and sent to the Division Convenor. The team wishing to make the change is responsible for completing the form. Failure to comply will result in the team at fault forfeiting the game in question. **See attached form.**

12. Only under extreme weather conditions and arena conditions will a two-hour notice of postponement of a game be allowed. The coaches or manager and the Convenor of the Division must be contacted.
13. Home team must fax or E-mail the game results (including major penalties and suspensions) to the Division Convenor (**Convenor's preference**) within 7 days or a **\$20 fine** will be assessed per occurrence. Standard Form to be provided in each team's coaching package.
14. All fines are the teams responsibility and are payable to their respective association within 30 days of receiving notice. Failure to pay may result in league suspension.
15. League games take precedent over tournament or exhibition games and **must** be rescheduled. **Each** ROWE Team **must** submit their Tournament Schedule by November 1<sup>st</sup> to Their HL Convenor, Association Ice Scheduler, and the League Game Scheduler (Len Van Eyk). This will allow the Game Scheduler to schedule WER games around each Team's Tournaments thus reducing re-scheduling.  
**Note:** Teams requiring Make-up games (Home or Away) due to going to unscheduled tournaments after Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> must provide Ice, game Officials, and date agreeable to the other team.
16. Team members and the Associations shall be responsible for the conduct of their teams.
17. Any player receiving **3** penalties of any kind will be automatically removed for the balance of the game upon assessment of the third penalty. The third penalty to any player will still require his/her teams to play a man short and have a player on the ice at the time of third penalty, serve the penalty.
18. Players who receive (3) notices of suspensions from the NOHA must appear before the **ROWE Executive**.
19. There will be body contact but no body checking.
20. All teams will adhere to a fair/equal ice policy for all players; failure to do so may result in disciplinary action by the ROWE Executive. All complaints must be in writing and submitted to your Division Convenor.
21. Any league complaints must be submitted in writing to their respective President and Division Convenor.
22. This league has a zero tolerance for abuse toward players/fans/referees/volunteers/arena staff and will be subject to discipline.
23. No Time Outs allowed during any regular season or playoff game

### **TIE BREAKING RULE:**

In the event of a tie for any position at the conclusion of the "**Regular Season**"

- (i) NOHA: GF/GA chart will be used, *if still tied*;
- (ii) Most Head-to-Head wins between tied teams, *if still tied*;
- (iii) Team with the least minutes of penalties, *if still tied*;

- (iv) Flip a coin

**PLAYOFFS:**

1. Playoffs will be a tournament format. Playoffs will take place the first or second weekend in March. Each association will host a division playoff.
2. The regular season standing will determine the position of the teams in the playoffs.

**SEE PLAYOFF RULES, BELOW**

NOTE: All trophies and medals will be ordered together with the cost being split **5-ways** based on numbers of Teams. For Pre-Novice, split will be determined by number of Association players. Each Association will take their turn ordering the year-end awards and will be responsible to engrave Annual Championship Trophy if their team wins.



## ***R.O.W.E. PLAYOFF Rules***

1. Unless otherwise specified, NOHA and Hockey Canada rules apply
2. 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie.
4. If two or more teams are tied points after the preliminary playoff round, a winner will be identified applying the following tie breaking criteria;
  - Goals For / Goals Against Percentage. See chart in Arena; *if still tied*;
  - Least penalty minutes; *if still tied*;
  - Time of first goal between tied teams; *if still tied*;
  - Winner will be determined by coin toss.
5. In the event of a tie in a final and/or championship game, **Sudden Death Overtime** will be:
  - 5 minutes of 4 on 4 hockey, stop time; *if still tied*;
  - 5 minutes of 3 on 3 hockey, stop time; *if still tied*;
  - Shoot Out. Each team will designate three shooters to take one shot each. If still tied after 3 shooters, each team will designate another shooter (sudden death) until a winner is declared. No player shall shoot twice unless the player roster has been exhausted.

Note: All penalties will be carried into over time. During overtime teams can only change on the fly
6. Home team will change jerseys in the event of conflicting colors.
7. Teams must be ready to play 15 minutes prior to their scheduled times.
8. Teams will shake hands at the beginning of the game.
9. Any player, who receives 3 penalties during a game, will be removed for the remainder of that game.
10. No time outs!
11. WER committee decisions are final; appeals are not allowed.

***We agree to comply to the above ROWE Constitution***

**Walden Minor Hockey Association**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**President, Name (Print)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature                      Date

**Espanola Minor Hockey Association**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**President, Name (Print)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature                      Date

**Rayside-Balfour Minor Hockey Association**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**President, Name (Print)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature                      Date

**Onaping Falls Minor Hockey Association**

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**President, Name (Print)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature                      Date

**Valley East Minor Hockey Association**

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**President, Name (Print)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature                      Date

**Girls Hockey Association**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**President, Name (Print)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature                      Date



## ROWE RE-SCHEDULE FORM

Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Association: \_\_\_\_\_ Division: \_\_\_\_\_

Wishes to reschedule,

Game #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Place (Arena) \_\_\_\_\_

Against (Team Name) \_\_\_\_\_

### CHANGE TO:

Game #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Place (Arena) \_\_\_\_\_

### ACCEPTANCE:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Team Official – Print Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Team Official – Print Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

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(Date)

- Changes must be made 14 days in advance; preferable within the same month as cancellation.
- Games may not be rescheduled a second time by either team. Weather Conditions will be the only reason accepted.
- One copy to each team, one copy to Division Convenor