

Smiths Falls Girls Hockey Association

Proposed Constitution Changes

Submitted by the 2024-25 SFGHA Executive

		CHANGES		
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3	6.1	Executive of the Association shall be elected at an AGM and shall hold office until the adjournment of the next AGM following the AGM at which they were elected. A member of the executive may be re-elected.	Executive of the Association shall be elected at an AGM and shall hold office for 2 years. Starting in 2025, Executive members will be elected under staggered terms. The positions of President, VP of House, Treasurer, Skills & Development, and Ice Convenor will be elected in odd years. The positions of VP Competitive, Secretary, Registrar, and Tournament Convenor will be elected in even years. A member of the executive may be re-elected.	Safeguard for the Association so an entirely new Executive can not be elected at one time.
3	6.3	The President shall be elected by the members at the AGM and shall hold office until the adjournment of the next AGM thereafter. No person may be nominated for, acclaimed to or elected to the position of President unless that person is a member of the SFGHA for at least two years and has experience volunteering with SFGHA.	The President shall be elected by the members at the AGM and shall hold office until the adjournment of their term. No person may be nominated for, acclaimed to or elected to the position of President unless that person is a member of the SFGHA Executive for at least two years. In the absence of nominee who has been on the SFGHA Executive for two years, a nominee with two years experience volunteering with SFGHA can be elected.	To ensure candidates nominated for President have prior experience within the SFGHA Executive.

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5	8.3	Attend annual ODWHA Coach/Manager meeting	remove	n/a as the ODWHA no longer exists
5	8.3	Obtain and retain copies of Competitive League Volunteer Police Checks	remove	now completed by OHF / OWHA
5	8.4	Attend annual ODWHA Coach/Manager meeting	remove	n/a as the ODWHA no longer exists
5	8.4	Obtain and retain copies of House League Volunteer Police Checks	remove	now completed by OHF / OWHA
6	8.7	Maintain record of coaching and trainer certification numbers, as required	remove	now maintained in RAMP Registration
7	8.8	Organize and execute pre-season conditioning, post-season 4 on 4, etc.	Organize and execute pre-season conditioning, player and goalie development sessions throughout the season, etc.	remove 4on4 as it is not sanctioned by the OWHA, therefore not a SFGHA event. Add player and goalie development session
10	14.1	Veteran SFGHA Player – Registered with SFGHA during the previous season (priority will be given to players registered by May 31, 2013)	Veteran SFGHA Player – Registered with SFGHA during the previous season (priority will be given to players registered by July 31)	change the early registration deadline to July 31. Remove the year so the Constitution doesn't need to updated yearly.
	14.1	Former SFGHA Player – Registered with SFGHA for a fall/winter season prior to but not during the 2012 -2013 season (Will be subject to review by SFGHA Executive)	Former SFGHA Player – Registered with SFGHA for a fall/winter season prior to but not including the previous season (Will be subject to review by SFGHA Executive)	remove the year so the Constitution doesn't need to updated yearly.
11	14.4	The parent or guardian must sign all registration and pre-registration forms for girls under 18. All players are required to complete at SFGHA registration form.	The parent or guardian must sign all registration forms and waivers in RAMP Registration for girls under 18.	now completed in RAMP Registration
11	14.7	Team lists to include full name, address, telephone number, player birthdate will be submitted to the Association Registrar prior to the first league game. The goalies are to be identified on the team lists. Team lists are to be on the ODWHA team registration form, or alternate provided by the association, and a copy of each player's registration form must accompany the team list. These will be kept amended as necessary. i. SFGHA team registration forms (or copies) must also be submitted to the ODWHA Registrar. The ODWHA Registrar will forward to the OWHA, prior to their deadline. All forms received at least 7 days prior to the deadline. ii.	remove	n/a as the ODWHA no longer exists

		Team lists must be finalized by December 31st. After December 31st, annually new registrations can be added to team lists up to the maximum number of players allowed provided the registered player is transferring from another city outside the ODWHA jurisdiction subsequent to December 31st or is moving up from a lower level team with that team's permission. Exceptions to the ruling due to extenuating circumstance will be reviewed and decided upon by the ODWHA and SFGHA Executive. Written proof must be provided to the Registrar.		
11	14.9	An overage player lacking in skills average to a given age group may be permitted to participate in a lower age group. Overage players must be identified as such on the team registration lists with the reason for this placement noted. The intent of the overage player exception is to introduce the game of hockey to girls who have not previously experienced ice hockey. However, players are required to play within their proper age categories in all other cases. Approval of the ODWHA and SFGHA Executive is required for all overage players. Request for review of overage players must be submitted by the SFGHA Registrar for consideration by the ODWHA Executive by December 31st of the current playing season.	remove	not permitted by the OWHA
12	14.11	Player movement from one level to a higher level is allowed under the following conditions, as per the ODWHA constitution.	remove	n/a as the ODWHA no longer exists

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		Change all references of ODWHA to the OWHL		
4	8.2	Represent SFGHA at ODWHA Presidents Council Meetings (3-4 per year)	Represent SFGHA at OWHL Presidents Meetings	The ODWHA no longer exists, so we need to update to OWHL (Ontario Women's Hockey League). Remove the amount of meetings as this amount does not apply with the OWHL.
4	8.2	Report on and lead discussions regarding ODWHA, OWHA events, news, etc.	Report on and lead discussions regarding OWHL, OWHA events, news, etc.	The ODWHA no longer exists, so we need to update to OWHL (Ontario Women's Hockey League)
5	8.3	Communicate with ODWHA as required on behalf of Competitive League Coaches/Managers	Communicate with OWHL as required on behalf of Competitive League Coaches/Managers	The ODWHA no longer exists, so we need to update to OWHL (Ontario Women's Hockey League)
5	8.4	Communicate with ODWHA as required on behalf of House League Coaches/Managers	Communicate with OWHL as required on behalf of House League Coaches/Managers	The ODWHA no longer exists, so we need to update to OWHL (Ontario Women's Hockey League)
8	8.10	Work with ODWHA convener to schedule league games	Work with OWHL League Liasson to schedule league games	The ODWHA no longer exists, so we need to update to OWHL (Ontario Women's Hockey League)