



(2008-09)

Constitutional Agreement

Between

Walden Minor Hockey Association/
Espanola Minor Hockey Association/
Rayside Balfour Minor Hockey Association/
Onaping Falls Minor Hockey Association/
Copper Cliff Minor Hockey

Established 2003

Last Up-dated September 2008

The aim of this Agreement is to provide a league for Houseleague Hockey competition between the Rayside-Balfour Minor Hockey Association and Walden Minor Hockey Association and Espanola Minor Hockey Association and Onaping Falls Minor Hockey Association for Pre-Novice to Peewee. This year we welcome Copper Cliff Minor Hockey in Novice and Pee Wee Divisions.

The executive will consist of each Association's President 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. League play will start the Sunday closest following October 1st.
2. 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.
3. The WER League will be an 18-24 game schedule. You will play every team equal amount of times. Location of the games cannot be guaranteed.
4. All games 1hr for each Category except Peewee:

PRE-NOVICE: 3 periods of 12 minutes

2 minute buzzer will be used stopping play.

Play will resume with a new 2 minute session and a face off closest to the area of play. Coaches are permitted on the ice to help with face off set ups, encouragement.

Teams will switch ends after each period

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, 3rd Period 15 minutes - stop time, if time allows

(Minimum of 1 hr 15 minutes no flood, or 1 ½ hr with 1 flood)

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

PRE-NOVICE:	2 man system minimum (3 playoffs)
NOVICE:	2 man system minimum (3 playoffs)
ATOM:	3 man system
PEEWEE:	3 man system

6. 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.
7. Teams will shake hands prior to the game at the end of the pre-game warm up.
8. Game sheets will be the responsibility of the home team.
9. All teams will submit their home ice times by **September 22nd** to formulate a league schedule.
10. 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.**
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. League games take precedent over tournament or exhibition games and **must** be rescheduled. It is encouraged for teams to book all tournaments they plan to attend for the season by November 1st and relay this information to their Association Ice Convenor.
Policy Item: In 2008-09, each WER Team **must** submit their Tournament Schedule by November 1st to Their Convenor, Association Ice Scheduler, and the Game Scheduler (Len Van Eyk). This will allow the Game Scheduler to schedule WER games around each Team's Tournament thus reducing re-scheduling. Teams requiring Make-up games due to going to unscheduled tournaments must provide ice/Officials, and date agreeable to other team.
15. Team members and the Associations shall be responsible for the conduct of their teams.
16. 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.

17. Players who receive (3) notices of suspensions from the NOHA must appear before the **WER Executive**.
18. There will be body contact but no body checking.
19. All teams will adhere to a fair/equal ice policy for all players; failure to do so may result in disciplinary action by the WER Executive. All complaints must be in writing and submitted to your association President.
20. Any league complaints must be submitted in writing to their respective President.
21. It will be mandatory for all team coaches/managers/convenors and Association representative to attend the WER season start-up meeting.
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) Team with the least minutes of penalties, *if still tied*;
- (iii) 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**. Each association will take their turn ordering the year-end awards and will be responsible to engrave Annual Championship Trophy if their team wins.



WER 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 WER 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

President, Name (Print)

Signature Date

Copper Cliff Minor Hockey Association

President, Name (Print)

Signature Date



WER 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)

(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