

Zone IV High School Hockey League Constitution

Article 1 Name

- 1.1 This organization shall be known as the Zone IV High School Hockey League, sanctioned by the MHSAA.

Article 2 Membership

- 2.1 The Zone IV High School Hockey League shall be open to membership from any high school in the Zone IV area provided their entrance is sanctioned by their school administration and School Board. Membership may be acquired by the submission in writing of an application to the Executive prior to the Spring Annual Meeting. Schools outside of Zone IV boundaries are eligible to enter upon acceptance by 2/3 of present hockey League members. These teams will be responsible for Zone IV fees and League fees. Performance bond assessments will continue to be made to their specific zone. All co-op school applications must be approved by MHSAA. No school can be added to the co-op without MHSAA approval.
- 2.2 Teams are expected to have a school representative at all League meetings. All teams intending to compete in Zone IV for the given year must be in attendance to declare this intention. A school may only be absent if permission is granted by the League President due to exceptional circumstances. Failure to attend will mean that a team is fined \$200 and their membership in the League is suspended until that fine is paid.

Article 3 Philosophy

- 3.1 The major philosophy behind the Zone IV High School Hockey League is to provide a well-organized League with an opportunity to play hockey at the high school level where players and team personnel may compete in a spirit of good sportsmanship and fair play while enjoying “the other half of education.” All aspects of the League’s activity must be under the direct supervision and responsibility of the participating schools.

Article 4 League Executive

- 4.1 The League Executive shall be elected at the Spring Annual Meeting. Volunteers for any position may be accepted with the consent of the majority of the voting delegates.
- 4.2 The executive shall consist of a President, Commissioner, Secretary-Treasurer and Statistician.

Rotation:

Morris 2022/23 to 2023/24
Carman 2024/25 to 2025/26
Miller 2026/27 to 2027/28
PCI 2028/29 to 2029/30
Pembina 2030/31 to 2031/32
Morden
Mountain 2032/33 to 2033/34
GVC 2034/35 to 2035/36
NPC 2036/37 to 2037/38

(Morden did a three year term in the last rotation with the understanding they would skip the next rotation)

Article 5 Duties of the League Executive

- 5.1 President

- i. The President shall preside at all League, Executive and special meetings and perform the duties usual to the office.
- ii. The President should exercise the powers of the Executive in case of emergency, when it is impossible for him to obtain a ruling from the Executive or the Discipline & Appeals Committee.
- iii. The President sits on all Committees as an Ex Officio voting member.
- iv. The President can suspend a member school, teams, players, or coaches subject to ratification at the next meeting of the Executive.
- v. The President will only vote in order to break a tie in regular League meetings.
- vi. The President shall organize and preside over any appeals.
- vii. The President shall be one of the three (3) League signing officers.
- viii. The President shall present the League banner and trophy at the final Zone IV playoff game.
- ix. The President shall be in attendance at game two of the final series to present the League awards.
- x. The President shall oversee the League award selection process.
- xi. The President shall input the Zone IV League schedule onto the MHSAA website as well as the playoff schedule.

5.2 Commissioner

- i. The Commissioner, in the absence of the President or in the event of his/her inability to act, shall have and exercise all the powers of the President.
- ii. The Commissioner's primary function will be to see that the Rules, Regulations, and Procedures of the Zone IV High School Hockey League are carried out in accordance with the Constitution.
- iii. The Commissioner will be responsible for team registration and player registration, regular season and playoff scheduling, and compilation of results. These duties may be delegated as required.
- iv. The Commissioner is the first contact with regard to discipline and appeals. The recording and enforcing of suspensions will be in accordance with the Constitution and Hockey Canada rules.
- v. The Commissioner shall notify the President, School Principal(s), and the Coach(s) involved of any disciplinary action(s) taken against a particular player(s) or team(s).
- vi. The Commissioner will validate players under suspension by other Leagues or organizations.

5.3 Secretary-Treasurer

- i. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep accurate minutes of the Zone IV High School Hockey League Executive and General meetings and distribute them appropriately.
- ii. The Secretary-Treasurer will prepare a financial statement to be presented at the League meetings.
- iii. The Secretary-Treasurer may recommend to the League Executive that a team be fined \$50 if fees are not paid prior to the start of the first League game.
- iv. The Secretary-Treasurer shall handle all League financial situations and be one of the three (3) League signing officers.
- v. The Secretary-Treasurer shall arrange for a photographer to take photographs at game two of the League final as well as the game in which the championship banner is presented.
- vi. The Secretary-Treasurer shall oversee a schedule committee whose purpose is to produce a hard copy League schedule that can be distributed throughout the Zone.
- vii. The Secretary-Treasurer will send e-mail reminding all teams of the Spring and Fall meetings and will attach a copy of Article 2 ii) two weeks in advance of the meetings.

5.4 Statistician

- i. The Statistician shall compile individual statistics, team statistics, and game summaries for the League and will post the statistics in a timely manner on the League website.

- ii. The Statistician will update the MHSAA website for all League games.
- iii. The Statistician shall be given a \$100 honorarium by the League at the conclusion of the season.

Article 6 Discipline & Appeals Committee

- 6.1 The Discipline & Appeals Committee shall consist of the President, Commissioner, Statistician, Referee-in-Chief, and a knowledgeable, neutral individual appointed by the President.
- 6.2 If an appeal is submitted from the Appeal Committee, the appeal will be reviewed by the League's past Executive Committee.
- 6.3 All appeals regarding matters which are not specifically provided elsewhere in the Constitution such as: eligibility, registration, releases and/or transfer of players, etc., shall be made in writing and submitted to the President for review by the Discipline & Appeals Committee.
- 6.4 All appeals regarding suspensions shall be made in writing to the Commissioner within forty-eight (48) hours of the incident under consideration.
- 6.5 Under exceptional circumstances a verbal appeal may be allowed by the Commissioner.
- 6.6 All expenditures relating to an appeal will become the sole responsibility of the appealing party.
- 6.7 All appeals are assessed a one hundred (\$100) fee payable to the League. The League will refund half the fee if the appeal is successful.
- 6.8 Appeals can only be submitted by coaching/management staff and must be endorsed by the Member Schools Administration.
- 6.9 Teams in violation of the League Constitution are subject to discipline by the Discipline & Appeals committee.
- 6.10 The Executive reserves the right to discipline member teams for actions or comments that may be deemed as damaging to the League. Said discipline may include but is not limited to suspension from the League.
- 6.11 Code of Conduct: Any team raising concerns about the conduct of other teams with regard to games, fans, players, coaches, etc..., parents and/or coaches should copy any communication with the League executive to the team involved.
- 6.12 The appeal form will be used. It needs to be signed by the school's Administrator. A conference call is available for the team to request in an appeal process. The appeals committee will set the date and time of the conference call. The player will be included in this.
- 6.13 Allow team appointed video review for supplementary discipline if available.

Article 7 Voting

- 7.1 Each Member School shall have one vote. In case of a tie, the President casts the deciding vote.
- 7.2 The voting majority shall be a simple majority of the votes cast at the meeting. Exception: new League membership requires a 2/3 majority vote.

- 7.3 A quorum constitutes 50% plus one of all voting members.

Article 8 Dues

- 8.1 A membership fee meeting to help cover operating expenses of the League shall be set annually by the Executive. All fees must be submitted by October 1st.

Article 9 The Constitution

- 9.1 Changes to the constitution will be made at the Fall and Spring meeting only.
- 9.2 Changes to the constitution must get a 2/3 majority vote in order for change to be made.
- 9.3 Prior to any changes in executive the constitution will be reviewed and amended.