

**SOUTH DUNDAS MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION**



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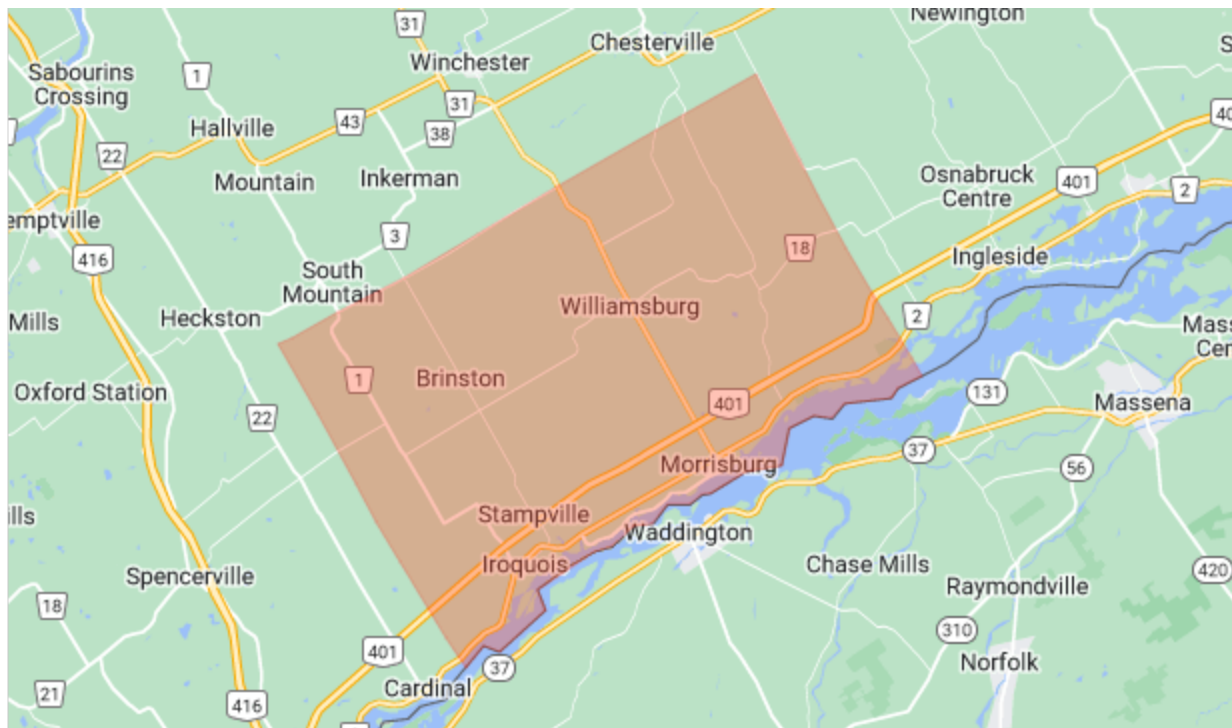
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ARTICLE 1 – NAME, VISION, AND MISSION STATEMENT

- 1.1 This organization shall be known as the “South Dundas Minor Hockey Association”, hereinafter referred to as SDMHA.
- 1.2 SDMHA is a recognized association of District 1 of the Hockey Eastern Ontario (HEO), and a member of the Upper Canada Minor Hockey League (UCMHL).
- 1.3 Vision Statement:
- 1.4 Mission Statement:

ARTICLE 2 – JURISDICTION

- 2.1 The SDMHA shall have jurisdiction over all amateur hockey in Minor divisions defined by Hockey Canada (HC) in the area defined by the agreement with HEO.
- 2.2 The SDMHA territorial boundaries, as approved by the District One Council and HEO can be found here: <http://www.maps.hockeyeasternontario.ca/aba/region/52>



- 2.3 SDMHA shall enjoy all the territory therein defined.

ARTICLE 3 – OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 To provide, maintain and increase the interest in the game of hockey as a recreational sport for the members of the Association.
- 3.2 To teach basic hockey skills, always striving to improve the capabilities of its members.
- 3.3 To promote a spirit of co-operation and sportsmanship amongst all its members.
- 3.4 To institute and regulate local league, exhibition and tournament play at a level that best suits the interests and capabilities of its members.
- 3.5 To conduct its activities in such a manner that the name of the Association and the area that it represents will be held in respect wherever mentioned.
- 3.6 To provide players of 4-6 years the proper introduction to minor hockey through the Hockey Canada Timbits U7 Program.

ARTICLE 4 – EXECUTIVE

- 4.1 The governing body of the SDMHA shall be the membership as represented at each Annual or Special General Meeting.
- 4.2 The SDMHA Executive Committee is empowered to carry on the business of the SDMHA at its regular or special meetings between General Meetings, either Annual or Special.
- 4.3 The Executive Committee shall consist of:
 - President
 - Past President
 - Vice President
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Registrar
 - Ice Scheduler
 - Referee-in-Chief
 - Referee Scheduler
 - Development Coordinator
 - Coach Mentor
 - Risk and Safety Manager
 - Rules and Discipline Chair
 - Fundraising Coordinator
 - Communications Manager
 - Equipment Coordinator
 - U7 Program Coordinator

- 4.4 The Executive Committee are to be nominated/elected at the Annual General Meeting. The term of office for each Executive member shall be for one year. New executive members who would like to be considered for nomination/election are to send an “Intent to Run” notice via email to the Secretary at least 48 hours before the start of the Annual General Meeting. Incumbents must confirm their intentions to stand for re-election at least 30 days before the Annual General Meeting and this will be communicated to the membership at least 20 days before the Annual General Meeting. The president will have served on the Executive Committee for at least one year.
- 4.5 The Executive can fill vacancies as they occur during the year.
- 4.6 If an Executive member resigns during their term of office, the remaining executive members will determine whether another Executive Committee member will fill the vacancy or by means of a vote, who shall take the vacated seat and hold the voting rights to that position. Those eligible for the vacated position will include executive and non-executive members who submit their names in writing to SDMHA Secretary. Vacancies to be posted on the communication board for a minimum of two weeks, prior to executive vote.
- 4.7 Each member of the Executive Committee, excluding the President and Past President has the right to vote on matters at the Annual General Meeting and Executive Meetings.
- 4.8 The President may vote only when necessary to break a tie in voting at the Annual General Meeting and Executive Meetings. The Past President may not vote to break a tie.
- 4.9 The Executive Committee has the power to appoint additional members as needed. Any newly created position(s) will be considered temporary until confirmed at the next SDMHA Annual General Meeting.
- 4.10 The Executive can be re-elected at the Annual General Meeting for a subsequent term of one year.
- 4.11 Voting will be by secret ballot once nominations are declared closed by the President.
- 4.12 Election to the Executive Committee will be by a simple majority and if a tie then the tie will be broken by a coin toss.
- 4.13 An Executive member can be voted off the Executive Committee by a 75% vote by a quorum of the Executive with the President in attendance for reasons such as non-performance of duties, disruptive behaviour, or missing 2 or more consecutive meetings. Notation will be in the minutes and by notification of removal by the Secretary by email.

ARTICLE 5 – REGULAR EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

- 5.1 The SDMHA Executive Committee shall hold regular monthly meetings to conduct the business of the SDMHA as deemed necessary.
- 5.2 The President may call special general meetings as necessary.
- 5.3 Voting shall be on the basis of one vote for each Executive Committee member and such vote shall be given personally and not by proxy. Voting may be required by email to expedite decision making as required.
- 5.4 Members of the Executive Committee are required to attend each regular meeting.
- 5.5 The presence of one-half plus one (1) of the Executive Committee shall constitute as quorum.
- 5.6 Meetings will be conducted within the framework of Robert’s Rules of Order.
- 5.7 No public notice is required for these meetings.
- 5.8 The Executive Committee may invite public members, players and/or parents to attend regular meetings as deemed necessary.

ARTICLE 6 – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS (AGM)

- 6.1 The AGM shall be held before April 30th each year.
- 6.2 The AGM shall include the election of the Executive for the following year.
- 6.3 Public notice for the AGM must be made 30 days in advance of the scheduled date on social media page.
- 6.4 Voting Members at the AGM are limited to:
 - Players of voting age, parent, or guardian (1 vote per player)
 - SDHMA Executive Committee member (are entitled to a vote by virtue of their committee membership. This vote is in addition to any parental vote they may have)
- 6.5 Those voting must be present at the AGM.

ARTICLE 7 – COLOURS AND EMBLEM

- 7.1 The colours of the Association are white, blue and gold.
- 7.2 For league play, the home sweaters of the Association will be white with blue and gold trim.
- 7.3 For league play, the away sweaters of the Association will be blue with white and gold trim.
- 7.4 The emblem outlined below shall identify the Association and shall appear on Association stationery and advertising and shall be used on team sweaters.



ARTICLE 8 – AMENDMENTS

- 9.1 Proposed amendments to the Constitution must be submitted in writing to the Secretary via email at least 21 days before the Annual General Meeting and will be voted upon at the AGM. A meeting will be held prior to the AGM to review amendments, be motioned, and seconded.
- 9.2 Proposed amendments to the Bylaws can be submitted in writing to the Secretary via email at any time and will be voted upon by the Executive Committee at the following Regular Executive Meeting.
- 9.3 All amendments must be motioned and seconded in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.
- 9.4 An amendment to the Constitution will be adopted if it receives two-thirds majority vote at the Annual General Meeting and will take force beginning at the first meeting of the newly elected Executive of the SDMHA.