

## **Carnduff Minor Sports**

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**Carnduff Minor Sports Association**  
**Constitution, Policy & Procedures**  
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**1. NAME**

The name of the organization shall be the Carnduff Minor Sports Association, hereinafter referred to as CMS.

**2. OBJECTIVES**

1. To promote minor sports in Carnduff and surrounding areas.
2. To promote sportsmanship, fair play, good citizenship, friendly competition, enjoyment and full participation for all team members.
3. To develop an appreciation of the game and a respect for its rules among players, parents, coaches, referees and other interested parties.

**3. MEMBERSHIP**

Any parent or legal guardian with a registered child in CMS shall have voting privileges provided their membership is in good standing.

**4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

1. Executive positions will be a 2 year term on a rotation basis.
2. Executive members will maintain CMS policies and procedures.
3. Voting members include:
  - Vice President
  - Past President
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Equipment Manager – Hockey
  - Equipment Manager – Baseball/Soccer
  - Referee Coordinator
  - 6's and 8's Member at Large
  - 10's and 12's Member at Large
  - 14's and 17's Member at Large
4. President will vote only to break ties.
5. The signing officers for CMS will be the treasurer and either the president or the secretary.
6. An annual honorarium will be paid to the treasurer of CMS.
7. Positions to be filled at the fall general meeting on even years are as follows: Vice-President and Secretary
8. Positions will be filled by those that belong to the Carnduff center only. If you require a release for your child to play in Carnduff, you are not eligible to hold a position.

Positions to be filled at the fall general meeting on odd years are as follows: Treasurer, Equipment Manager-Ball, Equipment Manager-Hockey, Referee Coordinator, and all 3 Members at Large.

**5. DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE POSITIONS**

A. President

1. Preside at all meetings of CMS or its executive.
2. Ensure CMS is represented at all league meetings and other meetings where CMS presence is required.
3. Give notice of special meetings.
4. Perform such duties as normally pertain to the office of the president and generally oversee the business of CMS.
5. Organize and chair team organizational meetings.
6. Sit on nomination committee for the recruitment of new executive members.
7. Contact managers with times to find gate workers for Minor Ball Day.

B. Vice-President

1. Assume duties of the president in his/her absence or resignation.
2. Be responsible for the coordinator of all fundraising activities.
3. Have available an adequate supply of game sheets from SHA.
4. Head a committee (consisting of vice-president, president and past president) to recruit new executive members prior to the general membership meetings.

C. Past President

1. Review and update the constitution, policies and procedures.
2. Sit on nomination committee for the recruitment of new executive members.

D. Secretary

1. Prepare agenda for general meetings.
2. Record minutes of general and executive meetings.
3. Post the date, time & location of meetings 14 days prior to meetings. (This includes the use of signage, newspapers, and notes in student backpacks and playschool backpacks.)
4. Check the supply of 50/50 tickets and order 2 cases each fall or as needed, invoicing one case to CMS and one case to Carnduff Red Devils.
5. Assist the treasurer with team registration and affiliations.
6. Have available copies of constitution, policies and procedures upon request.
7. Receive proposed amendments to constitution and take to executive meetings.
8. Install and date changes to CMS policy and procedures.
9. Maintain CMS files and records.
10. Assist in team meetings for organizing team personnel.

E. Treasurer

1. Collect or arrange for collection of all CMS fees and issue receipts.
2. Remit ball diamond fees and arena skating fees to the Recreation Board Treasurer.
3. Complete team registrations and player certifications in accordance with SHA, SBA, and Softball Sask. Regulations.
4. Ensure changes to team lists are submitted to SHA, SBA, and Softball Sask. In accordance with their requirements.
5. Prepare financial reports for annual and executive meetings.
6. Deposit all monies.
7. Issue hockey teams a tournament fee, sanction fee, and a float at the beginning of the season.
8. Be responsible for the collection of all arena gate admissions from team managers.

9. Divide the gate admission with the arena as set by the Rink Board and remit to the arena treasurer.
10. Disburse funds in the manner prescribed by the constitution and/or executive members.
11. Pay all team officials:
  - a. Baseball/Softball – as invoiced by umpires.
  - b. Hockey – at month end pay fees and mileage (as per SHA) Note:
    - i. CMS will not pay any mileage for a round trip of less than 10km.
    - ii. Mileage will only be paid to 1 person per vehicle.
    - iii. Jr. Officials are reimbursed the cost of their officials' clinic when they have officiated 3 games.
    - iv. Minor Sports Day officials are paid by the arena and the ball diamonds.
12. Assist in team meetings for organizing team personnel.

#### F. Equipment Managers

1. Attend executive and general meetings.
2. Store, maintain and distribute all equipment, keys and combinations.
3. Maintain a record of all equipment and uniforms owned by CMS.
4. Recommend to the executive, for approval, any additional equipment needed at the beginning of and during the season.
5. Purchasing equipment as authorized by the executive.
6. Ensure that all equipment be returned within 2 weeks of season's end.
7. Launder officials' jerseys as needed.
8. Dispose of worn out/unusable equipment with the approval of the executive.

#### G. Referee Coordinator

1. Attend executive and general meetings.
2. Line up *initial* hockey officials for *regular* season games and Minor Sports Day.
3. Provide evaluation and assistance to Referees.
4. Take complaints/comments from Referees regarding behaviour of CMS coaches, players and other team officials.
5. Take complaints/comments from coaches regarding behaviour of referees and opportunity for improvement for referees.
6. The Referee Coordinator will be encouraged to receive his or her referee certification but will not be required to.
7. The Referee Coordinator will be encouraged to ref but will not require to.

#### H. Members at Large

1. Attend executive and general meetings.
2. Assist other executive positions as required.

### 6. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS PROCEDURES

1. Nomination Committee:
  - a. Composition: The committee shall consist of the Vice President, President and Past President.
  - b. Duties and Procedures: The Nomination Committee shall present a slate of nominees to the annual meeting for all of the elected positions of CMS.
2. Nominations from the Floor:

- a. Immediate President: Upon election of a new vice-president, the former vice-president shall automatically become the immediate president.
- b. Immediate Past President: Upon election of a new vice-president, the former president shall automatically become the immediate past president.
- c. The 3 Members at Large: nominees must be members that have participants in one of the following age categories: 6's & 8's, 10's & 12's, 14's & 17's. One member will be nominated for each of the three age categories and voted on by the entire membership at the September General Meeting.
- d. Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Equipment Manager-Hockey will be nominated and voted on in even numbered years.
- e. Equipment Manager-Ball, Referee Coordinator, and the 3 Member's at Large will be nominated and voted on in odd numbered years.
- f. Vacancies: If, after the annual meeting, any of the elected positions remain unfilled, or if any of the executive positions become vacant during the operating year, these positions shall be filled by appointment by the executive.

## **7. GENERAL MEETINGS**

There will be a general meeting held in September and March of each year.

Voting on all matters at membership meetings may be by ballot or by show of hands. Such decision shall be made at the start of such meeting. However, if a ballot is requested by one member or executive, that request shall take effect for that item of business.

All business transacted at a general meeting, except consideration of the financial statements, election of Executive members, changes to the constitution is deemed to be special business.

No special business may be transacted at a meeting of the members unless the notice of meeting states the nature of the business in sufficient detail to permit members to form a reasoned judgement thereon.

Any members may submit to CMS 4 weeks prior to a General Meeting, notice of any matter that he/she proposed to raise and discuss at the meeting and notice of the proposal shall be given with the notice for the next meeting of members.

## **8. EXECUTIVE MEETINGS**

Executive meetings will be held the first Tuesday in the months of August, October, December, February, March, May and as required throughout the year.

## **9. INCURRING DEBTS**

1. No person may incur any debt on behalf of CMS without the permission of two executive members with signing authority.
2. Any person incurring debt without permission of CMS will be personally held responsible.

## **10. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Member of CMS and its executive are required to declare a conflict of interest in matters where their vote could possibly result in their own personal benefit, financial or otherwise. Members shall not vote in such instances. The executive shall make a ruling where the question of conflict of interest arises.

## **11. COMPLAINTS**

1. Complaints or questions regarding the operating of CMS must be submitted, in writing to the executive. Written complaints and questions received must be signed and shall be included in the agenda of the next executive meeting.
2. Complaints/questions should be submitted at least one week prior to the executive meeting to allow sufficient time for a full investigation before the meeting.
3. Discussion of a sensitive or personal nature at an executive meeting will not be open to the general membership and shall be kept confidential.
4. For complaints involving team personnel (i.e. coaches, managers, etc.), members are encouraged to resolve the issue on a one to one basis. If it cannot be resolved a letter to the executive must be submitted.
5. Upon receipt of a complaint, the executive may appoint a fact finding committee to investigate the complaint and present recommendations to the executive.
6. For issues of a serious nature that may result in discipline, the president or vice president in his or her absence shall call a special meeting of the executive and follow the procedures as set out in section 26 Disciplinary Meeting/Investigation Procedure to ensure prompt action.
7. The executive may provide a neutral mediator to attend a team meeting.
8. If the issue still cannot be resolved, it will be taken to a provincial body for advisement (SHA, SBA, Saskatchewan Softball Association)

## **12. ARENA ADMISSION**

1. Door prices are set by the Rink Board.
2. The rink board determines the door percentage that CMS will keep.
3. Only the players, coaches and ref coordinator get in free of charge.
4. Admission must be charged at every game or tournament.
5. Door workers must be present 1 hour before game time and remain until the completion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> period.

## **13. EQUIPMENT**

1. Equipment must be purchased on the advice of the equipment managers with approval of the treasurer and either the president or secretary.
2. All unusable equipment will be disposed of by the equipment managers with approval of the executive.
3. Each team will be provided a locker that is stocked as per equipment guidelines.
4. Hockey jerseys will remain in the lockers and each team will be responsible for their care and laundering (cold water and hung to dry).
5. Jerseys/uniforms cannot be used of practices or personal use.
6. Referee jerseys must remain in the rink and the equipment manager will be responsible for their laundering.
7. An annual deposit will be collected by managers and returned on receipt of uniform for ball.
8. Baseball players must provide their own helmets.
9. The following goalie equipment will be provided for ages up to and including Atom(10 & under):
  - a. Set of goalie pads
  - b. Chest protector
  - c. Goalie blocker
  - d. Goalie glove
  - e. Goalie stick
10. Members may use equipment for summer camps/hockey schools with permission of the president. The borrower will pay a refundable deposit. Items must be returned within one week of camp end in the same condition. If equipment is not returned, or is returned in poor condition, the borrower will be responsible for replacing item(s).

11. Carnduff vs. Carnduff games, the home team will wear white jerseys.

#### **14. TOURNAMENTS**

1. Managers collect tournament entry fees and use the fees to cover the cost of prizes/awards. The team is responsible for covering any deficits.
2. CMS will pay for tournament sanctions and all hockey tournaments must be sanctioned.
3. Provincial and US Travel permits must be applied for by team managers and must be paid for with team money.
4. Hockey teams will be given a start-up tournament fee which must be repaid to CMS by season end or earlier if possible.
5. Each team will be allotted time to host a tournament by the Recreation Director.

#### **15. PROVINCIALS**

Any team that wishes to register a provincial hockey team under CMS is encouraged to do so. However, all duties are that team's responsibility. CMS has no affiliation to provincial games. All Complaints must be forwarded to SHA. (Ex. Registering the team by Dec. 1, paying the refs, and door as per rink split)

#### **16. FUNDRAISING**

1. All fundraising must be approved by the executive.
2. Teams will not solicit the community for tournament prizes.
3. CMS will continue to be involved in the Craft Show.
4. 50/50 tickets may be sold at home games for the home team's benefit. All profit will be at the discretion of the team, but any leftover monies donated back to CMS would be greatly appreciated.
5. For fundraising and purchases of \$500 or more, a minimum of 3 sealed tenders on a specific product of same quality will be requested.
  - a. All bids will be considered and the lowest bid is not necessarily accepted.
  - b. All bids will be final.
  - c. Preference will be given to local businesses provided they are within 15% of the lowest bid.

#### **17. TEAM PICTURES**

Each team is responsible for booking and paying for their own pictures.

#### **18. REGISTRATION**

1. A player's home centre will be defined by the sport's governing body.
2. CMS will only accept registration from OUTSIDE the organization with written confirmation of release from that player's home sports organization. Acceptance is on a season basis. If there is any question of residency, a release from the home centre will be needed. Acceptance to CMS will then follow this guideline:

At the parent meeting registers from both Carnduff and the surrounding areas, for the affected team will be made known. The parents may voice their opinions as to team size, but the ultimate decision as to acceptance will be at the discretion of the CMS executive and the Head Coach. This decision will be considered final.
3. Learn to Play registrants must be within two years of the 6 & under age group. (Ex. 3 or 4 years old on Dec. 31 as per the above example). No exceptions.
4. Registration will not be gender specific for the 6 & under, 8 & under and 10 & under age groups.

5. Players (for all other ages) must register with their own gender if there is an age appropriate team but must declare which team is their first priority.
6. All players will be placed in their eligible age group after registration.
7. Fees and deadlines will be set by the executive.
8. Registration must be fully paid before participation in practices or games.
9. Uniforms/jerseys will not be issued until registration is fully paid.
10. A late fee will apply to members registering after the team organizational meetings, examples:
  - a. Members of CMS (living in Carnduff or surrounding areas) who do not attend the meeting.
  - b. Members who assume there is no age appropriate team and therefore do not register at the meeting.
  - c. Members who assume they cannot play over or underage on another team and fail to register at the meeting.
  - d. Members who were undecided if they wanted to register at the time of the meeting.
  - e. Members who were going to try-out for other teams (Ex. AA or A teams, etc.) and did not register.
  - f. Members who claim to have not known about the meeting.
11. The late fee may be waived under specific circumstances, such as:
  - a. Parents are away for holiday/work reasons but phone to register child(ren) before the meetings.
  - b. New members who move into town after the meetings.
  - c. A new member is recruited after the registration meeting because a team is short the required number of players.
12. Registration cheques may be post-dated until Oct. 31 for hockey season and Apr. 30 for ball season.
13. The SHA, SBA, and Softball Saskatchewan insurance fees are non-refundable.
14. Refunds of minor sports fees will be considered for special circumstances only and the executive must receive a letter from a player/parent stating an intention to discontinue participation before a refund will be considered.
  - a. No refunds will be issued after January 1<sup>st</sup> for hockey
  - b. No refunds will be issued after May 15<sup>th</sup> for ball

## **19. DIVIDING TEAMS OF THE SAME CATEGORY**

1. When CMS divides its players in any one division into two or more teams of the same category, the first priority will be to make the teams equally competitive.
2. Head coaches will be responsible for team splits and then team staff will be chosen after.
3. Teams must be split within 48 hours of the parents meeting.
4. Teams may be re-evaluated after the division (within a reasonable time frame) if new players register or drop-out to keep team numbers and abilities as even as possible.

## **20. COACHES**

1. All members of the coaching staff must have or get proper certification as set out by the sport's governing body. You will be responsible for any fines incurred if proper certification is not achieved.
2. If more than one person is volunteering for the same position (coaches, managers, etc.) the team will vote by ballot to fill the position.
3. Attend a league scheduling meeting (manager or coach).
4. It is in the best interest of player development and for the betterment of minor hockey and ball that every player registered in CMS receives a fair share of ice/field time.
5. No CMS coach is permitted to directly address concerns with junior officials unless required by the official.
6. Coaches and managers must comply with SHA, SBA, Softball Sask, CHA and CMS rules and regulations.



7. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players and themselves on and off the ice or field and will display gentlemanly conduct, good sportsmanship and good manners at all times.
8. A member of the coaching staff must be in or just outside (within ear shot) of the dressing room before and after games and practices.
9. The coach is responsible for ensuring that every player is dressed in approved equipment while on the ice or the field.
10. Coaches and managers do not have the authority to charge any equipment or other related items to CMS.
11. Discipline of coaches will be dealt with by CMS on an individual case basis.
12. CMS will provide up to date rule/casebook for every CMS head coach.
13. A coach may only invite an affiliated player to play with his team when an illness, absence or unforeseen event causes a team to be short of players or in years were smaller teams occur based on the number of players registered. Affiliates are not to displace a team's regular players.
  - i) Small teams in HOCKEY for the ages of Initiation, Novice & Atom can be defined as having less than 10 players + 1 Goalie
  - ii) Small teams in HOCKEY for the age of PeeWee can be defined as having less than 13 players + 2 Goalies
  - iii) The small teams rule in HOCKEY will not apply for the ages of Bantam & Midget
  - iv) Small teams in BASEBALL for all players can be defined as having less than 12 players
14. Any abuse of AP use may result in the AP affiliation being pulled.
15. Any coach AP'ing a player from another team must give fair notice to the player's regular team coach before contacting the player.
16. Coaches AP'ing players from another team are encouraged to give fair opportunity to all players on the affiliation list.
17. Coaches Conduct:
  - a. Coaches, at all times, shall display gentlemanly conduct, good sportsmanship, and good manners.
  - b. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players and themselves on and off the ice, field or diamond whether in town or out of town.
  - c. Coaches' actions and their instructions to players must be tempered towards good conduct and the welfare of players.
18. Coaches found conducting themselves in a manner unbecoming of CMS will be subject to disciplinary action. Unbecoming conduct includes:
  - a. The use of obscene language.
  - b. Harassment of referees or other game officials.
  - c. Unsportsmanlike conduct.
  - d. Any other action deemed unbecoming to CMS.
19. The primary purpose of a minor sports program is to help and assist character growth and development of the participants, and the objective of winning games is secondary to skill development and character growth. Coaches are expected to adhere to these principles.

## **21. TEAM MANAGER DUTIES**

1. Hockey
  - a. Attend a league scheduling meeting (manager or coach).
  - b. Organize a parent's meeting for the team prior to the first competition with at least 75% attendance.
  - c. Notify parents, Recreation Director and President of any changes to the schedule during the season.

- d. Schedule 2 or 3 kitchen workers, a door worker, a 50/50 seller (optional) and a time clock worker for home games.
  - e. Apply for any Provincial or US Travel permits for the team (forms available on [www.sha.sk.ca](http://www.sha.sk.ca))
  - f. Book ice time and find officials for exhibition games, home, tournament, and play-off games.
  - g. Maintain a door float with proper change.
  - h. Remit all gate monies to CMS treasurer in a timely fashion.
  - i. Organize your home tournament or delegate responsibilities among other team parents (optional)
  - j. Invite a team to play against on Minor Sports Day.
  - k. Arrange for team photos (optional)
  - l.
2. Baseball/Softball
- a. Attend league scheduling meeting (manager or coach).
  - b. Book diamonds for all games and practices with the Recreation Director.
  - c. Schedule a booth worker, a scorekeeper, a home plate and 1<sup>st</sup> base umpire for all home, playoff games and Minor Sports Day.
  - d. Schedule a 3<sup>rd</sup> base umpire for away games if required by league.
  - e. Notify parents and recreation Director of any changes to schedule.
  - f. Invite team(s) to play against on Minor Sports Day.
  - g. Notify the Booth Manager of all home games, workers scheduled in the booth, and cancelled games.

## 22. PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

1. ALL parents will share in the duties of the team, such as working door/gate, kitchen, clock, umping, scorekeeping and fundraising. NO exceptions. For those who feel they cannot attend to their duties, they must find their own replacement (older children, grandparents, switch with someone on the team, etc.) This is a volunteer organization that can only work with full participation of every member. Failure to do so may result in your child being removed from the team.
2. Coaches are not to be used as babysitters. Please be available to help out when your child is on the ice/field.
3. All parents must agree and adhere to the code of conduct attached in Appendix 1. In registering your child/children you are thereby agreeing to adhere.
4. All parents must agree and adhere to the zero tolerance policy attached in Appendix 2.

## 23. PLAYERS

1. Will use and respect all facilities and their rules – both at home and away.
2. Players and teams will be held liable for their actions and disciplined by CMS.
3. Harassment of game officials by players will not be tolerated and will be dealt with by CMS.
4. Players will comply with their coaches' rules as approved by CMS. Failure to adhere to the rules may constitute removal from the team.
5. A player's first commitment will always be to his/her regular team.
6. The following affiliations must be adhered to:
  - Midget will AP from Bantam
  - Bantam will AP from Pee Wee
  - Pee Wee will AP from Atom
  - Atom will AP from Novice
  - Novice will AP from Initiation

7. Players trying out for a higher-level team must register with CMS on the registration date in order to maintain their eligibility on a CMS team in the event that the try-out is unsuccessful.
8. Hockey teams with players of opposite genders will have separate dressing rooms for Atom and up.
9. Players must inform coaches and manager at registration or as soon as possible of any commitment conflicts (ex. Work, another sport, registration on another team, or other activity).
10. Will follow the code of conduct attached in Appendix 1.
11. Adhere to the zero tolerance policy attached in Appendix 2.

#### **24. CONDUCT**

1. CMS expects players, coaches and parents to act in a manner that brings no disrespect to themselves, their team, their family, their community, or to the game itself.
2. CMS expectations as to conduct and to various disciplinary consequences appear in Appendix 1.
3. Players, coaches, or spectators not abiding by CMS's Zero Tolerance Policy as seen in Appendix 2 will be disciplined accordingly.
4. Parents and other spectators must at all times conduct themselves in an appropriate manner. Profanity, drunkenness, or other unseemly conduct may result in the Executive requesting the Facility Boards to exclude the individual from future activities sponsored by the CMS. Any forms of abuse/harassment towards any individual will be dealt with immediately with the removal of the individual from the arena/field until such time the Executive has investigated the incident and made a ruling on the incident.

#### **25. SUSPENSIONS**

1. The Executive can establish any disciplinary action as described in Appendix 1.
2. The guidelines for suspensions are automatic suspensions to a player, a coach or another member of a team and will be enforced as described in the governing body rules. All suspensions handed down by the Executive are in addition to any other suspensions received.
3. An indefinite suspension means that the person or persons involved may not participate in any games until a ruling is made.
4. If a coach is found to have failed to comply with the terms of 20.17.a to 20.17.d, s/he will receive:
  - a. For the 1<sup>st</sup> offense – a warning
  - b. For the 2<sup>nd</sup> offense – 1 game suspension
  - c. For the 3<sup>rd</sup> offense – 3 game suspension
  - d. For the 4<sup>th</sup> offense – an indefinite suspension
5. Any abuse of an official by a team official resulting in a game misconduct will result in the following suspensions in addition to those received as a result of 25.4 and those handed down by the governing body from CMS:
  - a. For the 1<sup>st</sup> offense – 1 game suspension
  - b. For the 2<sup>nd</sup> offense – 2 game suspension
  - c. For the 3<sup>rd</sup> offense – 4 game suspension
  - d. For the 4<sup>th</sup> offense – an indefinite suspension

#### **26. DISCIPLINARY MEETINGS/INVESTIGATION PROCEDURE**

1. CMS has a plan in place to handle misbehaviour. The object of this plan is to teach participants that they are responsible for their behaviour and that there is no excuse for misbehaving. It is our intention to teach participants to make correct decisions when faced with choices. It is also our intention for participants to respect others as well as being respected. Every situation may require a different approach to discipline with the final decision being handled by the Executive. Suspensions from the team or minor sports will be used in extreme circumstances.
2. The president shall call a meeting of the Executive to deal with problems related to the conduct of players, team officials, game officials, Board members, parents, or other persons associated with CMS in the following circumstances:
3. When a written complaint is brought to the Executive.
4. When in the opinion of the Executive, there is adequate reason to conduct an investigation.
5. Exclusions – In the event that one or more of the Executive members, the son(s) or daughter(s) of such Executive members are under investigation, or they are involved in the age group the executive member so involved will remove themselves from the meeting except where such person is required to attend to provide information.
6. Chairperson – The President shall be the Chairperson of the meeting. In the case of the absence or temporary exclusion of the President, the Vice President shall act as Chairperson.
7. The person(s) whose reported actions are under investigation shall be provided an opportunity to meet with or make representations to the Committee before it arrives at a final ruling.
8. The issue may be taken to the governing body for advisement.
9. The Chairperson shall inform the person under review and his or her parent and coach if the person under review is a player, of the executive's ruling.
10. The Chairperson shall report any actions taken by the Executive to the league and governing body of such suspension.
11. The ruling of the Executive may be appealed to the Carnduff Recreation Board, who may confirm, remove or modify the ruling as deemed appropriate. The decision of the Board is final.

## **27. APPEALS**

1. All appeals are to be directed to the executive who will then forward onto the appeal committee.
2. The appeal must be submitted with a \$100.00 cheque payable to the Carnduff Rec Board. If the appeal is successful, the cheque will be returned. If the appeal is unsuccessful, the donation will be provided to the Carnduff Rec Board.
3. Any suspensions of 3 games or less will be without the right of appeal.
4. Appeals must be made within seven (7) days of the ruling.
5. A meeting to hear the appeal will be set up at a time reasonable to everyone. The ruling at this meeting will be final.

## **28. PLAYER RELEASES**

1. The CMS executive will approve and grant player releases under CMS and governing bodies' guidelines. Any two of the president, vice president, secretary and/or treasurer may sign releases within specified guidelines.
2. Any out of town player who has received a release from their home center, who has not been involved with CMS will automatically receive requested release.
3. A request for a release must be made in writing and submitted to CMs prior to registration. The executive will review, vote on and grant a release only for a valid reason.

4. In the case where there are not enough players to constitute a team as determined at the parent meeting, any player wishing to play elsewhere will automatically be released.
5. NO player release will be granted for initiation, Novice or Atom hockey and 10 & under ball/softball down, unless there is not an age appropriate team available for the player.
6. Player releases will be granted for any player (Pee Wee and up) qualifying for "AA" competitive team or higher.
7. Pee Wee aged players will not be granted a release to play on an "A" team. (SHA does not allow Pee Wee players to go to "A" hockey outside an 80km radius).
8. Releases will be granted to bantam and midget players wishing to go to an "A" team (within 120km radius as per SHA) provided that:
  - a. There remain enough players to constitute a team in CMS
  - b. It does not affect CMS's ability to split teams, excluding the player requesting the release.
  - c. If more than one player requests a release to go play "A" hockey and those releases do not leave enough players to constitute a team no release will be granted.
  - d. In such instance, the executive must have a meeting with the home center coach to discern whether or not the release is in the best interest of all parties involved.
9. Written confirmation of acceptance to "AA" or to "A" team must be provided to the executive and a release will be provided by October 20<sup>th</sup>.
10. A release form needs to be requested each and every season played away; approval guidelines apply annually.
11. For Pee Wee hockey and above where there are 3 or more goalies registered the executive will consider releasing players provided that:
  - a. There remain enough goalies (2) to constitute a team in CMS.
  - b. It does not affect CMS's ability to split teams, excluding the goalie(s) requesting the release.
  - c. If more than one goalie requests a release and those releases do not leave enough goalies to constitute a team(s) no release will be granted.
  - d. In such instance, the executive must have a meeting with the home center coach to discern whether or not the release is in the best interest of all parties involved.
  - e. The executive will make the final decision in all releases of this type.

## **29. TIER (TOURNAMENT) HOCKEY FOR ATOM DIVISION AND UNDER**

1. CMS opposes any Tier (tournament) hockey at the early ages.
2. All players must disclose their intent to play tier hockey to their team and coaches.

## **30. TOURNAMENT AND PROVINCIAL BALL – CARNDUFF BASED**

1. Teams must be chosen through open try-outs.
2. All Carnduff Minor Sports registered participants are given the opportunity to try-out.
3. Players of tournament/provincial teams must commit to their house league teams first.
4. Coaches of tournament/provincial teams will not penalize a player who commits to their house league team first.

## **31. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

The policies and procedures of this constitution shall be amended as follows:

1. Amendments shall be made only at the general meetings.
2. Written notice of motion for amendments must be given to the executive not later than 4 weeks prior to the General Meeting.

3. The constitution will only be amended, repealed, or altered by a two thirds majority vote at a general meeting.
4. A notice of amendments to the constitution will be advertised through local paper, signage, and notes in backpacks.
5. Amendments brought to the floor without written notice must receive 100% vote in favour with at least 75% of the membership in attendance.

## **APPENDIX 1**

### **THE CARNDUFF MINOR SPORTS CODE OF CONDUCT**

**CMS expects members to abide by the following Code of Conduct:**

#### **CMS Players shall:**

1. Respect the game. Play it within the rules, and for its own sake.
2. Be fair at all times, no matter what the cost.
3. Respect and believe in the honesty and integrity of their opponents.
4. Respect and be supportive of all members of their team.
5. Respect their coach, and those who volunteer to help.
6. Respect and accept the decisions of the officials.
7. Behave responsibly, in both word and deed, so that no discredit is attached to themselves, their family, their team, or their community.

#### **CONSEQUENCES:**

On receiving a complaint about a player that breaches the Code of Conduct the CMS will follow procedures as set out in Section 26 DISCIPLINARY MEETINGS/INVESTIGATION PROCEDURE. Discipline for such actions may range from no further action to a suspension.

#### **CMS Team Officials shall:**

1. Act as positive role models for their players.
2. Serve as responsible ambassadors for themselves, their team and community.
3. Inspire a love of the game, and teach their players to win by legitimate means only.
4. Be fair to all players on the team.
5. Be responsible for the conduct of their players on and off the ice, field, or diamond, both in Carnduff and in other communities.
6. Take a strong stand against profanity, unsportsmanlike behaviour and any other action that may reflect negatively on the team and community.
7. Maintain self-control at all times.
8. Accept the decisions of the officials without outward appearance of disagreement.
9. When coaching provide fair time to all players on the team.

#### **CONSEQUENCES:**

If CMS receives a complaint about the actions of one of its coaches breaching the Code of Conduct, the CMS will follow procedures as set out in Section 26 DISCIPLINARY MEETINGS/INVESTIGATION PROCEDURE. Discipline for such actions may range from no further action to a suspension.

#### **CMS requests Parents:**

1. To actively encourage their son/daughter to show respect for
  - The game
  - Their fellow team members
  - Their coach
  - Their opponents

- The officials
  - The fans
2. To insist their son/daughter displays good sportsmanship, uses good language and acts in a manner that does not reflect badly on themselves, their family, their team, and the community.
  3. To volunteer their time, enthusiasm and energy to helping the team. Parents are key role models for their children and children appreciate the time parents spend with them.
  4. To show respect for the officials because:
    - a. Children learn from their parents.
    - b. Without officials there would be no game.
  5. To show respect for opponents because they too, are someone's son or daughter.
  6. To accept that if their son or daughter steps over the bounds of what is appropriate either on or off the ice, field of diamond there will be consequences and if this occurs to support the CMS when it has to decide what those consequences will be.
  7. I will remember my child/ren plays hockey/ball for his or her enjoyment not mine.

**CMS will:**

1. Work to promote a responsible approach towards the game in players, coaches, parents and others.
2. Follow a course of action that will deal impartially with those who breach the bylaws of the CMS, SHA, SBA and any other governing bodies'.

**APPENDIX 2**

**ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY**

**Why Zero Tolerance?**

Recently, several negative aspects of today's society have crept into the sport of ice hockey with a vengeance. The increasing number of verbal and physical assaults against on-ice officials is a growing problem. This problem has resulted in a decrease of officials wishing to participate in minor hockey. This verbal abuse is present in all levels of our game.

As a result of the alarming number of situations where verbal abuse has been directed against officials, the CMS has developed a Zero Tolerance Policy regarding the verbal abuse of officials and inappropriate spectator behaviour. Verbal abuse of officials is the first step leading to physical abuse of officials.

To make ice hockey a more desirable and rewarding experience for all participants, the CMS has instructed the Officiating Program to adhere to certain points of emphasis relating to sportsmanship. These points were implemented to maintain a sportsmanlike and educational atmosphere before, during and after all SHA sanctioned games.

**What is Zero Tolerance?**

**Players**

A minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct (Zero Tolerance) shall be assessed whenever a player:

- Openly disputes or argues about any decision by an Official.
- Uses obscene or vulgar language, including swearing, in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time, even if it is not directed at any particular person.
- Visually demonstrated any sign of dissatisfaction with any Officials decision, in a manner that openly embarrasses the Official and/or challenges his judgment.
- Any time that any player persists in any of these actions, he/she shall be assessed a Misconduct Penalty. A Game Misconduct shall result if such player continues. Player may be subject to further disciplinary action by the CMS.

**Coaches**

A Bench Minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct (Zero Tolerance) shall be assessed whenever a coach:

- Openly disputes or argues about any decision by an Official
- Uses obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time.
- Visually displays any sign of dissatisfaction with an Official's decision, in a manner that openly embarrasses the Official and/or challenges his judgment. This includes standing on the boards or standing in the bench doorway with the intent of inciting the Official, player or spectators.
- Interactions with official's enroute to their dressing room, or entering the official's dressing room to dispute a call will not be tolerated.
- Anytime that a Coach persists in any of these actions, he/she shall be assessed a Game Misconduct penalty. Coaches may be subject to further disciplinary action by CMS.

### **Spectators**

On-ice officials will stop the game when the parents/spectators displaying inappropriate and disruptive behaviour interfere with other spectators or participants of the game. The on-ice officials will identify violators to the coaches for the purpose of removing parents/spectators from the spectators viewing and game area, or if comfortable ask the spectator to leave on their own. The game will not continue until the spectator has left the ice surface. Once removed, play will resume. Lost time will not be replaced and violators may be subject to further disciplinary action by CMS. This inappropriate and disruptive shall include:

- Using obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time.
- Taunting player, coaches, officials or other spectators by means of baiting, ridiculing, threatening physical violence, or physical violence.
- Throwing any object in the spectators viewing area, players' bench, penalty box, or the on-ice surface, that in any manner creates a safety hazard.

### **Officials**

Officials must apply these guidelines in a realistic manner and must be careful not to get overly technical in their enforcement. This policy is designed to eliminate direct confrontations with Officials while still allowing players and coaches an avenue to communicate in a calm and reasonable fashion.

Officials are required to conduct themselves in a businesslike, sportsmanlike, and non-vindictive manner at all times. The actions of an Official must be above reproach. Actions such as baiting or inciting players or coaches are strictly prohibited.

On-ice officials are ambassadors of the game and shall always conduct themselves with this responsibility in mind.