



Constitution/By-Law Changes for 2019-20 Season

As discussed and voted on at SEMHL Annual General Meeting

April 29, 2019 – Carman MB

1. Number of Imports Allowed

Rationale: The number of imports that each team is allowed is not recorded.

Recommendation: To revise Rule 1 d) as follows:

From

- d) The number and caliber of Import players allowed to each team shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting in spring.

to

- d) The number and caliber of Import players allowed to each team shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting in the Spring. Unless otherwise noted, the maximum number is two (2) per team.

Motioned by Carman, seconded by Notre Dame, PASSED

2. Voting For League Awards

Rationale: Each team is given the opportunity to nominate a player for each of the following year end awards:

- League MVP
- Defenceman of the Year
- Goalie of the Year
- Most Sportsmanlike Player
- Rookie of the Year

With each team given a single vote for each award, the chance of two or more players having an equal number of votes is a possibility. A voting system of 5 points for 1st place, 3 points for 2nd place and 1 point for 3rd place would likely eliminate the chance of a two or three way tie for any of the awards. In the event there is still a tie in total points, the player with the most 1st place votes would be deemed the winner of the award.

Recommendation: To revise Rule 6 d) as follows:

Each team is to nominate a player for each of the year end awards. Teams will be given the opportunity to vote on each award based on a 5-3-1 points system where their first selection would receive 5 points, second selection 3 points and third selection 1 point. Teams may vote for their own player.

- i) League MVP - Player selected to be the most valuable to their respective team.
- ii) Top Goalkeeper - The Goalkeeper selected as the best goalie in the league.
- iii) Defenceman of the Year - Defenseman selected as the best defenseman in the league.
- iv) Most Sportsmanlike Player - Player selected who demonstrates the best sportsmanship combined with ability.
- v) Rookie of the Year – Best new player to the league, (no age limit)

The Playoff MVP is selected by the winning team as their most valuable player in the playoffs.

The SEMHL Top Scorer award is presented to the player who attains the highest points of all league players.

Motioned by Altona, seconded by Warren, PASSED



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3. Goalie Eligibility for Playoffs

Rationale: As we saw this season, a team may find it necessary, due to injuries, to add a goalie to their roster. The league needs to either allow an emergency replacement or remove the authority of the commissioner to allow it.

Recommendation: To revise Regulations – Rule 2, f) as follows:

From

- f) For a player to be deemed eligible for the playoffs, he must have participated in seven (7) SEMHL regular season games. The only exception allowed will be for affiliated players.

The team must follow the registration rules as set by Hockey Manitoba which requires the player to be listed on the final roster by January 15 and a players card signed by the player along with an application to Hockey Manitoba must be approved by February 10 for the player to be considered eligible to play in the SEMHL.

Failure to follow the proper procedures or meet deadlines will result in the player being ineligible to play in the SEMHL for the balance of the season, including play-offs.

To

- f) For a player to be deemed eligible for the playoffs, he must have participated in seven (7) SEMHL regular season games. The only exceptions allowed will be for goaltenders and affiliated players.

The team must follow the registration rules as set by Hockey Manitoba which requires the player to be listed on the final roster by January 15 and a players card signed by the player along with an application to Hockey Manitoba must be approved by February 10 for the player to be considered eligible to play in the SEMHL.

Failure to follow the proper procedures or meet deadlines will result in the player being ineligible to play in the SEMHL for the balance of the season, including play-offs.

In the event of an injury to a goaltender, upon written declaration from a physician and permission from the Commissioner, a team may use an eligible goaltender from any other SEMHL team that is no longer in the playoffs as at the date of injury. This goaltender may be used as a starting goaltender.

Motioned by Winkler, seconded by Warren, PASSED



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4. Definitions – Local Player

Rationale: Article 3 – Local Player-1 was updated in the past from a twenty to thirty mile radius but Local Player-2 was overlooked and was not updated.

Recommendation: To revise Constitution – Article 3 as follows:

From

2. Any player who has played minor or high school hockey within the twenty mile radius.

to

2. Any player who has played minor or high school hockey within the thirty (30) mile radius.

Motioned by Altona, seconded by Notre Dame, PASSED

5. Grandfathering of Import Players

Rationale: There is nothing specified in the Regulations regarding the “grandfathering” of players from import to local status.

Recommendation: To add the following to Rule 1.d

From

No prior rule.

To

Once an import player completes five consecutive seasons with the same team, that player becomes a local player (grandfathered) for that team. Teams are only allowed one “grandfathered” local player on their roster.

Motioned by Notre Dame, seconded by Winkler, PASSED

6. Game Times

Rationale: The current Regulations state specific start times for games that teams do not follow.

Recommendation: To revise Regulations – Rule 3, a) as follows:

From

- a) Game time shall be 8:00 P.M., 2:30 P.M. on Sundays- unless otherwise arranged during the development of the League Schedule.

to

- a) Game time is recommended to be 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise arranged during the development of the League Schedule.

Motioned by Carman, seconded by Winkler, PASSED



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7. Game Cancelled Due to Weather Conditions

Rationale: The rationale to cancel a game due to weather/road conditions requires better clarification based on differing game times and no mention of road conditions.

Recommendation: To revise Rule 3.b as follows

From

If a game is cancelled due to weather conditions notice must be given by 4 P.M. on game day to the Referee-In-Chief, the Commissioner and the opposing team.

to

If a game is cancelled due to weather or road conditions, a four (4) hour window prior to the scheduled game start time will be used to determine if the game will be played (i.e. by 3:30 p.m. for a 7:30 p.m. game). Determination of cancellation will be decided by the two teams involved, the Commissioner, and the Referee in Chief.

Motioned by Carman, seconded by Altona, PASSED

8. Overtime

Rationale: To be consistent with how other leagues are playing regular season overtime, it is recommended to go from playing 4 on 4 to 3 on 3.

Recommendation: To revised Rule 3 – Competition

From

f) Overtime will be played during the regular season consisting of one 5 minute sudden death overtime period. This overtime shall immediately follow a 2 minute rest at the conclusion of the third period, with teams retaining the same end of the rink. The format will be 4 on 4.

to

f) Overtime will be played during the regular season consisting of one 5 minute sudden death overtime period. This overtime shall immediately follow a 2 minute rest at the conclusion of the third period, with teams retaining the same end of the rink. The format will be 3 on 3.

Motioned by Notre Dame, seconded by Carman, PASSED



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9. Game Seven Location and Gate Split

Rationale: Rule 6 c) is no longer applicable

Recommendation: To remove Rule 6 c).

- c) If any playoff series is decided by an odd game, the top team in the standings gets the home game, with no gate split.

Motioned by Carman, seconded by Altona, PASSED