

**NORTH OF 50
HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
(Est. 1997)**

**CONSTITUTION,
ARTICLES,
RULES AND
REGULATIONS**

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***North of 50 Hockey Association
A Gentlemen's Hockey League for Recreation and Camaraderie***

REVISIONS

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VALUES & BELIEFS

We Believe:

1. That the **N50HA** must operate with proper planning, clearly defined policies, procedures, and job descriptions.
2. That all communications must be accurate, consistent, honest, and open throughout our operations.
3. That all players shall have the opportunity to participate equally and have fun regardless of their skill level. The Association will promote fellowship among all members.
4. That all participants shall act in an honest and gentlemanly manner using care and common sense, and above all act in the best interest of the Association.
5. That a “**Safety First**” attitude will be incorporated into all aspects of the Association.
6. That the Association and the membership are entitled to caring and qualified leadership within a positive environment.
7. That all participants shall be treated with respect and in a manner that enhances gentlemanly conduct and maintains dignity.
8. That membership in the Association will instil and foster a quality work ethic, communication, a team effort and fair play through participation.

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ARTICLES

Article I

Name

This organization shall be named the **North of 50 Hockey Association**.

The Association name shall be abbreviated to **N50HA**.

Article II

Aims

The aims of the Association are to foster and encourage in all participants, a need for fitness, a desire for increased recreational activity, and to build a strong and lasting fellowship among the players and teams as set out in its statement of Values and Beliefs.

Article III

Affiliation

The Association and each team within the League will be expected to be affiliated with the Canadian Adult Recreational Hockey Association (C.A.R.H.A.), the governing body for Recreational Hockey across Canada.

Article IV

Playing Rules

The Association shall conduct games in accordance with the Rules and Regulations established annually by C.A.R.H.A.

Where the Association Constitution, Articles, Rules and Regulations conflict with that of the C.A.R.H.A. playing rules, the **N50HA** Constitution, Articles, Rules and Regulations shall take precedence.

Article V
Membership

Each team of the **N50HA** will be approved by the Association Executive and shall hold a membership in good standing.

Any increase in the number of member teams shall be subject to the approval of the Association Executive and be dependent upon an available arena and ice time.

It is incumbent upon the Association Executive to ensure that prior to the beginning of the Association schedule all team dues are paid and that they are a team in good standing.

Article VI
Amendments

The Constitution may be amended or altered by a majority vote during any meeting of the **N50HA** provided that a quorum is present and twenty days notice of the proposed amendment has been served upon the President and the Association Executive.

Article VII
The Executive

The Association shall be governed/administered by an Executive as follows:

1. A **President**..... (Voting) - Elected
2. A **Vice-President/President-Elect**..... (Voting) - Elected
3. A **Secretary** (Voting) - Elected
4. A **Treasurer**..... (Voting) - Elected
5. **Team Directors** (Voting - 1 only) - Each team will have two representatives, one of which must represent their team at each meeting. Team Directors shall be members of the **N50HA** in good standing. The two Team Directors shall be selected by the players and/or the Association Executive.
6. The **Immediate Past President** (Voting) shall be an ex-officio member of the Association Executive.
7. Any other person the Association Executive deems necessary for the effective operation of the Association (Non-Voting).

Article VIII

Spring Annual General Meeting

The Spring Annual General Meeting will be held at the end of the hockey season and not later than during the month of June on a specific date to be established by the Association President, giving a minimum of 20 days notice to the members.

In addition to the usual order of business, the Election process will be conducted at the Spring Annual General Meeting when applicable.

The Association Executive and all Team Directors, (including all team Members in good standing) will be eligible to vote in the election.

Applications for admission to the league by new teams shall be in hands of Executive no later than June 30, following the end of the current season.

Article IX

Annual General Meeting

An Annual General Meeting of the **N50HA** will be held in the month of August on a date to be established by the Association President, giving a minimum of 20 days notice to the membership.

In addition to the usual order of business, the Association Executive will provide the new schedule for the upcoming year to be ratified at this meeting.

If a schedule has been agreed to by all member teams this meeting may not be necessary.

Article X

Quorum

A quorum will be constituted when at least 50% of the voting Team Directors of the **N50HA** Member Teams are present at any meeting, including General Meetings.

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RULES

The North of 50 Hockey Association will play according to the C.A.R.H.A. Rules and Regulations with the addition of the following rules approved by the Association Executive (Refer also to Article IV).

A. Penalties:

1. All penalties are referred to in straight (running) time minutes.
2. When the penalty is assessed in straight time, the game clock will be used to determine when the penalized player returns.

B. Slapshot:

1. A player's stick must remain in contact with the ice when shots are taken. When the stick is lifted off the ice prior to the shot being taken, it will be considered a "***slapshot***".
2. A Minor penalty shall be assessed to any player who uses a "***slapshot***" during the game.
3. If an injury to an opposing player results, a Major penalty shall be assessed.

C. High-Sticking the Puck:

1. Contacting the puck with the stick above the normal height of the shoulders, whether deliberately or accidentally is prohibited.
2. Attempting to contact with the puck; without actual contact, by waving or batting at the puck with the stick above the normal height of the shoulders, whether deliberately or accidentally, is also prohibited.
3. Upon either infraction, play shall be stopped immediately and a Minor penalty shall be assessed to the offending player.
4. The ensuing face off will be in the offending teams defensive zone.

D. Intentional Body Contact:

1. At the discretion of the Referee and based upon the intent and the violence of the impact with the opposing player, a Minor or Major penalty shall be assessed any player who intentionally:
 - bodies,
 - pushes,
 - shoves,
 - stands in front of an opponent for the purpose of making contact and/or,
 - does not avert body contact with an opponent.
2. When injury results from intentional body contact, a Major penalty shall be assessed. Should the referee consider the action was ***“intent to injure”*** a Game Misconduct penalty shall be added to a normal penalty and reported to the Association Executive.
3. In the event that a player, by committing an infraction of the rule, causes an opponent to collide with the boards, a Double Minor penalty shall be assessed. The Major and/or Match penalty applicable to the rule will be assessed in the normal manner.
4. Riding by means of shoulder contact will not be considered body contact.
5. Accidental contact where players do not see each other will not be considered body contact. Where in the opinion of the Referee, accidental contact has taken place, no penalty shall be assessed.
6. Players diving or falling to the ice in an effort to check an opponent must avoid body contact whether or not they contact the puck first. A Minor penalty will be assessed for an infraction of this rule.

E. Offensive Body Contact:

1. Defending players are allowed to stand their ground providing they are stationary 6-8 feet in front of the attacking player, in order that the attacking player has the room to avoid body contact.
2. If the attacking player does not avoid body contact a Minor penalty shall be assessed to the attacking player for committing Offensive Body Contact.

F. Interference: (Specific to the Front of the Net)

1. Any clutching, grabbing, holding, or jabbing motion in front of the net by a player of either team, or when a player is knocked down, an interference penalty shall be ruled.
2. A Minor penalty shall be assessed for an infraction of this rule.
1. All players must play the puck. Any player attempting to redirect an opposing player trying to play the puck will be called for interference.

G. Penalized Players:

1. Penalized players must proceed directly to the penalty bench.
2. Any player who does not proceed directly to the penalty bench after being assessed a penalty will be assessed further penalties, within the discretion of the Referee.
3. Foul language, gestures, or attempts to debate the call by the penalized player, or any other player, will also result in further penalties being assessed.

H. Delay of Game:

1. All face-offs will be conducted quickly and without delay. Any team that does not set up quickly for a faceoff or tries to delay the game in any way will be assessed a Bench Minor penalty for delay of game.
2. This penalty will particularly be imposed where teams or players attempt to delay time in an effort to run out straight time on the clock while killing a penalty or attempting to end the game.

I. Adjustment of Equipment:

1. All adjustments of equipment shall be done off the playing surface, and will not be permitted on the ice, with the exception of the goalkeeper, who must first obtain the permission of the referee.
2. Players who are on the ice and need to adjust equipment must leave the ice during a legal line change only and a replacement player shall be permitted.

J. Drug & Alcohol Impairment:

1. Playing under the influence of drugs or alcohol shall not be permitted.
2. Any player, timekeeper, or referee deemed impaired, or suspected of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol, shall be ejected from the game immediately and reported to the Association Executive for further disciplinary action.
3. It is the responsibility of the offending player's team to enforce this rule.
4. Home teams are responsible for enforcing this rule for referees or timekeepers.

K. Helmets & Protective Equipment:

1. All players must wear CSA approved protective equipment, which includes helmets with chin straps secured.
2. Players are encouraged to wear half or full face shields as well as protective mouth guards.
3. Helmets must be worn while in the penalty box and during the pre-game warm-up.

L. Three Penalty Rule:

1. Any player who has been assessed (3) three individual Minor penalties in the same game shall be ejected for that game. Coincidental penalties will not apply to this rule. This will prevent teams from taking advantage of the rule by teaming up to purposely take several penalties against one player with the intention of purposely trying to remove that player from the game. However, when a player is assessed this penalty, the player must leave the bench and proceed to the dressing room immediately. A Game Misconduct penalty in this case shall not apply for first time offenders (See Suspension List).
2. In the event that the third Minor penalty has not been brought to the attention of the referee before the game has been completed, then no change shall be made.
3. If however, the third penalty has been overlooked temporarily, but it has been brought to the attention of the referee before the final horn, any scoring plays in which the offending player has been involved in after his third minor penalty shall be wiped out and the player shall be ruled off the ice and to the dressing room for the remainder of the game.

4. Double minors count as two penalties.

M. Fighting and Roughing:

1. A Match penalty resulting in ejection from the game shall be assessed to any player who is identified by the referee as the instigator or aggressor in a fight.
2. The opposing player may then be assessed:
 - (i) a Match penalty, and game ejection, if he fights back or continues the altercation,
 - (ii) a minor penalty for roughing, or
 - (iii) no penalty at all, depending on the circumstances.

Note: If two players throw the first punch simultaneously, then both players will receive Match penalties and game ejection.

N. Game Misconduct Penalty with a Major Penalty:

1. A Game Misconduct assessed to a player for receiving a Major penalty as a result of a rule infraction, other than the Accidental High Stick Rule, shall automatically incur a one (1) game suspension, which shall be served during the next scheduled game.
2. Depending on the severity of the infraction, the offender may be subject to further disciplinary action. (See the List of Suspensions).

O. Abuse of Officials:

1. A Minor penalty shall be assessed to any player or team official who challenges or disputes the ruling of an official during the game or who displays unsportsmanlike conduct.
2. If the player persists, they shall be assessed a 10-minute Misconduct penalty and any further disputes will result in a Game Misconduct penalty being assessed to the offending player.
3. A Referee is not required to assess a Minor penalty under this rule before assessing a 10-minute Misconduct or Game Misconduct for the same reason, and may assess either penalty initially (Note: See Suspension List).
4. Players directing insults, abuse, threats of violence or harassment towards an Association Referee from the stands before or after they have played their own game may be asked to attend an Association Executive hearing. Disciplinary action may be invoked.

P. Gross Misconduct Penalties:

1. Any player or team official incurring a “Gross Misconduct Penalty” shall be ejected from the game. A substitute for the penalized player shall be permitted immediately.
2. Gross Misconduct Penalties shall be assessed where a player conducts themselves in such a manner as to make a travesty of the game.

Q. Center Line (Icing Calls/Off Sides):

1. Effectively the center red line does not exist for icing or passing.
2. Icing calls will be made only when the puck is shot the length of the ice from inside the blue line by the defending team.

LIST OF SUSPENSIONS

A - Minor Penalties:

1. Players who are assessed three (3) penalties in one game shall be assessed a Game Ejection with no further disciplinary action.
2. Repeat offenders in the same season may be assessed a game suspension for subsequent "Three Penalties in One Game" infractions.
3. The League Executive will take disciplinary action against players who repeatedly breaks the Three Penalty Rule.

B – 7 Minute Major Penalties: (Exception - Accidental High Stick)

- 1st Offence - Remainder of Game and Automatic 1 game. No appeal.
- 2nd Offence - Remainder of Game - Automatic 3 games. No appeal.
- 3rd Offence - Remainder of Game - Executive decision.

NOTE: Where injury results by the action causing the Major Penalty assessment, the Association Executive may consider additional disciplinary action.

- Example: - Violent body contact with intent based on referee's judgement.
- Deliberate physical contact after a whistle.
 - Contacting an opponent with a high stick incurring an injury.

Goalies Major Penalty:

1. If the goalie receives a Game Misconduct, a player from the ice must serve the seven minute Major Penalty and the team must continue play with six (6) skaters.
2. The game will continue immediately.
3. There will be no substitute goalie allowed during the subject game. (See "Major Penalties" for suspensions).

- Example: - Violent body contact with intent based on referee's judgement.
- Deliberate physical contact after a whistle.
 - Contacting an opponent with a high stick incurring an injury.

C. 10 Minute Misconduct:

1st Offense - Remainder of Game unless penalty is assessed in last 10 minutes in which case the player is suspended for the entire next scheduled game.

2nd Offense - Same as first offense plus reprimand from League Executive.

3rd Offense - Remainder of Game plus an automatic two (2) game suspension. Executive decision regarding potential further disciplinary action.

Two (2) 10-Minute Misconduct's in Same Game - Remainder of game plus automatic one (1) game suspension.

Examples: - Obscene, profane and abusive language or gestures.

- Persists in disputing or showing disrespect for the ruling of an official.
- Does not proceed immediately to the penalty box.

D. Game Misconduct:

1st Offense - Remainder of Game - Reprimand - Automatic 1 game - No appeal.

2nd Offense - Remainder of Game - Automatic 3 games - No appeal.

3rd Offense - Remainder of Game - Immediate Suspension - Executive decision.

Examples: - Severely checking from behind - A Match Penalty could be assessed.

- Player persists in actions as noted in C above.
- Recipient of Major, Match or Gross Misconduct penalties.

E. Game Misconduct: - Abuse of Officials

1st Offense - Remainder of Game - Automatic 3 games - No appeal.

2nd Offense - Remainder of Game - Automatic 5 games - Appear at League Executive meeting for "Show Cause" hearing.

Examples: - After 10 minute Misconduct - Persists in actions as noted in C above.

- Threatens the Referee.

F. Gross Misconduct:

1st Offense - Remainder of Game - Automatic 3 games - No appeal.

2nd Offense - Indefinite suspension pending League Executive decision.

Examples: - Where a player conducts themselves in such a manner as to make a travesty of the game.
- Physical abuse toward officials, spectators, players, etc.
- Extreme intolerable obscenity or gestures.
- Throwing sticks or other equipment at officials, spectators or players without regard to potential injury or harm.
- Physically attacking other players in the penalty box or players' bench.

G. Match Penalty: (not involving Referee)

1st Offense - Remainder of Game - Automatic 3 games - No appeal.

2nd Offense - Remainder of Game - Automatic 5 games - No appeal.

3rd Offense - Immediate Suspension - minimum 1 year

Examples: - Fighting.

- Attempt to injure or deliberate injury.
- Head butting, kicking, hair pulling.
- Butt-Ending an opponent.
- Deliberate spear.

H. Match Penalty: (involving Referee)

1st Offense - Remainder of Game - Automatic 5 games - No appeal.

2nd Offense - Immediate Suspension - Minimum 1 year.

Examples: - Similar to above but involving a referee.

- Physical abuse towards a referee - tripping, striking, body checking, spitting, etc.

Note: Multiple Penalties assessed to individual players will result in cumulative suspensions. The Association Executive will be the final authority in assessment of said suspensions.

Examples noted above are for clarification or illustration only.

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RULES AND DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

Suspensions and Hearings

1. The Rules and Discipline Committee will consist one of the Association Executive together with 4 Team Representatives chosen randomly (not including teams involved in dispute) by the Association Executive.
2. The accused/offending player may immediately be placed on an indefinite suspension pending a hearing/meeting. The meeting will be scheduled as soon as possible after the incident (usually within one week).
3. All notices of meetings, hearings and/or suspensions must be forwarded to the accused/offending player in writing.
4. When the Rules and Discipline Committee conducts a meeting with reference to an incident, the following individuals will be notified and be required to attend:
 - The accused/offending player.
 - The abused player, if possible and applicable.
 - Witnesses to the incident.

NOTE: The Rules and Discipline Committee will not refuse anyone wishing to attend, provided they are members of the League or Referees, however they will not be entitled to vote.

5. After hearing all evidence the Rules and Discipline Committee will meet in private to render a decision.
6. The accused/offender, his Team Director(s) and the Association President will be notified in writing of the Rules and Discipline Committee's decision.
7. An applied suspension with reference to an incident must be dated.

Example:

1. Player _____ shall be suspended from North of Fifty Hockey Association League play until April 15, 20XX.
2. Player _____ shall be suspended from the North of Fifty Hockey Association for two (2) years and may return to play on April 15, 20XX.
8. All suspensions shall be recorded and retained within a specified section of the N50HA Minute Book. The Rules and Discipline Committee shall record:
 - i) A summary of the hearing.
 - ii) The decisions and recommendations of the Rules and Discipline Committee for making such a decision.
9. There will be no appeal process because North of 50 Association is for recreational hockey only whereby individual statistics and team standings are not kept and there are no playoffs involved.

REGULATIONS OF OFFICE

A. DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND POWERS OF THE LEAGUE EXECUTIVE

1. The President (Elected)

- a) Elected by the General Membership at a Spring General Meeting.
- b) The President-Elect, by appointment, will assume the duties of the President upon completion of the current President's term of office.
- c) The President shall preside at all General Meetings, all meetings of the Association Executive and any Committee meeting chaired by him from time to time.
- d) The President shall generally perform the duties usual to the office of President and may, at his discretion, order the calling of a meeting of the Association Executive or any other Committee(s) chaired by him.
- e) The President shall exercise general supervision and direction over the affairs of the Association Executive and direct the efforts of the Association Executive towards the achievement of its Articles and enforcement of its Rules and Regulations.
- f) The President shall be an Ex-Officio member of all sub-committees and shall receive notice of all Committee Meetings.
- g) The President shall call Special Meetings for a particular issue or incident when requested to do so in writing by at least 50% of the Team Directors. Such meetings shall be called within one week of the written request.
- h) The President shall be responsible for the co-ordination of all aspects of the operation of the League and for the implementation and enforcement of all Articles, Rules or Regulations, which the Association Executive deems necessary to enact from time to time.
- i) The President shall have power to suspend summarily, any player for any breach or violation of any of the provisions of the Constitution, the Rules and Regulations, or of any decision or ruling of the Association Executive, or for verbal or physical abuse toward any of the Officials, provided that the President is satisfied that such player has committed such breach or violation. Such suspension will be automatically and continuously effective until dealt with by the Association Executive, which must deal with such suspension within one week of receipt of any complaint or game report, by the Secretary.

- j) The President shall have the power to impose such suspension in respect of any matter or incident which may occur at any time in a scheduled league game.
- k) The President shall appoint all Committee Chairpersons as required and such appointments shall be confirmed at the next meeting of the N50HA Executive.
- l) The President shall appoint a League Secretary and a Treasurer or a Secretary-Treasurer who must meet with the approval of the Association Executive and shall be confirmed at the next meeting.
- m) The President shall vote only in the event of a tie and he shall cast the deciding vote.
- n) Term of Office – No specific term however, two (2) years would be expected minimum.

2. The Vice-President/President-Elect (Elected)

- a) Elected by the General Membership at a Spring General Meeting.
- b) The Vice-President/President-Elect shall act as President during the President's absence.
- c) The Vice-President/President-Elect will be appointed President by the Association Executive once the current President has fulfilled his term of office.
- d) Term of Office – No specific term however, two (2) years would be expected minimum.

3. The Immediate Past President (Ex-Officio)

- a) An Ex-Officio member of the Association Executive for one year.
- b) The Immediate Past President has full voting privileges.

4. The Secretary (Elected)

- a) Elected by the General Membership at a Spring General Meeting.
- b) The Secretary shall act as President during the absence of the President and Vice-President/President-Elect.
- c) The Secretary shall be responsible for preparing meeting agendas, keeping minutes of all Association meetings, arranging for local newspaper coverage, other publicity and business arrangements on behalf of the Association Executive, and the conduct of all correspondence on behalf of the League.
- d) The Secretary shall ensure that all approved amendments to the N50HA Articles, Rules and Regulations are appropriately recorded and inserted into constitution.
- e) Term of Office – No specific term however, two (2) years would be expected minimum.

5. The Treasurer (Elected)

- a) Elected by the General Membership at a Spring General Meeting.
- b) The Treasurer shall open an account in a recognized financial institute for the Association, shall be responsible for the receiving, safe custody and accounting of all monies and the disbursement of monies as directed by the Association Executive.
- c) The Treasurer shall ensure that all cheques are issued as directed by the Association Executive and bear the necessary signatures.
- d) The Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all business of the League including bank reconciliation's and shall prepare a detailed operating budget and a statement annually or interim statements as directed by the Association Executive.
- e) Term of Office – No specific term however, two (2) years would be expected minimum.

Note: The President may, at his discretion have elected, a Secretary/Treasurer with combined duties and responsibilities as outlined in items 4 and 5.

6. Team Directors (2 Assigned For Each Team)

- a) Team Directors shall be appointed/approved from a slate of nominees put forward from each team.
- b) Team Directors will attend Rules and Discipline Committee meetings when requested to do so.
- c) Team Directors will attend all Association Executive and other Committee meetings at the call of the President or his appointee.
- d) Team Directors will act as a liaison between the Association Executive and their team and will keep their teams reasonably and properly informed.
- e) Team Directors will communicate directives from the Association Executive pertaining to team and player conduct within the rink before, during or after games, on or off the ice.
- f) Team Directors will enforce the provisions of the Articles, Rules and Regulations of the N50HA.
- g) Team Directors may serve as many as three 2 year terms to a maximum of 6 years.

NOTE:

ALL EXECUTIVE POSITIONS, INCLUDING TEAM DIRECTORS MAY BE SUBJECT TO A VOTE OF IMPEACHMENT SHOULD A QUORUM OF EXISTING EXECUTIVES FEEL IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE ASSOCIATION.

B. ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

1. The Secretary or Secretary/Treasurer, as the case may be, will be responsible to consult with the President and prepare a proper Agenda for all meetings. Agendas should be supplied to attendees in advance of the meeting whenever possible (i.e. by Email).
2. Order of Business for the Agenda shall be:
 1. Call to Order
 2. Confirm Quorum is Present
 3. Adopt Agenda
 4. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting
 5. Business Arising from the Minutes (unfinished Business)
 6. President's Report
 7. Secretary - Treasurer's Report (approve accounts)
 8. Team Directors Reports (where applicable)
 9. Correspondence
 10. New Business (list items)
 11. Other Business (minor housekeeping items)
 12. Election of Officers (if Annual General Meeting)
 13. Special Items (if applicable)
 14. Adjournment
 15. Date of Next Meeting (if known) or at the Call of the Chair.
3. **Spring Annual Meeting** - the N50HA shall conduct a Spring Annual Meeting by the end of month of June subsequent to the conclusion of the hockey season. (See Article VIII). This meeting shall also include advising any representatives from new teams that application must be in hands of Association Executive no later than June 30, following the Spring General Meeting.
4. **Annual General Meeting** – an Annual General Meeting of the N50HA held in the month of August in order to carry out normal Association business and confirm upcoming season schedule.

5. **Association Executive Meetings** – There will be three (3) scheduled Association Executive meetings in addition to annual meetings. These meetings will be held in the evening at a time and place to be determined or at the call of the President. All members of the Association Executive will receive appropriate notice. Meetings are not usually held during June and July.
6. **Special Meetings** - All meetings other than the Spring Annual Meeting, Annual General Meeting and the three scheduled Executive Meetings shall be called Special Meetings. Special Meeting requests will be granted upon written notice from at least 50% of the Team Directors to the President. Such meetings will be called within one week of the written request.
7. **Call of Meetings** - at least twenty (20) days before every General Meeting, notice thereof specifying the place, the day, and the hour of the meeting, and in the case of special business, the general nature of such business, shall be given to the Members. The accidental omission to give such notice to or the non-receipt of such notice by any Member shall not invalidate the proceedings at any Meeting.
8. **Deciding Votes** - Every Team Director present at a meeting shall have one vote and all votes shall be given personally (in other words two votes per team). In case of a tie of votes at any General Meeting, whether upon a show of hands or at a poll, the President shall be entitled to a casting vote. In case of any dispute as to the admission or rejection of any vote, the President shall determine the same, and such determination made in good faith shall be final and conclusive. All Team Directors (up to two per team) present at meetings shall be entitled to vote unless the Member has a conflict of interest, or is not a Member in good standing.
9. **Rules of Order** - The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the N50HA in all cases in which they are applicable.
10. **Meeting Chairpersons** - The President, or in his absence, the Vice-President/President-Elect or Secretary shall chair the Meetings. If neither the President nor the Vice-President or Secretary is present at the time of holding a Meeting, or if they are not present within 30 minutes from the time appointed for the meeting, the Members present shall choose one of their Members to be the Chairman for such meeting.

11. **Voting** - At every Meeting, every question shall be decided by a simple majority of the votes, in the first instance by a show of hands, unless before the show of hands a secret ballot is demanded by at least two (2) Association Members personally present. A declaration by the President that a resolution has been carried or carried by a particular majority, or lost, shall be conclusive evidence thereof, without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour or against any such resolution. If a poll is demanded, it shall be taken at such time and place and in such a manner as the President may direct, and the result of such poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the Meeting at which the poll was demanded. A demand for a poll may be withdrawn.

All voting at elections; which will be held during the Spring General Meeting, shall be by secret ballot and ballots shall be counted by at least two scrutinizers appointed by the President or Chairman of the meeting.

Voting by proxy shall not be permitted at any General Meeting. Voting by proxy will only be permitted at Association Executive Meetings where a Team Director is not able to attend the meeting and sends a substitute to act on his behalf.

D. ELECTION PROCESS

1. **Nominating Committee:** At least 30 days prior to the Spring General Meeting, the President and the Secretary will select at least two or more other members of the Association Executive to join with them to form a Nominating Committee. The President shall act as Chairman.

The Nominating Committee will identify vacancies for the Team Director category and the Vice-President/President-Elect position if applicable and the following procedures will take place.

2. **Team Directors – Appointed by Each Team:** Once vacancies are determined, the Executive shall put the call to the team to solicit individuals to fill the position.

Voting by proxy shall not be permitted at General Meetings.

3. **Election of the Vice-President/President-Elect:** When applicable, the Nominating Committee will call for eligible nominations for Vice-President/President-Elect or seek out individuals willing to be considered for the position.

Players wishing to let their name stand for election to this position may submit their name in writing to the President prior to the Spring General Meetings.

Consent is to be provided by all candidates acknowledging their willingness to stand for this office.

The President will call for further nominations from the floor at the Spring General Meeting. Should there be more than one candidate for this office; a vote by secret ballot will take place.

The Vice-President/President-Elect position shall be filled by the candidate receiving the most number of votes and will be declared elected as stated in section titled Regulations of Office.

The incoming President shall be the prior Vice-President/President-Elect and shall be appointed by the Association Executive to hold to hold term of office as stated in the section titled Regulations of Office.

In the event of a tie vote for the position of Vice-President/President-Elect, a second vote will be taken. If a tie still exists, then Roberts Rules of Order will be used to break the tie.

Note: See also Duties, Responsibilities and Powers of the Association Executive under Regulations.

E. Annual Registration

1. The annual registration fee of \$50 per team to play in the N50HA has been established by the League and is payable at the time of the Annual Meeting.
2. Registration and initiation fees for new teams will be \$100 non-refundable. These fees will cover costs normally associated with League operations and first year registration and approved by the Association Executive.

F. THE TEAMS

1. Age Requirement

Players must be fifty (50) years old at some point of current playing season. Only exemption is for that of goaltenders whose age must be 45 years at during the current playing season. Each team is to annually provide Team Roster at the Annual Meeting and teams may be required to provide proof of age.

2. Attendance at League Meetings

Should both of the two Team Directors be unable to attend a meeting, they will appoint another member of their team as a substitute to attend the meeting with full voting privileges by way of proxy.

3. Player Conduct

Players must not play hockey under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Smoking and alcohol consumption is not permitted within the stands or ice surface area as per City/County regulations. The various Parks and Recreation Boards monitor this regulation closely, and in the past have requested assistance from the RCMP and Edmonton Police Service.

Players abusing this regulation may be requested to attend an Association Executive Meeting and may receive suspensions of one or more games. Habitual offenders will be expelled from the N50HA.

G. GAMES

1. All scheduled games are considered exhibition games. Consequently no league statistics will be kept by the Association. All scheduled games will take place at the time and place stated in the official Association Schedule, which will be provided by the Team Director to all players at the season's opening game.

The official schedule will be approved by the Association Executive and is not normally changeable.

2. Teams must not be late and must be prepared to start all games on time.
3. Each game will consist of three twenty-five (25) minute periods of straight (running) time.

4. The League Executive reserves the right to alter the League Schedule due to unforeseen circumstances. In such cases the League Executive would serve appropriate and timely notice of any change to the players by way of their Team Directors.

H. REFEREES

1. The one (1) referee system will be used in all Association games. Others may participate as referees or linesmen if both teams agree.
2. The **Home Team** will be responsible for providing and paying competent referees for all Association games.

I. INCIDENTS

1. A team may protest a violation of the N50HA Rules and Regulations to the President or the Association Executive.
2. All protests must be presented in writing (i.e. by email) by the Team Director(s) to the Association Executive within 48 hours from the occurrence.
3. Verbal protests will be acceptable and will be acted upon only after the Association Executive has had time to review the incident.
4. Individual player concerns must first be presented to the player's specific Team Director unless the concern or complaint involves the Team Director, then they may contact the President directly.
5. A Special Meeting (including conference calls or email communications) of the Association Executive or the Rules & Discipline Committee will be held within seven (7) days of receipt of the written protest or complaint to address the concern and provide a response.

K. BUDGET AND FINANCES

1. It is critical to the well-being and future success of the N50HA that certain financial standards are instituted and maintained.
2. The Association Executive is given a mandate to carry out all responsibilities pertaining to the financial affairs of the N50HA keeping in mind that they are acting on a trust basis on behalf of the entire Association membership
3. The fiscal year for the N50HA shall operate from July 1st to June 30th.

4. Prior to the Annual General Meeting held in August of each year, the President, Vice-President/President-Elect, Immediate Past President, Secretary and Treasurer will meet to draft a proposed budget for the forthcoming season. The proposed budget will be put forward to the entire Association Executive and General Membership for ratification at the Annual General Meeting.
5. All income and expenses will be evaluated, factored and presented on a budget analysis worksheet.
6. The philosophy of the Association is one of self-sufficiency and to operate on a not-for-profit, break-even basis.
7. Policies pertaining to such items as allowable expenses and cheque signing authority will be put in place.
8. Subsequent to the completion of the Association schedule, the Treasurer will complete a year-end financial statement or profit and loss statement for the fiscal year which will be distributed at the Annual General Meeting in August.

NORTH OF 50 HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE CODE OF CONDUCT

As a volunteer Member of the Association Executive of the North of 50 Hockey Association, I agree to:

1. make decisions for the ultimate good of the game, the Association, and the participants;
2. help create an atmosphere where there is a high level of co-operation and trust;
3. put my personal differences aside so that I can work with others toward a common goal knowing that each person must support the group consensus;
4. respect the dignity of others and ensure that I constructively address the issues presented and not criticize the person presenting them. Personal attacks are unacceptable and I will deal only with the issue and not the personality or individual.
5. be knowledgeable, well organized and research facts, as well as listen to each and every person before making a decision;
6. carry out the duties assigned to me to the best of my abilities, with the experienced helping the inexperienced. I will ensure that all tasks are clearly understood, accepted and completed;
7. make every effort to attend regular scheduled meetings as well as any other meetings required to perform my duties. If I am unable to attend, I will notify the President, Vice-President or Secretary in advance of the meeting, so that an alternate may attend on my behalf.

DIRECTORS OATH OF CONFIDENTIALITY

As a volunteer Member of the Association Executive of North of 50 Hockey League, I understand that I may become aware of confidential or personal information relating to participants that should not be repeated outside our Association.

I, the undersigned, agree and respect that the information I am privy to during the course of my duties is considered confidential and must remain so.

Dated this _____ day of _____, in the year _____.

Signature: _____

Name (Printed): _____

Position: _____

Witness: _____

Witness (Printed): _____

INJURY DISCLAIMER AGREEMENT

I, _____ (PRINT NAME) am aware of the danger of bodily injury that may occur due to playing the game of ice hockey.

I am also aware that as a player participating in the North of 50 Hockey Association, I may not be included in any Insurance Program made available to the Association players. The North of 50 Hockey Association is solely a governing body and is not compelled or obligated to provide an insurance program of any kind for the players or participants.

I am aware that injuries to my head, face, teeth or dental work may result from playing the game of ice hockey, and that they may occur due to the improper play of an individual or team, that is in contravention of the rules of ice hockey as they are applied by the North of 50 Hockey Association

I am aware that injuries to other parts of my body may result from playing the game of ice hockey, and that they may occur due to the improper play of an individual or team that is in contravention of the rules of ice hockey as they are applied by the North of 50 Hockey Association

I acknowledge that any of the above mentioned injuries may result in a debilitating injury or in an injury that may result in a non-recoverable facial or other external laceration that may not heal to pre-injury condition and may cause permanent disfiguration.

I acknowledge being advised, by the North of 50 Hockey Association, that I must wear CSA approved equipment.

In the event of personal injury to me while playing the game of ice hockey organized by the North of 50 Hockey Association, I hereby disclaim from responsibility, the North of 50 Hockey Association, Association Directors and/or Officers, the on ice officials and other Association player(s) that may or may not be involved in the injury to myself.

Signed this _____ day of _____, in the year, _____ at _____, Alberta.

TEAM NAME: _____

TEAM DIRECTOR NAME: _____

PLAYER'S NAME (PRINTED) _____

PLAYER'S SIGNATURE _____

LIST OF EXECUTIVE MEMBERS 2012/2013

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Past President			
Past Secretary /Treasurer	Ray Foster	(780) 460-1722	(780) 233-7645