

OSHAWA GIRLS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

WHEREAS the Oshawa Girls Hockey Association is a voluntary Association of Members and individuals designed to promote and foster female hockey within Oshawa;

AND WHEREAS Members and individuals participating in the activities and games sponsored by the Oshawa Girls Hockey Association have confidence in the judgment of the Board of Directors of the Oshawa Girls Hockey Association;

AND WHEREAS it is declared that one of the purposes of this Constitution, and the Association's By-Laws, and Rules and Regulations will be to confer upon the Oshawa Girl's Hockey Association and its Board of Directors all of the powers of a fully self-governing organization;

NOW THEREFORE be it enacted:

GENERAL INFORMATION

Article 1.0 Name:

The name of this organization shall be Oshawa Girls Hockey Association, herein after referred to as OGHA and/or the "Association" and/or the "Corporation".

Article 2.0 Corporate:

- 2.1. The OGHA is a corporation without share capital, registered under the Ontario Corporations Act as a not-for-profit organization.
- 2.2. The head office of the OGHA will be that of the President, Treasurer or the Secretary of the OGHA.

Article 3.0 Logo:

The official logo of the OGHA will be the "Oshawa Lady Generals" and is the same logo as the Oshawa Generals Hockey Club or such a logo as created by the Oshawa Generals Hockey Club for use by the OGHA. The logo may only be used for such purposes and in such manner, and may only be reproduced in such materials and colours as may be approved in writing by the Executive of the OGHA and the Oshawa Generals Hockey Club. The Oshawa Generals Hockey Club shall retain the rights to the OGHA logo.

- 3.1. Proposals to change the OGHA logo must be presented as a Motion for vote at an Annual General Meeting.
- 3.2. Any approved Logo change is to be implemented and completed across all divisions of the OGHA within a period of no longer than 2 years.

GOVERNING BODY:

Article 4.0 Affiliations:

The OGHA is a Member of the Ontario Women's Hockey Association, herein after the OWHA, the Ontario Hockey Federation, and Hockey Canada.

OBJECTIVES:

Article 5.0 Corporate Objectives:

- 5.1. The OGHA shall endeavour to operate on an annual basis with a balanced budget. Any excess revenues less expenditures (net Profit) shall be retained in the corporation as retained earnings. Any deficit of revenue less expenditures (net loss) shall be balanced using funds from retained earnings.
- 5.2. Retained Earnings in the corporation shall not exceed \$100,000 without approval and resolution of the membership at any Annual General Meeting.
- 5.3. The corporation shall not be sold to any interest, whether corporate or individual, and shall remain in existence as a "not-for-profit" corporation for the benefit of all existing and future members.
- 5.4. To promote the ideals of good sportsmanship and fair play in all Players, Coaches, Members and Spectators as well as fostering life skills through a well regulated amateur hockey program;
- 5.5. To promote the participation of females in all aspects of hockey;
- 5.6. To promote both the development of House League and Competitive hockey programs where the need of such a program exists;
- 5.7. To work in accordance with the OWHA, Ontario Hockey Federation and Hockey Canada.
- 5.8. Arranging matches and competitions;
- 5.9. Establishing and granting prizes, awards, sponsorships and distinctions;
- 5.10. Donate funds to Members with a demonstrated need to enable them to participate in either House League or Competitive OGHA hockey programs.

Article 6.0 Constitutional Amendment

- 23.1. Notice of any proposed alteration or amendment must be submitted to the Secretary of the OGHA, in writing, at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual General Meeting, with the exception of special circumstances.

- 23.2. No amendment or alteration shall be made to any part of this Constitution except at an Annual General Meeting and only provided that the General Membership receives thirty (30) days' notice of the proposed amendments, with the exception of special circumstances.
- 23.3. All amendments or alterations must receive a two-thirds majority of all votes cast.

Article 7.0 Dissolution

- 24.1. Upon the dissolution of the Oshawa Girls Hockey Association and after the payment of all debts and liabilities, its remaining property shall be distributed or disposed of to non-profit organizations with similar objectives beneficial to the Oshawa community.
- 24.2. Upon dissolution of the Oshawa Girls Hockey Association, the organization's assets and property held or acquired from the proceeds of licensed lottery events (i.e. lottery trust accounts or property purchased with lottery proceeds) will be distributed to charitable organizations that are eligible to receive lottery proceeds in Ontario.