



BC Hockey Board of Directors INFORMATION PACKAGE

BC Hockey

BC Hockey is a non-profit organization and member branch of Hockey Canada in charge of governing amateur hockey at all levels in British Columbia and Yukon Territory. Approximately 150 minor hockey associations as well as Junior and senior teams and leagues make up the 55,000 players, 4,500 referees, 20,000 official volunteers and countless others that make our great game possible.

Background

In 2015 the Board of Directors of BC Hockey changed from an operational board to a policy governance board. This change resulted in a change in the number and duties of the Directors. This change also resulted in a Board that provides the vision and the policies for the organization to carry out its operations. With this approach, the Board concentrates on the policy framework, creating, sustaining and fulfilling a vision for BC Hockey as well as clearly defining, and delegating operations to the Chief Executive Officer and staff, both volunteer and paid, to perform.

Composition

The Board of Directors is composed of the Board Chair, eight Directors and the CEO (non-voting). All of these positions except the CEO are elected positions.

Length of Term

A Director shall serve either a one (1) or a two (2) year term (reference bylaw 532). The term shall commence at the end of the Annual General Meeting at which the Director was elected, and terminate at the end of the Annual General Meeting occurring approximately one (1) or two (2) years later. No Director whose term is expiring may run for re-election at an Annual General Meeting if that Director has already served on the Board for at least eight (8) consecutive years on or before the commencement date of that Annual General Meeting. Any such Director shall not be eligible to stand for election to the Board, other than for the position of Chair, for a period of two (2) consecutive years thereafter. No individual may serve more than two (2) consecutive two (2) year terms as Chair of the Board.

Qualifications

To be eligible for nomination as a BC Hockey Director, a person must not be:





- a) under the age of 18 years,
 - b) found by any court, in Canada or elsewhere, to be incapable of managing the individuals own affairs,
 - c) an undischarged bankrupt, or
 - d) convicted in or outside of British Columbia of an offence in connection with the promotion, formation or management of a corporation or unincorporated entity, or of an offence involving fraud, unless
 - i. the court orders otherwise,
 - ii. five years have elapsed since the last to occur of 2015-2016
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- 1. the expiration of the period set for suspension of the passing of sentence without a sentence having been passed,
 - 2. full payment of any fine imposed,
 - 3. the conclusion of the term of any imprisonment, and
 - 4. the conclusion of the term of any probation imposed, or
 - iii. a pardon was granted or issued or a record suspension was ordered under the Criminal Records Act (Canada) and the pardon or record suspension, as the case may be, has not been revoked or ceased to have effect.

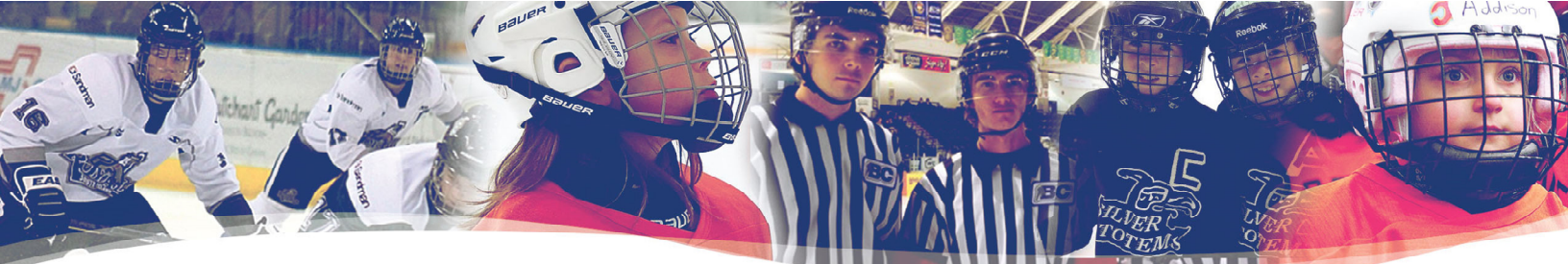
Duties and Responsibilities of the Board

(<http://www.bchockey.net/Files/02%20BC%20Hockey%20Handbook%202014-2015%20Final%20-%20Section%20Two%20-%20By-Laws.pdf>)

The Board shall govern the affairs of the Society in accordance with the provisions of the Society's Constitution, Bylaws, Regulations, Playing Rules, and Policies.

In addition to any other powers which are conferred upon the Board by law or these Bylaws, the Board shall have the power to:

- a) Establish terms of reference and operating procedures for Members, the Board, Standing Committees, Divisional Committees and Task Groups, Work Groups and Program Committees and Delivery Groups and to review and revise such terms of reference and operating procedures, as warranted.
- b) Establish, adopt, review, and amend Policies.
- c) Make proposals for new Bylaws and Regulations or to amend, or repeal existing Bylaws, and Regulations.
- d) Settle all questions not provided for in the Society's Bylaws, Regulations or Policies.
- e) Overrule any decision, of any Member, that is inconsistent with any decision by the Board or the Bylaws, Regulations, Policies and Playing Rules of the Society, including any decision by a Member which makes a provincial or national ruling less restrictive
- f) Formulate and monitor the implementation of the strategic plan of the Society.
- g) Approve the annual operating plan as prepared by the Chief Executive Officer.
- h) Appoint and dismiss the Chairs of the Nominating and Appeal Committees.



- i) Appoint and dismiss members of the Standing Committees and Program Committees.
- j) Appoint and dismiss the Chief Executive Officer of the Society, approve the Chief Executive Officer's compensation, and conduct an annual performance review.
- k) Enter agreements from time to time with Hockey Canada, other Branches, or any other organization regarding matters of mutual interest that are consistent with the Society's objectives.
- l) Establish policies for entering into and approving contracts.
- m) Set direction for championship competitions of the Society and for exhibition and all-star games for member leagues, above minor and District Associations.
- n) Grant or refuse all new membership applications, team relocations, and category reclassification, as presented by a report of the Chief Executive Officer.
- o) Approve the geographic boundaries of Districts.
- p) Approve the annual budget of the Society and approve adjustments thereto.
- q) Present any changes to the annual membership fees and other fees and assessments to the Members for approval.
- r) Add to any Reserve Funds of the Society.
- s) Recommend to the Members, at the Annual General Meeting, the appointment of an independent auditor.

Meetings

The Board of Directors meets in person a minimum of four (4) times per year and via telephone or video conference as required.

Organizational Statements

BC Hockey Vision Statement: "The premier Sport Organization"

BC Hockey Mission Statement: "Lead Develop and Promote Lifelong Hockey Experiences"

Strategic Positioning Statement: "BC Hockey facilitates exceptional opportunities for Canada's national winter sport in BC and the Yukon"

Core Values: Safety, Enjoyment, Sportsmanship, Respect, Integrity, Inclusivity, Transparency, Cohesion, Innovation

BC Hockey Focus Items

1. Promotion
 - Promote Sport of Hockey
 - Promote BC Hockey
 - Increase Internet Presence
2. Recruitment
 - Increase Volunteer Pool
 - Enhance Methods for Recruitment of Volunteers
 - Attract Participants



3. Relationships

- Advance Internal Relationships (Members, Hockey Canada)
- Advance External Relationships
- Align Systems with Internal/External Partners

4. Administration

- Provide Administrative Support to Members
- Advance Administration at the Branch Board Level
- Establish Effective Governance Structure

5. Finance

- Maintain Accountability to Membership and Partners
- Develop Revenue Streams
- Maintain Long-Term Financial Plan

6. Regulation

- Maintain Constitution, By-Laws, Regulations and Policies
- Organize and Deliver Certification Programs

7. Competition

- Provide Competitive Opportunities
- Stage High Caliber Championship Events
- Ensure Relevancy of Competitions Offered

8. Development of Participants

- Implement /Promote Long Term Development Models
- Assist Member Organizations with LTDM Implementation
- Provide Standard Educational Tools and Opportunities

9. Identification of Excellence

- Deliver High Performance Programs
- Recognize Outstanding Contributions to the Game
- Advance Relationships with HP Program Alumni

10. Safety of Participants

- Foster Sportsmanship
- Manage Risk