

Lawfield Minor Hockey Association Inc.

By-Law #1: Mission

Approved: October 23, 2024

Amended and Restated By-law #1

A By-law relating to the mission and principles of **Lawfield Minor Hockey Association** (the "Corporation").

Be it enacted as a By-law of the Corporation as follows:

Preamble

The Mission sets out the guiding principles of the Lawfield Minor Hockey Association Inc. The Mission can only be amended at the LMHA Inc. annual GENERAL or Special membership meeting.

Article 1: Conduct and Code of Ethics

- Committee members having a possible conflict of interest on any matter in hand shall make that matter known to the Committee. If a conflict is deemed to exist the Committee member shall abstain from voting on the issue in conflict.
- It shall be the responsibility and duty of each and every member of the Association to abide by the Code of Ethics established by the Association.
- All violations of the Code of Ethics, by any member of the Association shall be reviewed by the Discipline Committee and will be subject to the dismissal or disciplinary action of the Committee, or in their stead by the Board of Directors.
- All members of the Association shall conduct themselves at all times in such a manner as to further the best interests of the Association.
- A member of this Association shall not knowingly refuse to follow any Bylaw or Rule of the Association, or other governing bodies or face disciplinary action or dismissal.
- All members of the Association shall not cause willful damage to any Association property, or to the property of private members.
- No Coach, Assistant Coach, Trainer, Manager, On Ice Helper, or player shall be on the ice, present on the bench, or in the dressing room while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- No member of the Association shall engage in a controversial manner with League or game Officials, with other members of the LMHA, or with representatives from other Associations or face dismissal / disciplinary action.

Article 2: Guiding Principles

The Association will be known as the LAWFIELD MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC (L.M.H.A. INC) and its main and foremost guiding principle will be to foster, encourage and develop recreational and Select hockey within the Constitution and By-Laws of the Hamilton Minor Hockey Council, RHL's and L.M.H.A. Inc. The Association will operate from the Lawfield Arena located at 150 Folkestone Ave , Hamilton, Ontario, and is an incorporated entity for players eligible by rule or governing body approval.

These divisions shall be known as:

U9: 7 AND 8 YEARS OLD

U11: 9 AND 10 YEARS OLD

U13: 11 AND 12 YEARS OLD

U15: 13 AND 14 YEARS OLD

U18: 15, 16 AND 17 YEARS OLD

SELECT: AGES AS PER HMHC

Article 3: Mandate

The mandate of the Association will be as follows:

- To promote, encourage and govern the greatest number
- To protect the mutual interests of the other members and players
- To ensure competitions for championships, i.e. Super Saturday, City Play downs, Alliance Championships.
- To be the approving body for any house League Tournaments run or entered into by any L.M.H.A. Inc House League / Select Teams
- To provide assistance to the member players where needed.

Article 4: Aims and Objectives

The Aims and Objectives of the Association are as follows:

- TO TEACH THE PLAYERS THE DESIRABLE IDEALS AS FOLLOWS
 - Fair play at all times, to win honestly and receive defeat as a GOOD SPORT, to give credit where credit is due, not to dispute the referee's decision, to give opponents a fair chance and not to take unfair advantage of any opponent
 - Above all, discipline and good sportsmanship, sports for sports' sake and for the greatest number
- To provide competitive and recreational hockey for children in the age groups as recognized by the Divisional names of U9, U11, U13, U15 and U18
- To encourage high standards.
- To provide an economical and worthwhile leisure-time pursuit.
- To represent the game and our city with pride.
- To demonstrate loyalty to our players, sponsors, supporters and other members of the Lawfield community.

In order to do this, coaches agree to

- Abide by the Association rules and, to the best of his/her abilities, teach hockey skills, and develop all the players to their potential, and to have the team practice and play their games in a sportsman-like way.
- recognize that they are the conduits through which the values and goals of a sport organization are channeled; how an athlete regards his/her sport is often dependent on the integrity and behavior of their coach(es).
- demonstrate loyalty to their players, sponsors, supporters and other members of the Lawfield community.