

# NORTHERN RHODE ISLAND VIKINGS JUNIOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

## CONSTITUTION

### I. NAME:

This association shall be known as the Northern Rhode Island Vikings Junior Hockey Association, Inc., and is incorporated as a non-profit organization under the laws of the State of Rhode Island.

### II. PURPOSE:

The Northern Rhode Island Vikings Junior Hockey Association, Inc. serves as a non-profit youth hockey association whose function is to familiarize the youth of our member communities with the fundamental individual and team skills required to play the game of ice hockey. The atmosphere shall be one that stresses respect, sportsmanship, fair play, and integrity. The emphasis will be on enjoyment, positive instruction, and cooperativeness.

### III. POLICIES:

The Northern Rhode Island Vikings Junior Hockey Association, Inc. shall be noncommercial, nonsectarian, and nonpartisan. It shall not endorse a commercial enterprise or a candidate. The name of the association or names of the members in their official capacities shall not be used in any manner.

### IV. MEMBERSHIP:

Section One: The membership of the Northern Rhode Island Vikings Junior Hockey Association, Inc. shall consist of the Board of Directors, the Officers, and the Head Coaches of the All Star and House League Teams.

Section Two: Any parent or guardian, upon registration of his/her child in the Northern Rhode Island Vikings Junior Hockey Association, Inc. may become a voting member by the completion of the association's registration forms, payment of tuition, and the payment of a \$5.00 annual fee. A voting member's membership year is in effect from registration to the close of the annual meeting in May.

Section Three: A voting member's status entitles the member to vote on any matter brought up at an Open Meeting as long as it does not involve the expenditure of association funds, selection of coaches, or selection of players for the All Star or House League teams. Only the Board of Directors may vote on matters that require the expenditure of association funds, selection of coaches, or the selection of players for the All Star and House League teams.

Section Four: Members are committed to uphold the Constitution, By-Laws and the policies of the association. In addition, members are expected to submit payment of tuition according to the schedule published prior to the hockey season. Failure to adhere to the association's Constitution, By-Laws, policies and the payment schedule could result in a loss of all rights and privileges to play, coach or actively participate.

V. GOVERNMENT:

The Northern Rhode Island Vikings Junior Hockey Association, Inc. shall be governed by its Board of Directors. The Officers of the Board of Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting in May. The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer are elected at this annual meeting for a period of one (1) year.

The remaining members of the Board of Directors shall consist of the Scheduler, House League Coordinator, Registrar, Tournament Director, Coach's Liaison(s), Equipment Manager, Parent/Team Coordinator, Instructional Coordinator, and League Advisor(s). These Board members shall be appointed by the President elect.

VI. DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

A. PRESIDENT:

The President shall preside at all meetings and have general charge of and control over the affairs of the association subject to decisions voted by the Board of Directors. He shall annually appoint the non-elected members of the Board of Directors.

B. VICE-PRESIDENT:

The Vice-President shall assist the President in the discharge of his duties, and in the absence of the President, act in his behalf, and have such other duties as the Board may designate.

C. SECRETARY:

The Secretary shall notify the members of all regular and special meetings. He/She shall receive, answer, and maintain an up to date file of all correspondence pertaining to the association. The Secretary shall record minutes of all meetings, prepare and distribute in summary, all pertinent information of the last meeting.

D. TREASURER:

The Treasurer shall keep account of all funds of the association received or distributed and shall deposit all funds in the assigned account. The Treasurer shall present a written report to the Board of Directors monthly as to the status of accounts. The Treasurer will also publish a yearly report of total income and disbursements at the annual meeting in May. Upon completion of his/her term of office, the Treasurer will deliver to his successors all funds, records, forms, letters and other association property in his/her possession. The books may be subject to audit by the Board of Directors as a body. The Treasurer shall sign all checks for disbursement of funds authorized by the association. All monthly bank

statements shall be reviewed and co-signed by both the President and the Treasurer. The President may also sign checks.

#### VIII: EXONERATION FROM PERSONAL LIABILITY:

The Northern Rhode Island Vikings Junior Hockey Association, Inc. hereby consents and declares that each Officer and member of the Board of Directors, Chairpersons and members of all Committees, and all elected or appointed officials in any capacity shall be deemed to assumed office or assignment on the expressed understanding, agreement and condition that each one of them, and his heirs, executors and administrators, estate and effects respectively shall from time to time and all times be indemnified and saved harmless out of funds of the Northern Rhode Island Vikings Junior Hockey Association, Inc. from and against all liabilities, judgments, costs, charges and expenses whatsoever which such members sustain or incurs in or about any action, suit or proceeding which is brought, commenced or prosecuted against him for and in respect of any act, deed, matter or thing whatsoever made, done or permitted by him in or about the execution of his duties of his office and also from and against all other costs, charges and expenses which he sustains or incurs in or about in relation to the affairs thereof, except such costs, charges or expenses as are occasioned by his own willful neglect or default.

#### IX. AMENDMENTS:

##### Section One: The Constitution

Amendments or alterations to this Constitution shall be made only at the annual meeting in May after specific notice in writing to each Officer, Board of Director, Head Coach and Voting Member at least sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting, and then only by a two-thirds (2/3) majority. A quorum for the annual meeting shall be fifty (50) percent of the membership.

##### Section Two: The By-Laws

Amendments or alterations to the By-Laws may be made after specific notice in writing to each Officer, Board of Director, Head Coach and Voting Member at least thirty (30) days prior to any said meeting, and then by only a two-thirds (2/3) majority. At the meeting, the written amendment must be read and receive a second. Receiving a second, it shall be opened for discussion, and subsequently, voted on by all members present. A quorum for general meeting shall be two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board of Directors. Upon adoption, the By-Laws may be amended, revised, and repealed only in accordance with the provision of the Constitution.