

# LIVONIA MEN'S "OVER 30" HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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No action may be taken or motion passed by the Board of Directors contrary to the By-Laws without amending these articles by means of the process laid down for such amendments (see Article III).

U. S. A. Hockey rules and regulations will apply to the Livonia Men's "Over 30" Hockey Association except as amended herein.

Participation in this program is limited to residents of the City of Livonia except as otherwise provided for in the Constitution (Article VII, Section III) and in the By-Laws (Article I, Section II).

### Article I: Player Registration.

All players must be registered in the L.M. "Over 30" H.A. each season that the player participates. Registration consists of the signing of the proper forms provided by the league. A player will not be permitted to play without having signed these forms.

Section I: Registration Fee. There will be an annual registration fee in an amount to be established by the Board of Directors. This fee shall be paid with the filing of an application for registration. Note: Registration fee is not refundable.

Section II: Residency Requirements. All L.M. "Over 30" H.A. team registrants must reside in the City of Livonia, Michigan, in accordance with the official policy of the Livonia Parks and Recreation. Men who move out of the City of Livonia may continue to play in the league under the "Grandfather" clause. Once a non-resident member terminates membership, he may not re-join the league unless he moves back into the City of Livonia. Note: A sub may be a non-resident.

Section III: Proof of Age. At the time of registration, each registrant must provide a copy of his birth certificate, birth registration or a valid driver's license.

Section IV: Age Requirements. Each player intending to join the L.M. "Over 30" H.A. must attain the age of thirty (30) on or before September 1st of the year he intends to participate. The Board of Directors will have the authority to waive this rule.

Section V: Registration. Registration for hockey will be held at a time and date set at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

### Article II: Team Membership.

Section I: Players may not play on any other L.M. "Over 30" H.A. team other than the team to which they were assigned, unless asked to sub. In the case of a goaltender being absent, a league goaltender may be used as a substitute (see Article XX, Section XX). Note: A permanent sub may be used as a substitute by another team.

Section II: The Board of Directors shall have the right to exchange players from one team to another during the season.

Section III: Player selection and assignment of players to teams shall be in accordance with the directives of the Board of Directors.

### Article III: Amendments.

Amendments to any By-Laws may be effective with the approval of five (5) members of the Board of Directors. By-Laws may also be amended by a quorum (20 members) of the membership at any general membership meeting (see Article X, Sections I and II of the Constitution).

### Article IV: Ice Time.

It shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors to agree on allocation of all ice time for each team consistent with established policy and hours available for the current season.

### Article V: Mailing List.

No mailing lists of any type may be handed out to any individual or group. This is to include names of players, Board members, coaches, managers, referees, scorers, timers or sponsors without the unanimous consent of the Board of Directors. No member of the L.M. "Over 30" H.A. who comes into possession of any said list shall use all or any part of said list for other than minor hockey purposes.

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Individual team rosters prepared for the convenience of team members and their families in arranging team business shall be exempt from this rule.

### Article VI: Fund Raising.

No team or individual connected with the L.M. "Over 30" H.A. shall be permitted to raise funds for any team within the association for any purpose or purchase for said team individuals without the permission of the Board of Directors.

### Article VII: Practice.

Any registered player in the league may practice with any other L.M. "Over 30 H.A. team.

### Article VIII: Uniforms.

Section I: The Association will provide the league with uniforms, which consist of a jersey, pants and socks.

Section II: Association uniforms are to be used for league and exhibition play only. Players are to receive their uniforms from their delegate to the Board and are responsible for the return of the complete uniform (except socks) at the end of the season. If a player violates this rule, he shall be liable to suspension.

Section III: It shall be the player's responsibility to maintain his uniform by careful washing and mending.

Section III-AA: If a player deliberately destroys or alters league equipment, that player must reimburse the league for replacement cost or face suspension.

Section IV: Each player will be required to wear the following protective equipment for all games and scheduled practices:

- Hockey skates
- Hockey gloves
- Hockey helmet/white (for league members only)
- Face mask or half shield (mandatory for ALL players (subs included) as of 05/05)
- Protective cup
- Shin guards
- Hockey pants
- Elbow pads

Note: It is required that ALL players wear at least a half-face mask on the helmet.

Note: If the wearing of eyeglasses is necessary, the player must wear either an eyeglass protective mask, contact lenses, athletic-type glasses or approved safety glasses.

Section IV-A: Goaltenders are required to wear a full facial mask and helmet.

Section V: If any player damages or loses any portion of his required protective equipment during a game, it shall be left to the discretion of the referee as to whether that player may be allowed to complete the game without any penalty to the player or team.

Section VII: Helmets MUST be worn any time a player is on the ice during warm-ups or during the game.

Section VIII: All players must wear league-issued uniforms (jersey, socks and pants) unless otherwise approved by the Board of Directors.

Section IX: Any player who has not turned in his complete uniform within thirty (30) days of the last league game will be charged a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) late fee to be paid before the next year's registration deadline or said player will be placed at the bottom of the waiting list until the fee is paid.

### Article IX: Officers and Board Members.

Section I: Officers. The L.M. "Over 30" H.A. officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. All will hold office for one year beginning at a time set by the existing Board

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of Directors. The President shall receive half (1/2) his ice fees for his work for the Association. The Secretary will receive free ice for his work for the Association.

Section I-A: The league Secretary's ice fees and two banquet tickets will be covered by the league.

Section II: Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will consist of nine (9) members of the Association, elected by the membership. Their term shall be for two (2) years. Four (4) new Board members will be elected each year. The past President automatically becomes the ninth (9th) member for the year after he leaves office. One alternate Board member will be picked by each team after the teams have been established.

Section III: In the event it is necessary to elect a member to fulfill a one-year vacancy, the following format will be used to determine who that member shall be:

- The Board of Directors and/or the general membership will vote in a replacement Board member selecting from the eight (8) alternate Board members already in place. A replacement alternate Board member will then be selected by the team losing its alternate.

Section IV: It will be the responsibility of the Board to elect the league officers.

### Article X: Duties of Officers.

#### Section I: President.

- To assign Board members to committees and review their duties.
- President also has the option to be a member of any committee or to attend any committee meeting.
- To confirm ice for the season.
- To confirm referees for the season.
- To assign keys to lockers, display cases, etc.
- To review all procedures, such as registration, rating and tournaments.
- To assign responsibility for equipment.
- To review and confirm all dates, such as registration, membership meetings, banquets, family night, pictures, etc.
- At final board meeting to:
  - Finalize ratings of league members.
  - Rank players on the waiting list.
  - Rate players on the waiting list.
  - Determine status of any player(s) reprimanded by the Board of Directors.
- To maintain communications with committees throughout the season.
- To oversee the smooth administration of the league.
- To collect keys from Board members who have completed their term or have resigned from the Board.

#### Section II: Vice-President.

- To assist the President in the performance of his duties.
- In the absence of the President or in the event of his inability or refusal to act, the Vice-President shall have all the powers of and shall be subject to all the restrictions upon the President.
- To perform various duties and tasks assigned to him by the President.
- To perform various duties and tasks assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

#### Section III: Treasurer.

- To obtain the records from the past Treasurer and to submit a proposed budget for the upcoming season.
- To obtain signature cards from the bank and have all new league officers sign these cards.
- To update the Board at monthly meetings on the league's financial status.
- To prepare a written year-end statement for the final Board meeting of the season.
- To direct and coordinate the collection of dues.
- To maintain an accurate set of accounting records with the proper receipts and to place these records in the hands of the incoming Treasurer at the end of the season.
- To prepare the papers of incorporation for the State of Michigan.
- To enforce all disbursement regulations (refer to budget and finance, Article XXII, Sections IV, V, VI and VII).

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- I. To direct the President in a complete review of the accounting record at the end of the season. This review will be scheduled by the outgoing President. Those in attendance will be the outgoing President along with the incoming President and the outgoing and incoming Treasurer. In the event of repeat officeholders, the new Secretary may be asked to participate.

### Section IV: Secretary.

- A. To get all league records from the outgoing Secretary.
- B. To prepare the registration cards and to prepare and mail all of the registration materials to the membership for the new season.
- C. To oversee the registration process.
- D. To duplicate and distribute schedules for ice time and team rosters to sponsors.
- E. To take minutes from Board and general membership meetings.
- F. To prepare game score sheets and keep statistics.
- G. To keep a sufficient supply of score sheets on hand.
- H. To inform the Board of Directors of all absences and penalties by league members.
- I. To maintain the standings on the bulletin board at Eddie Edgar Arena.

### Article XI: Coaches and Board Members of Teams.

Section I: The appointment of any team coach shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

Section II: The Board member(s) shall be responsible for making sure all team equipment/uniforms are returned to the Association at the end of the season in accordance with Board directives.

Section III: Coaches/Board members shall familiarize themselves with the rules and regulations as laid down in the By-Laws of the Association.

Section IV: The coaches and/or Board members shall be responsible for the discipline and behavior of their team before, during and for a reasonable time after each game.

Section V: Coaches and/or Board members are required to inform the scorer about team attendance and any other information pertinent to the administration of the game in accordance with league rules.

Section VI: A coach or Board member may submit a written report to the Board of Directors recommending disciplinary action be taken on any player for the following reasons:

- A. Insubordination
- B. Improper language
- C. Smoking on the bench
- D. Poor attendance
- E. Lack of interest
- F. Abuse of alcohol or drugs before, during or after a game when that abuse is detrimental to the team or Association.

Section VII: It is the coach's or Board member's responsibility to assure that no player on his team is allowed on the ice while the zamboni is in operation.

Section VIII: It is the coach's or Board member's responsibility to enforce the "No slap shot rule" during the pre-game warm-up period.

Section IX: It is the responsibility of the coach or Board member to see that helmets are worn by all players on the ice at all times.

### Article XII: Rules and Enforcement Function.

This Board of Directors shall have the authority, as provided herein, over coaches and players. It will not question the decisions of the referee's judgment or the actual rules of hockey during the game.

This Board of Directors shall have the power to suspend and/or reprimand any player or coach for just cause.

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This Board of Directors shall have the authority to monitor the business activities of the league and to enforce any and all By-Laws pertaining to league management.

Note: A minimum of five (5) members must vote on any rules and enforcement action.

Section I: Conduct. The Board of Directors shall police all coaches and players in order to insure that they conduct themselves in a manner complimentary to the game of hockey and this Association.

Section II: Goaltenders. Because of their special and vital role in league play, goaltenders shall be monitored by the Board of Directors in accordance with league rules designed for them (see Article XX, Section XIX).

Section III: Duties of the Board of Directors.

- A. To monitor and enforce league regulations on absenteeism and player conduct.
- B. To make judgments on all protests (see Article XIII).
- C. In case of disputes at or during the game, the decision of one or more members of the Board of Directors not involved in playing in the game shall prevail until referred to by the Board of Directors for action.
- D. To maintain records of absenteeism and penalties for each player.

### Article XIII: Protests (Game).

If a game is to be protested, it must be noted on the back of the white copy of the official scoring record within thirty (30) minutes of the game's completion (see Article XVIII, Section VIII). In addition, a written protest, prepared by the coach, captain or Board member must be submitted to the league within forty-eight (48) hours of the conclusion of the game being protested. The President must rule on each protest and advise both teams and the Board members of their decision within forty-eight (48) hours after receiving the protest.

Decisions of the Board of Directors may be appealed to the Board of Directors within forty-eight (48) hours of the Board of Directors' announcement of their decision. Such appeals must be in writing and submitted to the President of the league.

Note: No protests regarding a referee's judgment will be permitted.

### Article XIV: Protests (Disciplinary Action).

Decisions of the Board of Directors may be appealed to the Board of Directors. Protests of disciplinary actions must be prepared in writing by the player the action was taken against. Protests must be received by the President of the league no later than forty-eight (48) hours after the announcement of the Board of Directors' decision.

### Article XV: Team Formation and Equalization.

This Board of Directors has the duty to form teams and maintain relative equality (balance) among teams throughout the season according to the directives of the Board of Directors (see Article XXI, Section VI-D).

A minimum of five (5) members must vote on any committee action.

Section I: The President shall be in charge of maintaining membership and substitution ratings.

Section II: The President shall be in charge of the waiting list.

Section III: Duties of the Board of Directors.

- A. To form teams and maintain their rosters with members of comparable ability in accordance with recommendations of the Board of Directors.
- B. To determine whom the rated players are on each team.
- C. To oversee the placement of substitutes.
- D. To see that substitutes are informed of regulations special to the league.

Section IV: Special Recommendations of the Board of Directors.

- A. It is recommended that during the equalization of teams, consideration be given to players previously moved from team to team, so that they are not used repeatedly. The chairman of the committee should keep records of who those members are.
- B. It is recommended that the Board of Directors be aware of attendance problems of league members to insure one team will not have an unfair number of chronic absenteeism.

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### Article XVI: Nomination to Board of Directors.

It is the duty of this Board of Directors to find qualified and interested candidates for future election to the Board.

### Article XVIII: Games.

Section I: Prompt Starting. Teams must be ready to start on time. In case of a shortage of players (less than the legal minimum) or absence of a goalie, a time limit determined by the referee will be set. At the end of that time period, the offending team is subject to forfeiture.

Section II: Players. A team will be required to have at least six (6) players to begin a game. A team with less than six (6) players at game time will be subject to forfeiture (see Article XVIII, Section III).

Section III: Forfeiture. If a team is unable to have a complete line (six players) at the scheduled game time in accordance with any additional time frames imposed by the referees, the game will be declared a forfeit and shall be so stated in the official scoring record (see Article XVIII, Section I).

#### Section IV: Official Scoring.

- A. An official scoring record shall be used for each game and must be properly completed to show date, teams, scoring and penalty records. Each scoring record sheet must be signed by the official scorer and the referee and submitted to league authorities at the completion of that day's scheduled games.
- B. In all cases where a major or match penalty has been given, the referee must give a full report on the reverse side of the scoring sheet and sign it.
- C. When a player's name appears on the official scoring record, he shall be considered to have taken part in that game unless otherwise noted.
- D. A Board member shall be in attendance to oversee the convening of each game.

Section V: Protests. See Article XIII.

Section VI: Eligibility Ruling. See Article XII, Section III-C.

Section VII: Ice Time. The length of periods and penalty times for games will be determined on a yearly basis, but will not be less than the minimum standard established by the Board of Directors. It shall be the Responsibility of the Board of Directors to agree on allocation of all ice time for each team consistent with established policy and hours available for the current season.

Section VIII: The score sheet of each game will become a permanent league record and shall be signed by the referee immediately following the game. In the event that a team intends to file a protest with the Board of Directors, it must so indicate on the back of the score sheet of the game in question within thirty (30) minutes of the game's completion or forfeit the right to protest (see Article XIII).

Section IX: Stoppage in Play. Only the referee shall have the right to stop play. In cases where league rules are not being followed, the official scorer shall notify the referee as soon as play has stopped. At that time, the rule which has been violated can be corrected.

Section X: No personal arrangements or gentleman's agreement may be contracted or carried out between coaches, players, Board members or other persons involved in minor hockey contrary to any part of the By-Laws or motions passed by its Board of Directors.

Section XI: Any player may play any position regardless of the position he was originally assigned to play. Any player may play on any line in accordance with league rules in force at the time.

Section XII: Line changes will take place at the first whistle after the one (1) minute allotted time period. A line change may be made with five (5) seconds left on the one (1) minute clock (this constitutes an early change grace period).

Section XIII: Any special consideration for the last two minutes of play during a game is to be determined by the Board of Directors before the start of each season.

### Article XIX: Rules of Play.

Unless otherwise specified by the rules in force at the time, U.S.A. Hockey rules will apply for all circumstances of all play within the L.M. "Over 30" H.A. Rules amended by the Association will supplement U.S.A. Hockey rules.

### Article XX: Rules of Play Special to the L.M. "Over 30" H.A.

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Section I: Each minor penalty shall be for three (3) minutes stop time or two (2) minutes stop time. The actual penalty shall begin when the puck is dropped to resume play during running time.

Section I-A: Penalties for High Sticking, Slashing and Cross Checking shall be for three (3) minutes.

Note: Due to an increased number of stick penalties, on October 6, 1993 the Board of Directors passed this addition to the By-Laws that include the following suspensions:

3 stick penalties = 1-game suspension

4 stick penalties = 2-game suspension

5 stick penalties = 4-game suspension

6 stick penalties = expulsion

Section II: In the event of simultaneous penalties, there will be no shortage of players for either team. Penalized players will sit out their assessed penalty time and must return to their respective benches on the first whistle after their penalty time has expired (see Article XX, Sections XV F and G).

Section III: A slap shot taken anywhere on the ice, whether or not toward the net, shall not be permitted. The referees shall treat a slap shot rule infraction as a delay of game infraction due to icing.

Note: A slap shot will be defined as a motion of the removal of the stick blade from the ice surface above the top of the player's skate boot during the back swing with subsequent contact with the puck.

Section IV: Body checking or intentional body contact anywhere on the ice shall not be permitted. It shall be considered a minor penalty.

Section V: Any player assessed three (3) minor penalties during the game shall be suspended from play for the remainder of that game (bench penalties are excluded).

Section VI: Any player violating Section V for the second time in the season shall be suspended from the following game.

Section VII: Any player assessed a ten (10) minute penalty for the second time during the season shall receive a one (1) game suspension. On subsequent penalties of this nature, that player shall receive a minimum of a one (1) game suspension and a review by the Board of Directors as to further disciplinary actions.

Section VIII-A: Any player assessed a major five (5) minute penalty will automatically be suspended from that game and the following game. Note: As stated in U.S.A. Hockey rules, "A game misconduct must be followed by a one game suspension."

Section VIII-B: Any player assessed a second major five (5) minute penalty in the same season will be suspended for the remainder of that game and assessed an automatic three (3) game suspension (to be served three (3) consecutive games).

Section IX: Each player must have his monthly dues paid prior to/or on the date set by the Board of Directors (the third Sunday of each month). If a player's dues are not paid on time, that player will not be permitted to play in that game or any following game until his dues are paid. In addition, the player will be charged a ten dollar (\$10.00) late fee per game for each game missed until dues are paid.

Section IX-A: It is the responsibility of the coach or Board member to see that dues are collected and that the proper records are maintained for the team. The league Treasurer shall direct and assist them in this task, and shall advise the Board of Directors if disciplinary action is needed in these matters.

Section X: The Board of Directors committee shall have the power to suspend and/or reprimand any player whose lack of attendance or conduct on the ice is detrimental to the league. Any injury caused or intent to injure will be reviewed immediately by the Board of Directors with a possibility of suspension for the next game or a next number of games.

Section XI: If both teams are full, the lines will be set as of the second shift. Adjustments can be made by either team if a player is forced to leave the game due to injury, prior obligation, illness, etc.

Section XII: In the event that a rated player skates while any third (3rd) line player of the third (3rd) line shift remains on the ice, a two (2) minute penalty will be assessed to the rated player.

Note:

- A. Play cannot be stopped (Article XVIII, Section IX).
- B. Penalty will be assessed after the next normal stoppage of play.
- C. Any scoring done by the penalized team during the time the rated player was on the ice will be void.

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- D. The penalized team will skate short-handed for two (2) minutes unless the opposing team scores a goal.

Note: If a team pulls its goaltender, that team can put any player on the ice for the sixth (6th) man. However, at no time can a rated player be on the ice at the same time when the third (3rd) line is scheduled to play.

Section XIII: If a substitute player goes on to the ice out of turn, the team should be advised by the scorer's table or by the Board member from the opposing team. The substitute player should then be taken off of the ice immediately. In the event a goal should be scored by the offending team, that goal would be disallowed.

Section XIV-A: In the event that a player comes off of the ice before the end of his shift, due to injury or fatigue, the regular player assigned to his position on the next line shall take his place (Article XX, Section XXII takes precedence over this rule).

Section XIV-B: All third (3rd) line players must play their complete one (1) minute shift (allowing for a five (5) second early change). Players must change lines on the first whistle after their allotted amount of time.

Note: There will be no substituting or changing on the fly for the third (3rd) line during a game (see Section XIV-C).

Section XIV-C: Second (2nd) line players may change on the fly into the third (3rd) line by position only (i.e., LW for LW, RW for RW, etc.). The second (2nd) line will always follow the third (3rd) line in the rotation. No rated player may skate against the third (3rd) line.

### Section XV: Rules Governing Play with Teams Short-Handed.

- A. When a team is skating short-handed due to absenteeism or injury incurred during the game, that team must designate players on the lines according to the following chart:

| Players Short | 1st Line | 2nd Line | 3rd Line |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1             | 5        | 4        | 5        |
| 2             | 5        | 3        | 5        |
| 3             | 4        | 3        | 5        |
| 4             | 3        | 3        | 5        |

- B. Only second (2nd) liners may substitute into the first (1st) line unless game circumstances dictate otherwise (fatigue, injury, etc.).
- C. Each player must substitute once before any player can substitute for a second (2nd) time.
- D. When a team is skating one (1) or two (2) men short due to injury or absenteeism, that team must designate the players on the first (1st) and third (3rd) lines. Substitutions will be made on the second (2nd) line only. Each player on the first (1st) and third (3rd) line must substitute once before any player from those lines can substitute for a second (2nd) time.
- E. If a team is skating with three (3) or more players missing due to injury or absenteeism, then Article XX, Section XV would be in effect.
- F. In the event that there are concurrent penalties on the second (2nd) line involving second (2nd) line players, the player who would take the penalized player's place on that line will be charged with a substitution regardless of the length of time remaining on that shift.
- G. In the event that there is a penalty or a need for a substitution on the first (1st) line or the third (3rd) line, those players who are frozen on the second (2nd) line should be used to substitute those positions. Substitutions from the second (2nd) line into the third (3rd) line will be subject to the guidelines laid down by the Board of Directors (that is, only certain specified players from the second (2nd) line may sub into the third (3rd) line).
- H. A team may obtain an equivalent substitute from the league substitute list for a player suspended.

Section XVI: In that the second (2nd) line follows the third (3rd) line in rotation and that each team has rated players who are not allowed to skate against the third (3rd) line (see Article XX, Section XII), it is mandatory that the top-rated players do not enter play if the other team still has any third (3rd) line players on the ice.

Section XVII: If a team decides to half-shift their substitutes, the player must not be out less than fifteen (15) seconds or he will not be credited for a substitution.

Section XIX: Rules Special to Goaltenders.

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- A. In the event of three (3) minor penalties or one (1) minor and one (1) major penalty, it will not be necessary to remove the goaltender from the game. He will, however, be suspended automatically from the following game.
- B. If in the event the goaltender continues to accumulate penalties or his actions and/or attitude disrupt the game, he can be removed from that game by any two (2) members of the Board of Directors present at the game in question.
- C. In the event a goaltender is removed, he will also automatically be suspended from the following game and the matter concerning his actions leading up to his removal will be reviewed by the Board of Directors for possible further action.
- D. Goaltenders are subject to the regular absenteeism rules that govern all players.

### Section XX: Teams with No Goaltenders.

- A. In cases where a goaltender or substitute goaltender for a team is not present at game time, the coach/Board member of the opposing team must be notified immediately.
- B. The following rules will be in effect in the case of an absent goaltender:
  - 1. A team member may dress as a goaltender.
  - 2. If there is time, a league substitute goaltender may be used.
  - 3. A goaltender from another L.M. "Over 30" H.A. team may be used.
  - 4. If more than one (1) league goaltender is available, the opposing team's coach/Board member may choose the goaltender to be used.
- C. Prompt starting time rules will be in effect (see Article VIII, Section I).
- D. If one team is short a goaltender and no substitute is available, the game would be played as a scrimmage with no points or statistics recorded. The next game between the two (2) teams involved would be played on a double point system: four (4) points for a win or two (2) points for a tie. Note: This rule does not apply in the playoffs. The decision by the Board of Directors is final.

### Article XXI: Absenteeism and Leaves of Absence.

Section I: Any player missing eight (8) games during the regular season or three (3) games during the playoffs will be suspended for the remainder of the season.

- A. Attendance will not be mandatory for the last game of the season, with the exception of players on the first (1st) or second (2nd) place teams.

Section II: Any player may request a leave of absence subject to the approval of the Rules and Enforcement committee. The maximum number of games a player can miss is eight (8). Any player missing more than eight (8) games will automatically be suspended pending a review by the Board of Directors regarding that player's eligibility to come back and play during the current season and the following season.

Note: Extenuating circumstances may justify a suspension being overturned by the Board of Directors.

Section III: Any player may request a leave of absence during the season. Any such leave must be for a minimum of three (3) games (see "A" of this section). After the player's leave of absence is over, he will return to the same team he was on before his leave of absence took effect. As a member of the league, he is entitled to all league privileges while on leave of absence.

- A. If a substitute is not available for the last game of a player's leave of absence, the player on leave may return early.

Section IV: Any ruling/determination by the Board of Directors may be appealed to the Board of Directors. Such an appeal must be in writing and received by the President of the League within forty-eight (48) hours after notification of the ruling/determination (see Article XIV).

Section V: Any player missing four (4) games in a row without notifying a Board member will automatically be suspended for the remainder of the current season.

Section VI: Any player missing three (3) games during the season without notifying a Board member will automatically be suspended for one (1) game. This suspension may not be appealed by the player.

Section VII: A player may be granted a one (1) year leave of absence in the following manner:

- A. If a player wishes to take a one (1) year leave of absence, he may, at registration time, pay a registration fee (fee to be determined by the Board of Directors). If a player chooses this option, he will be considered a league member "in good standing" with all league privileges including

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guaranteed registration for the following year. He will also be carried on the league roster as an active player.

- B. If a player wishing to take a one (1) year leave of absence chooses not to register for that year, he will be removed from the roster and placed on the waiting list.
- C. No player may take two (2) consecutive leaves of absence.
- D. When a player takes a leave of absence and it becomes necessary to install a substitute in that player's spot, the team formation committee may use this opportunity to better balance the teams of the league (see Article XV, Paragraph 1).
- E. Before bringing in any substitute player, there must be prior approval by a majority of six (6) team formation committee members.  
Note: Any violation of this rule will result in an automatic one (1) game suspension for the offending Board member.
- F. If a substitute player is brought in for a rated player, the substitute will also be regarded as a rated player.

### Article XXII: Budget and Finance.

Section I: A written, approved budget will be required prior to the start of each season.

Section II: A written statement showing all receipts and expenses will be required for each Board meeting.

Section III: A written year-end statement will be required at the final Board meeting of the current season.

Section IV: A maximum expenditure of fifty dollars (\$50.00) will be allowed without prior approval of the Board of Directors.

- A. Purchase requests are not necessary for expenditures authorized by a vote of the Board of Directors (a minimum of five (5) Board members must be present at this Board meeting; see Article X, Section I of the Constitution).

Section VI: The two (2) signature check system will be enforced at all times.

Section VII: No checks are to be signed prior to being completely filled out.

Section VIII: The treasurer will be required to maintain a set of accurate accounting records with receipts. Due to incorporation, these records must be kept on file for three (3) years. Accounting records will consist of the following:

- A. All receipts with check numbers noted on them.
- B. A full explanation of purchases and description of purchases (where applicable) should be noted on the receipt.
- C. A check register indicating date of check, who the check was issued to and the amount of the check.
- D. The check register should also indicate deposits, dates and amounts.
- E. The checkbook must balance at all times.
- F. All bank statements for the current season.
- G. All canceled checks (if applicable).
- H. A bookkeeping ledger indicating sources and amounts of income and an explanation of expenditures. Expenditures must be broken down into categories.

Section IX: A complete review of the accounting records will be conducted at the end of each season. This will be scheduled by the President and should be attended by the outgoing President, Vice-President and Treasurer, and the incoming President, Vice-President and Treasurer.

- A. A minimum of four (4) officers will conduct the audit.
- B. In the event of a repeat officeholders, the new Secretary may be asked to participate.

### Article XXIII: Determination of Standings.

In the case of a tie in the point standings at the end of the regular season or at the end of the playoff season, the following order of statistics will be used to determine first place and/or other places in the final standings:

- A. Most Points
- B. Most Wins
- C. Greatest Goals For/Goals Against Difference

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- D. Most Goals For
- E. Least Goals Against
- F. Least Losses
- G. Least Penalty Minutes
- H. Greatest Win Percentage
- I. Least Ties
- J. Least Games Played

### Article XXIV: Championship Games.

- A. In the event that a semifinal or championship game should be tied after three (3) periods, that game would go into sudden death overtime. Sudden death will consist of full periods, having teams switch ends at the beginning of each overtime period. Play will continue until there is a winner.
  - Both the semifinal game and the championship game will continue through overtime until there is a winner.

### Article XXV: Clock Duty.

The Board of Directors will be responsible for the hiring of league timekeepers and official scorers.

### Article XXVI: League Waiting List and Substitute List.

A waiting list must be kept in order to keep the proper depth in player resources. Any player wishing to join the L.M. "Over 30" H.A. may have his name placed on the waiting list by contacting the Board member responsible for keeping that list. New players will be placed at the bottom of the waiting list. Once a player's name is placed on the waiting list, that player will move up from the bottom as players are selected from the top of the waiting list. When a player's name reaches the top of the waiting list, that player will then be eligible to play in the league providing the player meets the registration requirements (Article I, Sections I, II, III and IV).

Note I: Any player wishing to play on the L.M. "Over 30" H.A. who has a father already playing in the league will automatically be placed at the top of the waiting list.

Note II: Residency rules apply.

Section I: The Board will select one of its members to maintain an up-to-date waiting list of players who wish to join the L.M. "Over 30" H.A., this list to include:

- A. Player's name, address and phone number.
- B. Player's ability rating.
- C. Date player was placed on waiting list.
- D. Eligibility status.

Section II: Selected members will also maintain an up-to-date substitute list from which players will be called upon to substitute in league games. Substitute list should include:

- A. Player's name, address and phone number.
- B. Player's ability rating.
- C. Date player was placed on substitute list.
- D. Player's dependability record as a sub.

Section III: Players may not leapfrog their way up the waiting list, nor should any player be given special consideration because of social status or standing. The waiting list should be utilized in a fair manner concurrent with the principles of the L.M. "Over 30" H.A.