



Burnaby Minor Hockey Association Membership Bylaw - Proposed Amendments for Consideration at the 2026 AGM

The following proposed amendments update and clarify the membership provisions of the BMHA bylaws while maintaining the Association's current governance model.

KEY CHANGES

1. Clarification of Membership Categories

The bylaws will recognize four membership classes:

- Parent/Guardian Members
- Contributing Members
- Honourary Life Members
- Player Members

Player Members will be formally recognized but will **not have voting rights**, which reflects current practice.

2. Voting Rights Clarification

Voting rights remain consistent with the current bylaws:

- Parent/Guardian Members – voting
- Contributing Members – voting
- Honourary Life Members – voting
- Player Members – non-voting

Additional language clarifies that:

- Members eligible under more than one category may **only vote once**.

3. Membership Year

The bylaws will introduce a defined **membership year of July 1 – June 30**, aligning membership with the hockey season rather than the AGM.

4. Member Standing

Minor updates clarify the definition of **Members in good standing**, including unpaid fees and disciplinary suspensions.

AMENDMENT 1 – CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

Current Wording

Section 3.2 – Classes of Membership

There will be three (3) classes of voting Membership in the Association, being:

- (a) regular Members;*
- (b) contributing Members; and*
- (c) Honourary Life Members.*

Proposed Revision

3.2 Classes of Membership

There will be four (4) classes of Membership in the Association, being:

- (a) Parent/Guardian Members;*
- (b) Contributing Members;*
- (c) Honourary Life Members; and*
- (d) Player Members.*

Parent/Guardian Members, Contributing Members, and Honourary Life Members shall have voting rights.

Player Members shall not have voting rights.

Rationale - Separates participation membership (players) from governance membership.

AMENDMENT 2 – PARENT/GUARDIAN MEMBERSHIP

Current Wording

Section 3.3 – Regular Membership

A Person may be a regular Member if he or she:

- (a) is nineteen (19) years of age or older; and*
- (b) is either:*
 - (i) a Player; or*
 - (ii) the Parent or Guardian of a Player for whom the annual registration fee has been paid,*

provided that, in all cases:

(c) Membership shall be limited to two Parents or Guardians per child, it being understood that a Member having more than one child registered in the Association shall have no greater rights as a Member than a Member having only one child registered in the Association.

Proposed Revision

3.3 Parent/Guardian Membership

A Person may be a Parent/Guardian Member if he or she:

(a) is nineteen (19) years of age or older; and

(b) is the Parent or Guardian of a Player for whom the annual registration fee has been paid.

Membership shall be limited to two (2) Parent or Guardian Members per family, it being understood that a family having more than one Player registered in the Association shall have no greater voting rights than a family having only one Player registered in the Association.

Rationale - Clarifies family voting structure.

AMENDMENT 3 – PLAYER MEMBERSHIP (NEW)

Current Wording

n/a - new section

Proposed Section

3.4 Player Membership

All Players registered with the Association shall be Player Members.

Player Members shall not have voting rights.

Rationale - Clarifies that players are members for participation but not governance.

AMENDMENT 4 – CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS

Current Wording

Section 3.4 – Contributing Members

A Person may be a contributing Member of the Association if he or she:

(a) is (nineteen) 19 years of age or older and is an Association Committee Member or rostered Association team official; or

(b) has demonstrated, by their active volunteer service to the Association in the preceding twelve (12) months, a commitment to advancing the purposes and supporting the activities of the Association as approved by the Executive.

Proposed Revision

3.5 Contributing Members

A Person may be a Contributing Member if he or she:

(a) is nineteen (19) years of age or older; and

(b) contributes to the Association through volunteer service including as a rostered team official, committee member, or other volunteer role approved by the Executive.

Contributing Members shall have voting rights.

Rationale - Maintains existing governance structure.

AMENDMENT 5 – MEMBERSHIP TERM

Current Wording

Section 3.7 – Term of Membership

Once accepted as a regular or contributing Member, a Person continues as a Member until the conclusion of the next annual General Meeting.

Proposed Revision

3.7 Term of Membership

Once accepted as a Parent/Guardian Member or contributing Member, a Person continues as a Member for the remainder of the membership year.

Additional Section (new)

3.8 Membership Year

The membership year of the Association shall run from July 1 to June 30 of the following year.

Rationale - Aligns governance with the hockey season.

AMENDMENT 6 – VOTING RIGHTS

Current Wording

Section 4.1(d)

to exercise a vote on matters for determination at General Meetings;

Proposed Revision

4.1(d) Voting Rights

Parent/Guardian Members, Contributing Members, and Honourary Life Members in good standing are entitled to vote at General Meetings of the Association.

Each eligible Member shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

A maximum of two (2) Parent or Guardian Members per family may exercise voting rights regardless of the number of Players registered by that family with the Association.

A Member eligible under more than one class of Membership shall be entitled to only one vote.

Rationale – Prevents dual-role voting, vote stacking

AMENDMENT 7 – STANDING OF MEMBERS

Current Wording

Section 4.2 – Standing of Members

All Members are deemed to be in good standing except:

(a) a Member who has failed to pay registration fees, if any, when due and owing and such Member is not in good standing so long as such dues remain unpaid; or

(b) a Member who is currently under disciplinary suspension.

Proposed Revision

4.2 Standing of Members

All Members are deemed to be in good standing except:

(a) a Member who has failed to pay registration fees when due;

(b) a Member who is under disciplinary suspension; or

(c) a Member suspended by BC Hockey or PCAHA.

Rationale - Aligns with governing body discipline.

AMENDMENT 8 – VOTING BY MEMBERS

Current Wording

7.2 Entitlement to Vote

Each Member in good standing is entitled to one (1) vote. No other Person or entity is entitled to a vote at a General Meeting.

Proposed Revision

7.2 Entitlement to Vote

Only Members entitled to vote under Section 4.1(d) may vote at a General Meeting.

Rationale - This revision refers back to 4.1d for eligibility

PROPOSED SPECIAL RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED AS A SPECIAL RESOLUTION THAT:

The Members of Burnaby Minor Hockey Association approve the proposed amendments to the Membership provisions of the BMHA Bylaws as circulated with the Notice of Annual General Meeting and accompanying Membership Bylaw Amendments Package, effective immediately following the conclusion of the 2026 Annual General Meeting.