

ARTICLE 3 – MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

3.1 TYPES OF MEETINGS – Meetings of Members will include Annual General Meetings and Special Meetings.

3.2 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – Ringette Manitoba will hold an Annual General meeting on such a date and at such a time and place as may be determined by the Board, provided the Annual General Meeting is held within sixty (60) days of Ringette Manitoba's fiscal year end.

3.3 SPECIAL MEETING – A Special meeting of the Members may be called at the written request of at least six (6) Local Association Presidents. Notice of such Special Meeting must be forwarded by mail or e-mail a minimum of fourteen (14) days prior to the date of such meeting, to all members of Ringette Manitoba. The Agenda of Special Meetings will be limited to the subject matter for which the meeting was duly called.

3.4 LOCATION AND DATE – Ringette Manitoba will hold meetings of Members at such date, time and place as determined by the Board.

3.5 NOTICE – Written notice of the Annual General Meeting will be given to all Members at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the meeting. Notice will contain a proposed agenda and reasonable information to permit members to make informed decisions.

3.6 MEETINGS BY TELECOMMUNICATIONS – A member may participate in a meeting of members by means of such telephone or other communication facilities as permit all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other, and a member participating in the meeting by that means is deemed to be present at that meeting.

3.7 ADJOURNMENT – Any meetings of Members may be adjourned to any time and place as determined by the Board and such business may be transacted at such adjourned meeting as might have transacted at the original meeting. No notice will be required for any adjourned meeting.

3.8 AGENDA – The agenda for the Annual General Meeting will at least include: a) Call to order

b) Establishment of Quorum

c) Appointment of Scrutineers

d) Approval of Agenda

e) Adoption of Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting

f) Board, Committee and Staff Reports

g) Approval of Auditors Report and Financial Statements

h) Appointment of Auditors

i) Business as specified in the meeting notice

j) Election of new Directors

k) Adjournment

3.9 NEW BUSINESS – Any Member who wishes to have new business placed on the agenda for the AGM will give written notice to Ringette Manitoba at least ten (10) days prior to the AGM or upon the sole discretion of the President or designate.

3.10 QUORUM – Quorum at a General Meeting will be fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of the total Voting Full Members.

3.11 CLOSED MEETINGS – Meetings of Members will be closed to the public except by invitation of the Board.

VOTING AT MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

3.12 VOTING PRIVILEGES— Members, who must be the age of majority, will have the following voting rights at all meetings of Members:

a) Full Members may appoint a Delegate in accordance with Section 3.13 who may attend meetings of members.

- The total of Association votes shall be two (2) per Local Association.
- The total number of popular votes shall be 19 and will be reviewed by the Ringette Manitoba Board every four (4) years upon special request of 2/3 of the general membership.
- The popular vote is calculated by taking each Local Associations registered playing population on the current year and dividing it by the total playing population within Ringette Manitoba.
- Local Association registered population will be based on numbers as of the January 15th deadline of the current season. That number is then multiplied by the total popular votes to arrive at each Association's additional votes.

b) Associate Members may appoint a Delegate in accordance with Section 3.13 who may participate in meetings of members but is not entitled to vote.

c) Honorary Life Members eighteen (18) years of age or older may attend and participate in meetings of members but are not entitled to vote.

d) Affiliate Members may appoint a Delegate in accordance with Section 3.13 who may participate in meetings of members but if not entitled to vote.

e) Ex-Officio Members may attend and participate in meetings of members and are entitled to one (1) vote.

f) There will be no cost associated with a member casting any vote they are granted by this constitution.

3.13 DELEGATES – Full, Associate and Affiliate Members will appoint in writing (inclusive of electronic notice) to the Corporation, seven (7) days prior to the meeting of members, a Delegate to represent the Full, Associate of Affiliate Member. Delegates must be eighteen years of age and older.

3.14 SCRUTINEERS – At the beginning of each meeting, the Board may appoint one or more scrutineers who will be responsible for ensuring that votes are properly cast and counted.

3.15 PROXY VOTING – There will be no voting by proxy.

3.16 DETERMINATION OF VOTES – Votes will be determined by a show of hands or orally unless a secret or recorded ballot is requested by the majority of those Members voting.

3.17 MAJORITY OF VOTES – Except as otherwise provided in the Act or these By-laws, an Ordinary Resolution of Members present who vote will decide each issue. In the case of a tie, the issue is defeated.