

OPERATIONAL POLICY: MHA MEMBERSHIP STATUS

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## **BACKGROUND**

As outlined within the Bylaws, Hockey Alberta may consider for status as a 'member' any Minor Hockey Association (MHA) whose chief place of operations is located in Alberta, provided that Hockey Alberta will only recognize one MHA for each city, town, village or hamlet.

Once approved as a Member, as a condition of membership with Hockey Alberta, each MHA is required to annually file with Hockey Alberta a listing and contact information of the MHA's Board of Directors, a copy of the organization's valid Bylaws showing the MHA as an incorporated society within the Province of Alberta, and a copy of the MHA's most recent Annual meeting minutes.

In addition to the above noted documents, each Member MHA is required to pay Member Dues on an annual basis (the Board of Directors of Hockey Alberta sets the Member Dues annually).

From time to time, although meeting the required criteria to technically remain in good standing, member MHA's can become stagnant and no longer register any players.

## **POLICY**

To ensure the membership of Hockey Alberta contains sustainable organizations, Hockey Alberta will review the status of membership of all MHA's annually. MHA's that have not registered players during that specific season will be flagged and identified as 'dormant'. The Board may, in accordance with the Bylaws, remove any MHA that has been 'dormant' as a member.

- A 'dormant' MHA will be contacted by Hockey Alberta to update them on their status and to inform them of the requirements of being a member.
  - MHA's that wish to remain active will be granted an extension. Should the MHA remain 'dormant' for a second consecutive season, Hockey Alberta will gather all necessary information pertaining to the MHA's registration history and report this to the Board.
  - MHA's that fail to respond to Hockey Alberta will be reported to the Board and may result in immediate removal of the MHA as a member.
- MHA's that have had their membership revoked do have the ability to re-apply to be considered a
  Member again in future seasons.