



## 6.28 Voting Structure/Equivalency Policy

**Effective Date:** June 13, 2015

**Purpose:** While the General Operating By-Law No. 1 provides the legal basis relating generally to the conduct of the affairs of Hockey Eastern Ontario (the "Corporation"), this policy will provide the background information and the basis for the actual voting structure and the various factors which affect the voting structure within the Branch.

### Policy:

- i) The total number of votes for each of the Minor and Junior classes, respectively, is equal;
- ii) If Minor associations choose to combine into a lesser number of associations or if one or more junior teams choose to discontinue operation, as much as possible the number of votes in total for each class will remain the same, however, the distribution within the class will as much as possible be adjusted in such a manner to ensure that the total number of votes for that particular class remains unchanged;
- iii) The voting structure for the Junior class is as follows:
  - Junior "A": 12 teams X 4 votes each = 48 votes;
  - Junior "B": 16 teams X 2 votes each = 32 votes;
  - Junior "C": 10 teams X 2 votes each = 20 votes;
  - Each of the three League Presidents are entitled to 2 votes each;
  - Total of 106 votes for the Junior class;
- iv) The voting structure for the Minor class is as follows:
  - HEO Minor Executive: 9 positions X 1 vote each = 9 votes;
  - Associations = 70 votes \*;
  - Districts: 10 Districts X 2 votes each = 20 votes;
  - Leagues: 5 Leagues X 1 vote each = 5 votes;
  - CIHA: 1 vote; and
  - OHA: 1 vote;
  - Total of 106 votes for the Minor class;

\*While each Minor member shall be entitled to one (1) vote, those associations with 1,000-1,499 players have an additional vote, or 1,500-1,999 players have 2 additional votes, or 2,000-2,499 players have 3 additional votes and those associations with 2,500 players or more are entitled to 4 additional votes;
- v) The overall HEO voting structure totals cannot be changed without the agreement of both the Minor and Junior classes;
- vi) Life Members are non-voting;
- vii) If and when Sledge Hockey becomes an associate partner to HEO, it will be a non-voting participant; and
- viii) If and when Women's Hockey joins HEO the voting structure for the Minor Class will be adjusted such that the total Minor/Junior equivalency factor remains unchanged.

