



**THOROLD AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
(INCORPORATED 1988)  
CONSTITUTION  
(Revised 2022)**

**ARTICLE #1 – NAME**

The name of this organization shall be:  
Thorold Amateur Athletic Association  
(Incorporated in 1988)  
Hereinafter referred to as the “TAAA”

**ARTICLE #2 – OBJECTIVE**

The purpose of the TAAA is to organize, develop and promote minor ice hockey for the youth of the City of Thorold including

- a) The opportunity for all City of Thorold youth to participate in recreational league ice hockey and,
- b) The development of the participation in competitive representative ice hockey.
- c) The TAAA shall encourage and develop within the membership good fellowship, honesty, sportsmanship, integrity and feeling of responsibility towards themselves, their fellow members and the needs of the community
- d) Promoting the TAAA to other hockey organizations and affiliates, community sponsors, civic leaders and communities at large
- e) To develop a set of acceptable and moral values including behaviour on and off the ice, competition based on fair play and respect for authority and leadership
- f) Fostering community spirit among its members and all supporters
- g) TAAA will continue to encourage and support participation in the sport of hockey, and ensure that diversity, equality and inclusion are key considerations in our strategies, plans, actions, and operations.

### **ARTICLE #3 - MEMBERSHIP**

- a) Membership in the association shall be open to any individual who is a resident of the City of Thorold, has attained the age of 18 years or more or Participates in Youth Hockey Coaching/Volunteering. Membership fee shall be \$2.00. The membership fee shall be set by the Executive, and Reviewed annually. Any person participating in an activity in the Association should be recognized as a paid membership cardholder upon attaining The age 18 years. Membership fee is to be paid to and recorded by the current elected treasurer of the TAAA. An individual rostered as a Coach, Bench Staff, trainer etc that appears on the OMHA roster/at large list is considered a paid member.
- b) An individual who is active in promoting amateur sport in the City of Thorold may be accepted by the Executive as an Associate Member, even though they are not a resident . The Executive should accept Affiliated Members and these members should pay the annual dues and receive privileges equal to regular members, except hold elected office in the TAAA\
- c) The TAAA is desirous of all sports and recreation organizations becoming members in the TAAA and should welcome and encourage all to do so
- d) All members should agree to abide by and comply with the "Constitution" and "Bylaws" of the TAAA or their membership shall be revoked

### **ARTICLE #4 – EXECUTIVE**

**All terms of elected office will run from May 1<sup>st</sup> until April 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year unless otherwise stated of length of term.**

- a) The Officers of the TAAA shall consist of the President, Treasurer, and Vice President and shall be elected : **as per stated**
  - President - Shall be elected every 2 years (alternating every other year with Overall Chair)**
  - Vice President – Shall be elected every 2 years (alternative every other year with Rep Director)**
  - Treasurer – Shall be elected every year, with the exception of current treasurer agreeing to stay in current position**
- b) The Directors of the TAAA shall be composed of the aforementioned Officers, Immediate Past President and members elected at large for the following positions: to be elected every year

All positions may be reviewed every year.

If a Director wishes to maintain their current position, they may contact the president of their intentions and must be voted upon by the board

**Secretary**

**Overall Hockey Chairperson – Shall be elected every 2 years (alternating every other year with President)**

**Niagara District Chair Person- Shall be elected every 2 years (alternating every other year with Vice President)**

**Senior Local League Chairperson**

**Junior Local League Chairperson**

**Ice Scheduler**

**Registrar**

**Tournament Director**

**Sponsorship Chair**

**Fundraising Director**

**Program and Banquet Chair person**

**Equipment Manager**

**Risk Management Director**

**Development and Head Trainer**

**Advisory Committee**

The Advisory Committee shall consist of 1 Past Presidents, excluding the Immediate Past President. This committee shall provide the TAAA with insight and knowledge and will participate in all discussion: however, the Advisory Committee may not make motions or vote.

- c) The Executive shall have the power to vote\*\* at all meetings, control the affairs of the TAAA, fill vacancies which may occur in its number, subject to provisions for Executive positions as laid down in paragraphs (a) and (b). Executive members shall officially hold only one position on the Executive Committee but may fill temporary vacancies.
  
- d) Any Executive member, who fails to attend two meetings without the reasons that in the opinion of the full Executive are satisfactory, shall have automatically tendered their resignation. After two misses, the Secretary shall bring this to the Executive member's attention by Confirmed read email. All executive must RSVP accept or decline all Monthly meetings

- e) If at any time during their term of office an Executive member neglects their duties, as outlined in the Constitution, they may be removed from their position by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote in favour of such action by the remainder of the Executive. Such a vacancy would be filled in the manner referred to in the Constitution. If the Executive member is not present at the time of the vote, an email shall be written by the Secretary and emailed within seven(7) days of the vote by confirmed read email to their current email address on file.  
A copy of such email will be printed and placed on file in the office of the TAAA
  
- f) Effective May 1 – April 30 the Hockey Committee shall consist of Overall Hockey Chairperson, Niagara District Chairperson, Senior Local League Chairperson, Junior Local League Chairperson, Ice Scheduler ,registrar, Vice President ( appointed secretary if required non voting)and any additional members that may be added pending the Executive approval.  
The President shall remain a non-partial party and be called upon to vote if a tiebreaker vote is required.
  
- g) Resignation of Position – An Executive member may resign his or her position by submitting a letter of resignation to the President. If an Executive resigns from their position during their term in office, without due cause, they may not return to any position for the remainder of the term they vacated plus one additional term. If the Executive member holds one position and is filling a vacancy of another position, they may resign from one position without affecting the other, but may not return to the position they vacated for that term.

#### **ARTICLE #5 – DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

- a) As the President is the senior officer of the TAAA, he/she should devote his/her time to the position so as to fulfill his/her office to the best of his/her abilities.
- b) The President shall preside at all meetings of the TAAA and Executive, and shall perform the usual duties and privileges of that office. The President shall be responsible for the assignment of any new duties to the Executive Committee.
- c) The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence.
- d) The Treasurer shall be responsible for the recording of all monies received and disbursed by him/her and reported monthly to the Executive and yearly to the TAAA. The Treasurer's books shall be audited by an accredited auditing firm for Review of Engagement to which this firm will file all Corporation Tax as required by the Corporations Act. .
- e) All cheques issued by the TAAA must be signed by the President and Treasurer or the Vice President in the absence of the President or Treasurer. All vouchers and bills must be presented at the Executive meetings for payment or approval. All new Treasurer's, President's and Vice President's signatures must be cleared at the bank immediately following their taking office. All signing officers of the TAAA must be bonded.
- f) The Secretary shall keep an accurate up to date record of the proceedings, roll of membership, proper notification of all the meetings and all

other duties ordinarily performed by the office of the Secretary

- g) The Elected Executive may appoint additional Directors to a maximum of two (2). Appointed Directors and any such appointment of a Director by the Executive shall be for a one year term of office. The duties of such directors will be at the discretion of the Executive. The appointed directors will have all rights and privileges of elected directors.
- h) Job descriptions shall be drawn up and posted in a public place 10 days to 2 weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting
- i) Duties of the Directors at large shall be assigned by the President
- j) All members of the Executive shall participate in an annual membership drive beginning in May
- k) On decisions taken by the TAAA, any Executive member who could have a conflict of interest between their private financial interest (including themselves or any member of their immediate family living at home) and their trust of official executive responsibilities shall refrain from speaking or voting on a subject
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## **ARTICLE #6 – MEETINGS**

- a) The annual meeting of the TAAA shall be held in the third week of April and the semi-annual meeting shall be held in the third week in October if deemed necessary in the City of Thorold in a designated hall selected by the Executive. The annual and semi-annual meeting dates and location must be publicized through current social media / website news the first appearance to be at least one week in advance of the elections.
- b) No one person shall be permitted to attend annual meetings or stand for election unless they have been a member in good standing for at least 60 days prior to elections.
- c) Electing Officers and Executive committee members – The TAAA shall at its annual meeting provide each voting member with a ballot for each office. In the case of the Directors at large in which four are to be elected annually, the members must mark their ballots for four candidates nominated and where such is not done, the ballot is to be considered spoiled and not counted
- d) Officers and Executive committee members shall be elected yearly by majority vote at the April meeting of the TAAA. On ballots for the Directors at large, the four receiving the highest votes shall be declared elected. If a tie vote for the last position should occur, a ballot for that position only shall be cast.
- e) Special meetings of the TAAA Executive may be held at the call of the President or the request of any three Executive committee members in writing to the Secretary
- f) A Monthly Executive meeting must be held a minimum of 1 meeting per month. The first meeting after board elections will be decided via unanimous vote with elected board officials. It will be noted in the minutes of each meeting the date, time and location of the next meeting. A monthly meeting may be adjusted with date, time location with an unanimous vote of board members.

- g) All TAAA members shall be allowed to attend all Executive meetings
- h) A quorum for Executive meetings shall be not less than 51% of total eligible voting executives
- i) Confidentiality – Every Director and Officer of the TAAA shall respect the confidentiality of matters brought before the board
- j) Proxies will not be permitted. Members of the TAAA must be present in person at the General Meetings and Annual General Meetings of the TAAA in order to exercise their voting rights in relation to matters coming before a General Meeting or an Annual General Meeting.

#### **ARTICLE #7 – AMENDMENTS**

- a) Any amendment or alteration to the constitution may only be made at the Annual meeting and must have two-thirds majority of votes in order to carry
- b) Notice of any proposed alterations or amendment must be filed with the Secretary in writing at least 60 days prior to the Annual General Meeting in the Thorold Arena located at 70 Front St. N in a visible location for the membership to view and also on our website [www.thoroldminorhockey.com](http://www.thoroldminorhockey.com)

#### **ARTICLE #8 – ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- a) Reading of minutes of last general meeting
- b) President's Report
- c) Treasurer's Report
- d) Correspondence
- e) Committee Reports
- f) Amendments – Notice of Motion
- g) Election of Officers
- h) New General Business
- i) President's Closing

#### **ARTICLE #9 – RULES OF ORDER**

The following are the rules and regulation of the TAAA during the time of business, and the business shall be disposed of in the following manner:

- a) No motion shall be received unless properly moved and seconded and said motion shall not be opened for discussion until so stated by the presiding officer
- b) All motions shall be decided by a majority of votes cast in accordance with the constitution
- c) No member shall speak twice on the same subject without the permission of the chairperson, unless in explanation or the mover in reply
- d) A member desiring to speak or submit a motion, shall rise and remain standing and respectfully address the chair, and then shall confine his/her remarks to the question and shall not be interrupted unless upon a point of order.
- e) No amendment to a motion shall be in order after an amendment to an amendment

- f) When a motion is under debate no motion shall be entertained except to lay on the table, or amend, and these motions shall take precedence in the order named
- g) An amendment which entirely changes the subject of the original motion shall not be entertained as an amendment or substituted for the motion under debate.
- h) After a motion has been stated by the presiding officer it becomes the property of the TAAA, but may be withdrawn at any time previous to the amendment
- i) There shall be no debate upon any question after it has been put by the presiding officer
- j) When a vote is called, it shall be taken by each member holding up their right hand. The presiding officer shall declare the vote on all questions and should their declaration be disputed, they may request a standing vote until he/she affirms his/her count on the yea or nay votes

## **BYLAWS**

- a) The TAAA should encourage sponsorship of our amateur sports and permit any donations to be earmarked for specific use and encourage the donor to become an active member.
- b) Each activity that is recognized by the TAAA should have a chairperson and a vice chairperson, one of whom shall be present at all Executive, Semi-annual and Annual meetings and have the right to vote
- c) The Vice Chairperson of each activity should be elected if a Vice Chairperson is required
- d) All uniforms, clothing, jackets etc that are used for any team must be approved by the TAAA and provided by the TAAA approved supplier. In no way will any team source any product outside of the TAAA approved supplier nor duplicate the Logo without TAAA permission on any item, clothing, letterhead etc. All team uniforms, clothing must bear the current Thorold Blackhawks Logo .  
Any team using the TAAA logo without approval will be subject to discipline by the Board of Directors
- e) The elected or appointed member of the Hockey Committee may coach, manage or train on a team providing there is no conflict of interest and are able to perform all duties of their position along with appropriate dedication to the team. The Executive Board Meeting must be the first priority if there is a conflict of date/time.  
The coach must be approved and voted upon by the TAAA Board of Directors.  
The coach/ Coaching staff must be the best suitable for the position

- f) All coaching staff applications for the following hockey season are to be submitted in writing to the secretary of the TAAA for review by the Executive and the hockey committee jointly, with the TAAA Executive having the final vote on appointments. All applications must contain the names of all parties applying and what position they will hold with the team. Any changes in coaching staff to be received prior TAAA Executive approval.
- g) The Executive board will be provided with appropriate Clothing, gear that bears the Logo of the TAAA and an identifier to show they are a TAAA Executive Board member . Budget of up to \$100.00 per member
- h) In order to register for BB hockey in the TAAA you must be a resident of the City of Thorold, or the parents pay taxes to the City of Thorold. You can register for Local League hockey in the TAAA regardless of what city you reside. **Non resident player will be able to register for BB Hockey providing all proper OMHA Documentation is presented and approved by the OMHA**
- i) If the TAAA loses any hockey players through an Ontario Minor Hockey Association ruling, financial remuneration will be negotiated if the loss is due to no fault of the player . If a Player is at fault then no remuneration will be entertained