



ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
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**INTERPRETATION RULES
AND DEFINITIONS OF WORDS, EXPRESSIONS OR ABBREVIATIONS
FOUND IN THE REGULATIONS AND BY-LAWS**

Amendments brought to the 2008-2009 regulations as carried at the meeting held on February 17th 2009 are shown as follows: additions are put in thick characters and deletions are crossed off.

When interpreting the regulations and By-Laws of the QMJHL, unless the context implies a different meaning, the words, expressions abbreviations and letters mean:

Administrative Centre:	The Quebec Major Junior Hockey League head office.
Age of the players:	Sixteen years old: a player who is currently 16 years of age or who will be 16 years old on or before December 31 st of the current year. Seventeen years old: a player who is currently 17 years of age or who will be 17 years old on or before December 31 st of the current year.
Board of Governors:	Board of Governors of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League Inc.
By-Laws:	By-Laws of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League Inc.
CHL:	Canadian Hockey League.
Club:	A hockey team member of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League Inc.
Commissioner:	Commissioner of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League
Commissioner's office:	The head office of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League Inc.
Constitution:	The 2001-1 general By-Laws of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League Inc., as well as all subsequent modifications duly ratified.
Corporation:	The Quebec Major Junior Hockey League Inc.
Exhibition game:	Any game played outside the regular schedule or the playoffs.
Game(s):	One or several Quebec Major Junior Hockey League regular season and playoff games.
HC:	Hockey Canada

HQ:	Hockey Quebec.
League:	Quebec Major Junior Hockey League Inc.
Member:	Any person, association, partnership, trust or corporation (collectively, a "Person") that owns a franchise to operate a hockey team in the League in accordance with the conditions established by the Board of Governors.
MJAHL:	Maritime Junior "A" Hockey League
NHL:	National Hockey League
OHL:	Ontario Hockey League
Organization:	A club.
PEIHA:	Prince-Edward Island Hockey Association.
Players residing in Quebec:	Players living with a parent or person having legal custody according to the laws of Quebec and whose domicile is located in the province of Quebec.
QMJHL:	Quebec Major Junior Hockey League Inc.
Registration certificate:	A player certificate issued by Hockey Canada
Season:	Period of time starting with the annual draft session of a given year and ending the day before the annual draft session of the following year, unless otherwise stated in the By-Laws.
Team:	The whole of the general managers, coaches, players, trainers and medical responder of a club.
Time:	Any time mentioned in the regulations or By-Laws refers to the Quebec Eastern time.
USAH:	USA hockey.
Verified:	Status given to a registration certificate and player contract once the administrative centre has compared the birth certificate, HC registration certificate or player contract submitted by a club (in case of a player) to that in file at the administrative centre for the same player as filed the previous year, and found consistent with the information in file.
WHL:	Western Hockey League

BY-LAW 1 THE LEAGUE

1.01 NAME

The League is known under the name “The Quebec Major Junior Hockey League” or the QMJHL, and its operation rests on the authority of the Representatives of the Members, the Board of Governors and the Commissioner.

1.02 PURPOSE

The purpose of the League is to promote hockey at the major junior level within the territory and limits described in the Constitution of the League.

1.03 AFFILIATION

The League is operated according to its constitution, regulations and By-Laws, as well as those of HC, HQ and the CHL, the whole without prejudice to the autonomy of the League with respect of its duties and powers conferred to the directors of the League by its By-Laws and as sanctioned by the Board of Governors.

1.04 THE HOCKEY COMMITTEE

1.04.1 Members

The Hockey Committee includes the following three members: the Commissioner, the Hockey V-P, the Director of Hockey Operations and all other members appointed by the Commissioner.

1.04.2 Term of office

The term of office of the members of the Hockey Committee is one year. The office begins on June 1 and ends on May 31 of the following year.

1.04.3 Nature of office

The Hockey Committee is an advisory committee assisting and counselling the Commissioner in the management of the affairs of the League.

1.04.4 Meetings and quorum

The Hockey Committee meets at the request of the Commissioner. The quorum is reached when two members attend a meeting.

1.05 DISCIPLINARY PREFECT

1.05.1 Mandate of the Prefect of discipline or the Disciplinary Committee

The Commissioner appoints a Disciplinary Prefect or, may choose to appoint a Disciplinary Committee made up of (3) or (5) members. If the Commissioner appoints a Disciplinary Committee, he will designate a member who will act as officer in charge

of the committee. The Prefect of discipline or Disciplinary Committee will act under the authority of the Commissioner and has all the disciplinary powers he was given by the Commissioner with regard to any event or any act occurring during a game governed according to the QMJHL game rules. His mandate is to rationally, effectively and constantly sanction reprehensible acts perpetrated either by a team's player or staff member. The concerned reprehensible acts may be acts considered as dangerous, violent or intimidating to excess, outrageous language or any act that could result in undermining the League's image.

The Disciplinary Prefect, before making a decision, must consult with its Consultative Committee as stated in article 1.05.6. The Disciplinary Committee must make its decisions based upon a majority of votes. The Commissioner cannot sit on the Consultative Committee and cannot intervene in the decision-making process of the Prefect of Discipline nor the Disciplinary Committee.

1.05.2 The proof

Blamed acts must be sufficiently proven through the means put at the disposal of the Prefect of discipline or the Disciplinary Committee. In a non-exhaustive and non-exclusive way, those means are the following:

- Viewing of the event's video footage;
- Viewing of another video footage available;
- If necessary, report on the complaint lodged by a team;
- Report and statement of game's officials;
- Report and statement of game supervisor;
- Report and statement of League officer present at the game;
- Statement of blamed person and officer from his team.

1.05.3 The right to be heard

Before taking a disciplinary decision, the Prefect of discipline or the Disciplinary Committee must give to the person concerned by an eventual disciplinary measure, as well as to the team representative, the opportunity to be heard and to justify themselves.

1.05.4 Interpretation of the act

The Prefect of discipline or the Disciplinary Committee must take into consideration the circumstances of the act throughout the game (was the act accidental? provoked? intended? during a play? gratuitously violent? etc.)

1.05.5 Jurisprudence

The Prefect of discipline or the Disciplinary Committee must, if he believes it is appropriate, useful or necessary, establish comparisons with decisions taken previously in similar situations.

1.05.6 Role of the Consultative committee

To establish and examine the proof, to determine the act within the game, and to make comparisons with decisions that were previously taken, the Prefect of discipline may consult the Consultative committee set up by the Commissioner. The decision related to discipline belongs to the Prefect of discipline.

The Consultative committee is formed of three (3) or five (5) members, among which the Director of hockey operations and the Arbitration director.

The Consultative committee cannot convene without the Director of hockey operations.

1.05.7 Special situations

➤ The Prefect of discipline or the Disciplinary Committee can give penalties or impose fines to the staff of each team concerning any act from the staff against the QMJHL **during a game**.

➤ The QMJHL Commissioner is responsible for giving penalties and/or imposing fines for any statement to the media which causes prejudice to the League. Furthermore, he is responsible for issuing disciplinary sanctions and fines for any statement and/or action from a team owner, a Governor, a Member, a coach or General-manager against the QMJHL.

1.05.8 Reviewing decisions pronounced by the Prefect of discipline or the Disciplinary Committee

The Commissioner may, following an express complaint from a team, review, reverse or modify any decision pronounced by the Prefect of discipline or the Disciplinary Committee. A complaint lodged under this clause must be submitted to the Commissioner in the three (3) days following the publication of the Prefect of Discipline's/ Disciplinary Committee's decision. The complaint must precisely expose why it contests the decision rendered and the requested amendments; it must be sent together with a certified cheque or a bank draft in the amount of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) made out to «The Quebec Major Junior Hockey League inc.»; this sum is non-refundable. However, if the appeal is heard, the appealing club may ask for the reimbursement of the sum of three thousand dollars it paid.

1.06 ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE

The administrative centre of the League is under the responsibility of the Commissioner. All business must be carried out through the administrative centre where documents are kept. The officer in charge of the administrative centre ensures the distribution of information to the members of the League.

1.06.1 Central Scouting

The League shall make available to its members the services of a Central Scouting Department providing clubs with the means and facilities to identify, assess and attract the best possible prospects among the Canadian and American players active on the territories covered by the QMJHL as approved by the CHL.

The annual plan of operations of the Central Scouting is adopted during the month of August by the Commissioner, after consultation with the officials responsible for the scouting, and the General Manager of each team. The budget of the Central Scouting is determined by the Board of Governors.

The Manager of the Central Scouting is responsible, amongst other things, for updating the eligibility list of players for the draft session which takes place each year in June. To that end, the first eligibility list is made available no later than April 1st. The list comprises the names of the players provided by each club between April 10 and April 20, and those provided by the Manager of the Central Scouting and the names of the players who will have been withdrawn from the list of players protected against selection, in compliance with the provisions of item 10.06.

The day before the annual draft session, each club shall receive 20 training camp forms for its personal use. At the opening of the regular schedule of the season, the unused training camp forms are lost and cannot be used later.

1.06.2 Personnel

The League must put the following personnel at the disposal of the members:

- a) an Academic Consultant Manager whose functions are determined by the Commissioner;
- b) a Manager in charge of the "Players help program"; and
- c) a Manager in charge of the Anti-doping Program.

1.06.3 Legal Holidays

When an act must be performed at a specific date according to the By-Laws and that such date falls on a legal holiday, the act may legally be performed on the first business day immediately following the legal holiday. Saturdays and Sundays are legal holidays as well as any other generally recognized legal holiday.

1.07 IMMUNITY OF THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS

1.07.1 Directors of the League

No one from any team (owner, governor, director of the club, coach, therapists, trainer, equipment supervisor, player, executive, etc.) shall publicly criticize, make public accusations, hold tendentious remarks against the League, the Commissioner, any other person in authority at the League or against the referees, bearing on their competence, honesty or performance.

BY-LAW 2 CLUBS

2.01 RELATIONS WITH OTHER HOCKEY ORGANIZATIONS

Clubs wishing to deal with HC and its branches , the CHL, the NHL, USAH or any other organization shall act through accredited committees.

2.02 PENALTIES

2.02.1 Clubs

Any club disobeying the By-Laws is guilty of contempt and is liable to penalties deemed appropriate by the Commissioner and imposed by him, except when otherwise stated in the By-Laws.

2.02.2 Individuals

Any individual related to a club not obeying the By-Laws is guilty of contempt and is liable to penalties (fines, suspensions or both at the same time) deemed appropriate by the Commissioner and imposed by him, except when otherwise stated in the By-Laws.

2.03 PAYMENT

2.03.1 Delay

All fines due by the clubs are payable within 30 days.

2.03.2 Penalties

If for any reason, the fine is not paid within the respected delay, the amount of the fine will automatically double. Furthermore, if the fine is applicable to the general manager, to his assistant or to any other member of the club's management team, the guilty party will not be permitted to transact with the League head office as long as the doubled fine has not been paid. The responsibilities of the party at fault must be assumed by another individual designated by the club.

2.04 DUES TO THE LEAGUE, OTHER THAN FINES

2.04.1 Delay

- a) Any amount due to the League is payable within 30 days.
- b) The amount due on game revenues is payable within 10 days, exception made of Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, from the date of the game.
- c) The amounts due to the League in payment for the release of players shall be paid upon request.

2.05 COLOURS AND NAME OF THE TEAM

Each club shall submit to the Commissioner and Board of Governors for approval, the colours of its uniform and the name of the team. The same procedure shall be followed for any change brought to either.

2.06 PROTECTION OF THE OFFICIALS AND VISITING TEAM

2.06.1 Responsibility

Police officers must be present at all times during a game; they are assigned to the bench of the visiting team, to the penalty bench and to the game officials: referees and linesmen. Should no police officer be available, then security agents may be used as replacement.

2.06.2 Default and penalty

If established that the home team is not offering the required protection, the Commissioner, at the expense of the offending team, will do what needs to be done to ensure that an adequate protection is provided to the officials and the visiting team. Furthermore, the Commissioner shall impose a \$1,000 fine to the offending team for a first offence, and of \$2,000 for any subsequent one.

2.06.3 Additional action

If it is proven that a team is not receiving the required cooperation from the owners of the rink in meeting the requirements established in 2.06.2, the Commissioner may recommend to the Board of Governors that the team play at another rink.

2.07 ADMISSION TICKETS

2.07.1 Regular schedule

The home club shall make everything possible to accommodate the visiting team in tickets provided the request is received within a reasonable delay. Tickets may be requested for the players' parents or fans travelling on a tour organized by the visiting team or by any dealer authorized by the team.

2.07.2 Playoffs

The home team shall sell at least 200 tickets from the best available seats to the visiting team and 10 tickets to every other team of the League provided a request has made to the General Manager of the home team at least 48 hours before the beginning of the game. The clubs having requested the tickets shall pay for the tickets whether they end up using them or not.

2.08 MINOR OFFICIALS

Upon request, each club shall communicate to the administrative centre, the names, addresses and telephone numbers of their minor officials, namely:

- a) the official scorer in charge of the minor officials;
- b) the game timekeeper;
- c) the penalty timekeeper;
- d) the two goal judges and the two alternate goal judges.

2.09 PERSONNEL AND EXECUTIVES OF THE CLUB

Upon request, each club shall communicate to the administrative centre, the names, addresses and telephone numbers of its personnel, namely:

- a) all of the executives;
- b) each member of the personnel;
- c) the signing executives for the release of the players;
- d) the governor; and
- e) the executive and his assistant who will attend the meetings of the League.

2.10. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE HOME TEAM

2.10.1 Medical services

The home team is responsible for providing the visiting team with medical services or emergency services when required, namely:

- a) a doctor shall be on site for players, coaches or trainers who may need medical assistance; and
- b) an ambulance or any other appropriate means of transportation to the hospital for players, coaches, or trainers who may be sick or injured and require such transportation.

Any breach to this rule will result in a \$1000 fine upon the first infraction and of \$2000 for any subsequent infraction.

2.10.2 Cost for medical services

The cost for medical services resulting from the enforcement of 2.10.1 shall be paid by the team having received the services.

2.11 OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE HOME TEAM

The home team shall accommodate the visiting team should any of the following circumstances occur:

- a) **Equipment:** supply equipment when the visiting team has forgotten any equipment without which the presentation of the game or the safety of the players are jeopardized. Such an incident must be reported to the Commissioner.
- b) **Skates sharpening:** skates sharpening services should be offered should a player brake one of his skates after the game has begun and another pair of skates needs to be sharpened.

- c) Assistant-trainer: at the request of the visiting team, the home team shall provide the services of an assistant-trainer if required, at the expense of the visiting team.
- d) Miscellaneous: provide the visiting team with any accessory required should an emergency or unforeseen situation affecting the well being of the visiting team arise. Such an incident must be reported to the Commissioner.
- e) Pucks: the home team shall provide the visiting team with 50 to 60 pucks for the pre-game warm-up.
- f) Towels and soft drinks: the home team shall provide the visiting team with 40 clean towels and 30 unopened soft drinks or bottled water.
- g) Premises: the home team shall provide the visiting team with two suitable rooms: one for the team and large enough to accommodate 22 players, and another one for the trainers, coaches and other members of the personnel of the team. The rooms must be made available at least two hours before the game. The premises shall be approved by the League.

2.12 FREE PASSES

The clubs shall advise the personnel of the arenas that they must honour the free passes issued and approved by the CHL or the League to attend pre-season, regular or playoff games.

2.13 COST OF A RELEASE

The cost of the release of a player is determined by an agreement conducted with the organization, association, federation or league the player belongs to, unless a written agreement has been reached between the teams involved **if there is no protocol in place.**

2.14 TRADING PLAYERS

2.14.1 General restrictions

Teams can trade players in accordance with the conditions determined in the present article.

2.14.2 Trading Period

The League declares that there will be three trading periods during the season. The first is held at the annual draft. The second in August and the third is held after the last game scheduled during mid-season. No trading shall be made outside these three periods, except for 20 year old players and the European players who may be traded at all times until the end of the third trading period. In the case of European players, the by-laws of the CHL apply in compliance to the article 3.01.1.1.

2.14.3 Forbidden considerations

No trade can be concluded for considerations other than the transfer of the player services or a draft pick.

Trades directly or indirectly including considerations other than the transfer of the services of one or several players and one or several draft picks will not be approved by the League and shall be considered null and void.

2.14.4 Conditional clauses

A trade between two teams must not include conditional clauses in regards to the transfer of the services of a player. It can include a conditional clause referring to a draft pick.

2.14.5 Non-limited rights

A trade cannot include a provision which limits the rights of the team acquiring the services of a player, in regards to their usage of the player's services.

2.14.6 Professional rights

The amounts paid by the NHL to teams having owned the rights to a player prior to his selection are divided proportionally between the clubs. The sum each club will receive depends on the amount of time the club owned said player's rights. These amounts are not transferable in the event of a trade.

2.14.7 Return to former team

A transferred or traded player cannot return, whether through a waiving, transfer or a trade to the team that last transferred or traded him, except for a 16 year-old player returning to his first team once he turns 19 years old or for a 17 year-old player once he turns 20 years old. For application purposes of the present article, in the case of a trade made during the annual session, a player is deemed to have the age of the following year and not the preceding year.

2.14.8 Free of any mortgage

When a player is traded or transferred to another team, the club that traded or transferred the services of the player shall pay all amounts due including that of the release of the player, unless otherwise agreed between the trading teams.

2.14.9 Wronged player

Any player who feels a trade is detrimental to his development shall personally inform the Commissioner who has the power to recommend that the services of the player be transferred or that he be traded. However, the player shall not return with any of the teams he was registered with earlier in the current season.

2.14.10 Confidentiality

When negotiations between two or more teams are in progress in view of a trading, the names of the concerned players shall remain confidential until the trading is concluded and approved by the League. The Commissioner shall impose any offender a minimum fine of \$2,000 and maximum \$10,000.

2.14.11 Declaration under oath

Once a trade is concluded, the duly authorized representatives of each team concerned must complete and sign, under oath, the declaration form supplied by the league, and return it to the league immediately.

2.14.12 Sanctions

The Commissioner will apply the following sanctions, according to the gravity of the offense, in the case where a team is found acting contrary to the requirements:

- a) A fine reaching a maximum of \$100,000 payable directly to the League;
- b) The loss of a first round draft pick for the next two annual draft sessions following the time when the offense was committed and brought to the attention of the Commissioner;
- c) The loss of raking points.

2.14.13 Services of a player

A player whose services are traded is not permitted to leave his team, train or play with his new team prior to having received the written approval from the League.

2.15 TAMPERING

2.15.1 In the League, HC and its branches, USAH.

No team of the League or person associated to such a team shall:

- a) negotiate or attempt to negotiate with any player described in the following «aa» and «bb» sections;
- b) use such players during exhibition games, invite them at its training camp, accept and allow to participate in its training camp or on-ice training sessions:
 - «aa» a player whose name is registered on the eligibility list of another QMJHL team, unless a written permission has been given as per the following note;
 - «bb»" a player who is part of a team member of HQ or any HC branch, unless a written permission has been granted by an authorized person from the team owning the services of the player.

Any violation of this regulation will automatically result in the loss for that team of the right to ever register this player and have him on its lists, not even through trading, and shall be fined \$10,000.

Players whose names are registered on the eligibility list of a team immediately after the annual draft session are not concerned by this regulation as long as they are active with the team as of their registration.

Any violation to this regulation may be put in writing and the complaint must be filed within 10 days from the date at which the event took place, or after having acknowledged such violation.

2.15.2 Players from Ontario and the Western provinces

No players from Ontario, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, British-Columbia, the Northwest Territories and the U.S.A. states under the jurisdiction of the WHL or the OHL shall participate in on-ice training sessions and games of the QMJHL teams, unless these players have been granted permission to do so by an authorized person from the WHL or OHL depending on the circumstances and in compliance with the CHL By-Laws.

2.16 PLAYERS' INITIATION

The initiation of players, particularly new players, is prohibited if it undermines the dignity or the integrity of the individual. Any team staff member or any player organizing, authorizing or tolerating such a behaviour or event will be fined up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and/or suspended according to the severity of the action. The fine is payable by the club.

2.17 PHYSICAL APPEARANCE - LOOKS

Out of respect for the guests and major partners of the League, no player, coach or any member of the personnel attached to the team shall modify his hairstyle, clothes and physical appearance in general, at any activity of the League in any way considered unacceptable by the Commissioner. Any offending team will be fined \$1,000.

BY-LAW 3 QUALIFICATION OF THE PLAYERS

3.01 REQUIREMENTS

3.01.1 Requirements for players to be qualified to play in the QMJHL

In order to be qualified to play in the QMJHL, each player shall:

- a) be 21 years of age or under as at December 31 of the current year;
- b) have been released from the club he was registered with the previous year;

- c) when applicable and required, have been transferred in compliance with the rules of HC on transfers;
- d) have signed HC's major junior registration certificate of the Quebec Branch;
- e) have filed an original and recent birth certificate;
- f) not have been suspended by the Commissioner, HC and its branches, USAH or the CHL; and
- g) have all due fines paid by the club.

Furthermore:

- h) have his QMJHL standard player contract and registration certificate approved by the Commissioner;
- i) be registered on the eligibility list of the team according to section 6.03; and
- j) this By-Law shall not affect the rules governing the qualification of the players.

3.01.1 European players

The QMJHL shall follow the regulations of the CHL regarding the European players, same as the OHL, WHL and other Quebec leagues.

3.01.2 Required qualification for affiliated players to play in the QMJHL

The affiliated player must:

- a) be under the age of 20 as at December 31st;
- b) have signed a Quebec branch affiliated player's certificate;
- c) not currently be under a suspension ordered by the Commissioner, HC and its branches, USAH;
- d) ensure that all fines imposed upon him have been paid by the team;
- e) have an affiliated player contract approved by the Commissioner;
- f) be registered on the team's eligibility list in compliance with rule 6.03
- g) have signed a HC and its branches, USAH certificate with a team from a division or category lower than major junior, duly affiliated or registered with HQ, HC (and its branches), USAH for the current year; certificates from garage or semi-professional leagues are not recognized as a valid registration;
- h) comply with the regulations regarding affiliated players;

- i) have an original registration certificate approved by the registrar of HC and its branches, USAH or the League. Furthermore, players shall have filled and signed an affiliated player registration certificate with HQ, approved by the Commissioner, and;
- j) this By-Law shall not affect the rules governing the qualification of players.

3.01.2.1 Loss and recovery of qualification

A player who is qualified to play hockey in the League shall lose his qualification if he decides to leave the team and take part in the activities of a hockey club that is not a member of HC and its branches, or USAH. He shall be able to qualify again by following the procedure established herein.

3.01.3 Recall of affiliated players

- a) A team can recall as many affiliated players as wanted. However, no more than six of them may play in a game.
- b) Affiliated and qualified goaltenders can take part in a game provided they are included in the authorized group of six players as mentioned in a), in compliance with HC rules regarding the recall of affiliated players.
- c) Each team can use 19 affiliated player certificates that may be signed before the date set jointly by the Board of Governors and HC and its branches or USAH. However, the teams shall not be allowed to simultaneously use more than 15 affiliated player certificates.

3.01.4 Qualification certificates

- a) Each club may simultaneously use 45 major junior registration certificates for eligible players to sign.
- b) At noon on January 10th, there should remain a maximum of 25 players including at least two goaltenders on the list of the team out of all of those who have signed such a certificate.
- c) Qualification certificates may be signed by eligible players no later than midnight on February 10th.

3.02 TWENTY YEAR-OLD PLAYERS

- a) Each team of the League can register and play with three 20 year-old players or players who will have turned 20 by December 31st of the current year, as long as their names were registered on the eligibility list of the team on February 10th of the previous season, except for one of those player whose name could not have been inscribed on that admissibility list.
- b) No 20 year-old player shall be traded or transferred to another team of the League as of the date set by the League.

- c) Twenty year-old players shall sign major junior registration certificates. Twenty year-old players shall not be used as affiliated players even though said players have been waived.
- d) A twenty year-old player shall not replace another one under a suspension as long as the suspension is not expired, even though said player has been released by his club.
- e) A 20 year-old playing hockey in a professional organization or elsewhere may not play in the QMJHL. However, any player discussed herein may qualify by signing a major junior registration certificate with a team before noon on January 10th and shall participate in at least one regular game of the League within 10 days following his registration with the team; also, he shall not be permitted to play in another League during the season.
- f) Should a club sign a major junior certificate with a fourth 20 year-old player on February 10th, this team shall release one of its three 20 year-old players signed major junior. Subsequently, a special annual draft session shall be held in order to enable this 20 year-old player to play with another QMJHL team. A special selection order shall be determined by reversing the order of the teams general standings as at February 9th.
- g) All 20 year-old player who wants to evolve with a QMJHL team must obtain his release from the team which he was registered this year and must obtain his transfer (if necessary) as mentioned in the HC regulations for the transfers, before January 10th at noon.

3.03 WAIVED PLAYERS

A player who has been waived by his club cannot participate in the games played by his team until his name has been legally reinstated on the eligibility list of his team.

3.04 PROFESSIONAL 18 OR 19 YEAR-OLD PLAYERS RETURNING TO JUNIOR HOCKEY

Any 18 or 19 year-old playing in the NHL or any European player evolving in minor professional leagues may return and play in the QMJHL in compliance with this By-Law, and is qualified to play with the team he is registered with.

Should the player return before January 10th, he shall sign a HC certificate and his name shall be registered on January 10th HQ list, which shall have no more than 25 players, including a minimum of two goaltenders.

If the player returns to the League after noon on January 10th, he will not have to sign the HC certificate and his name will be added to the January 10th list as an additional player. In order to qualify, this player shall sign the required documents of the League.

Players subject to this section can return to play in the League before the date set by the NHL but no later than the day before the start of the QMJHL playoffs.

3.05 VIOLATIONS

Upon violation of the rules on the qualification of the players, the following sanctions shall be imposed:

- a) If a team plays with a non-qualified player, whether because of his age or because his name is not on the eligibility list of the club, the win or tied game as well as the corresponding points in the standings shall be deducted and given to the opponent (maximum of two points).
- b) If a team plays with a player who is not qualified because of an automatic suspension or a suspension imposed in writing by the League, the win or tied game as well as the corresponding points in the standings shall be deducted and given to the opponent (maximum of two points) per game.
- c) If a team plays with a player registered under false information, the Commissioner may take disciplinary measures against the offending team. However, if this error is detected while the game is in progress, the player registered under false information shall be removed from the game and not be replaced by another eligible player. Please refer to section 15 of the rules governing the game of ice hockey on errors in the player's name or number.
- d) If a team plays with a player who is not considered qualified by the Commissioner, the win or tied game as well as the corresponding points in the standings shall be deducted and given to the opponent (maximum of two points) per game.
- e) If the team plays with a player while said player is in the process of being waived, the win or tied game as well as the corresponding points in the standings shall be deducted and given to the opponent (maximum of two points) per game.

Note 1: As soon as the name of a player has been registered on the roster of a game, he shall be considered, for legal purposes, as having taken part in the game.

Note 2: The previous sections do not apply to a goaltender who did not play during a game.

- f) In all cases, including that of the goaltender who did not take part in the play during the game, the club shall be imposed a \$500 fine for the first offence and of \$1,000 for each subsequent ones.

3.06 GIFT TO PLAYERS

No team of this League has the right to give directly, indirectly or in any manner whatsoever one or several gifts to its players or to players of other teams of the League. No team shall use agents to do so during any hockey game of the League, whether at a pre-season, regular or playoff game. This restriction shall apply 24 hours before and 24 hours after the official time set for the beginning of a game.

A \$2,000 fine shall automatically be imposed to any offending club.

Notwithstanding the above mentioned rules, each club can give to its deserving players one or more gifts not exceeding \$100 in value per player, for a maximum of two players, as part of a scholarship, namely to the offensive and defensive players of the month.

3.07 QMJHL STANDARD PLAYER CONTRACT

3.07.1 Contract sanctioned by the League

The League standard player contract is the only one endorsed by the League and each player duly registered with a club member of the League shall sign such a contract. This contract shall be filled and signed in four copies following the prescribed form. All copies shall be sent at the League for the Commissioner's approval. The League shall keep two copies and return the two others to the club.

3.07.2 Right of the player to receive a copy

The player has the right to receive a copy of his signed and approved contract and his team shall give him one of the two copies returned by the League.

3.07.3 Authorized compensations

The only compensations a club may pay a player are the following:

- a) the authorized remuneration;
- b) the room and board fees;
- c) school transportation fees, in accordance with the school policy;
- d) school fees books and supplies, in accordance with the school policy ; and
- e) training and two-way transportation fees between the player's residence and the arena, to attend the training sessions.

3.07.4 Remuneration

The remuneration is the weekly amount indicated in the League's standard player contract. Payments start with the first game of the regular season and end with the last game of the regular season or with the last playoff game. The weekly remuneration allowed, aside the room and board is as follows:

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| a) | players who are 16 and 17 years old | \$35 per week; |
| b) | 18 year-old players | \$50 per week; |
| c) | 19 year-old players | \$60 per week; |
| d) | 20 year-old players | \$150 per week. |

3.07.5 Bonuses to players

The League shall pay a bonus to the 25 players of the teams having achieved the following:

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| a) Champions of the League | \$125 per player; |
| b) Champions of each division at the end of the regular season | \$100 per player; |
| c) Champions of the eighth finals | \$50 per player; |
| d) Champions of the quarter finals | \$50 per player; |
| e) Champions of the semi-finals | \$75 per player; |
| f) Champions of the finals | \$150 per player; |
| g) The team representing the League at the Memorial Cup | \$1,500 for the team. |

These bonuses are the only bonuses approved by the League and no team shall pay its players additional amounts of money. The above mentioned amounts of money are included in the operation budget of the League.

3.07.6 School and other transportation fees

The club must reimburse the player for transportation expenses incurred from his home to the ice rink so the player can participate in team games and training, provided that the distance cannot be walked.

3.07.7 Training fees

The club must reimburse the player his actual expenses incurred to participate in the team training camp except in the case where a player asks to participate in the training camp at his own expense.

3.08 COMPLAINTS, ENQUIRIES AND SANCTIONS

3.08.1 Penalty for not complying with By-Laws 3.07.4 and 3.07.5

Any club not complying with By-Laws 3.07.4 and 3.07.5 shall be imposed any sanction deemed reasonable by the Commissioner, in addition to any disciplinary action he may decide to take.

3.08.2 Inquiry following a complaint stating that a team did not comply with By-Laws 3.07.4 and 3.07.5

Any club accusing another of not complying with By-Laws 3.07.4 and 3.07.5 shall do so in writing to the Commissioner and include all written evidence supporting the accusation, along with a cheque in the amount of \$500 made payable to the League.

If the complaint proves to be well-founded, the cheque will be reimbursed to the complaining club.

If the Commissioner feels the information is credible and believes that By-Laws 3.07.4 and 3.07.5 were indeed infringed, he may conduct an inquiry and impose a fine to the faulty team.

3.08.3 Conduct of the inquiry

Upon receipt of the written complaint, evidence and cheque, the Commissioner shall immediately conduct an inquiry and the accused club shall fully cooperate to the inquiry; otherwise, it will automatically be declared guilty and fined.

3.08.4 If the accused club is declared guilty

If the Commissioner's inquiry proves that the complaint is well-founded, the accused club shall automatically be fined.

3.08.5 If the accused club is found not guilty

If the Commissioner's inquiry proves that the complaining club was wrong, the amount of \$500 sent along with the complaint shall be put in the Education Fund of the League.

BY-LAW 4 GAMES

4.01 FINES

The fines imposed further to the violation of the rules of the game are stated in the book those rules.

4.02 THE COACH OF A TEAM ELIMINATED SHALL NOT RETURN TO COMPETE

The coach of a team eliminated in playoffs may not act as coach of another team of the League before the playoffs are over.

4.03 TIME AT WHICH GAMES MAY START**4.03.1 Time constraint**

No game shall start before 2:00 pm nor after 7:35 pm (local time), unless there is no other option, the whole being approved by the commissioner.

4.03.2 Consecutive games

A game shall not start before 4:00 pm if the visiting club has played the day before, no matter the distance travelled. However, should the two clubs agree to begin the game at an earlier time, then they may do so.

4.04 QUALIFIED PLAYERS IN UNIFORM**4.04.1 Maximum number of players**

Twenty players per team including at least two goaltenders duly qualified and registered on the roster can be in uniform, sit on the bench and play in the game.

4.04.2 Minimum number of players

A team shall have at least 15 players in uniform at the beginning of the game, two of them being goaltenders. To dress less than 15 players at the beginning of a game, the team must first obtain the authorization from the League.

4.04.3 Penalty

A club whose team is not complying with 4.04.2 shall be fined an amount of \$10 000.

4.05 ON-ICE PROMOTIONS AND SHOWS

No club shall organize a promotion or a show on the ice that could delay the game or would require the participation of players without first obtaining the authorization from the Commissioner. The Commissioner will not grant more than four authorizations to a team during a regular calendar month and no more than three during each series.

Any club organizing a special event, promotion, award evening or any other event without the Commissioner's authorization shall automatically be imposed a \$200 fine.

The request shall be made at the League at least 48 hours before the start of the game, by providing all the necessary information and time it will take to hold the promotion, show or event.

4.06 REFUSAL OF A TEAM TO SHOW-UP AT A GAME OR PLAY ONCE ON PREMISES

If a team refuses or neglects to show-up and play a game as scheduled or rescheduled as per the Commissioner's decision, or if a team refuses to play a game once on premises or refuses to finish a game in progress, the team shall automatically lose the game, be imposed a \$10,000 fine and play the amounts claimed by the other team. The claim needs first to be filed with the Board of Governors for approval. Furthermore, the incident shall be submitted to the League for further disciplinary actions, which could include expulsion.

4.07 CANCELLED GAMES

4.07.1 Game cancelled by the home team

Due to major reasons or unforeseen circumstances, should the home team not be able to show-up for a game as scheduled or officially rescheduled, then, the manager of the team shall immediately inform the Commissioner of the situation. It is up to the Commissioner to postpone the game if he deems the reasons sufficient, and he shall inform the visiting team of his decision.

4.07.2 Game cancelled by the visiting team

Due to major reasons or unforeseen circumstances, should the visiting team not be able to show-up for a game as scheduled or officially rescheduled, then, the manager of the team shall immediately inform the Commissioner of the situation. It is up to the

Commissioner to postpone the game if he deems the reasons sufficient, and he shall inform the home team of his decision.

4.07.3 Game cancelled because of a strike or any other major reason

Should a home team be unable to present **or complete** a regular game due to a strike, power failure, fire or any other major reason of which the Commissioner has been informed while the visiting team is on premises or on its way, then the home team shall reimburse the visiting club all related expenses incurred.

The Commissioner shall be informed of the circumstances as soon as they occur. Should the home team dispute the amount claimed by the visiting club, then the Hockey Committee shall verify and determine the amount to be paid. If the claim is not paid by the club within 30 days, the amount shall be paid by the League to the visiting club and deducted from any due by the League to the club at fault.

4.08 POSTPONED GAMES AND CHANGES MADE TO THE ORIGINAL SCHEDULE

The Commissioner is the sole person who may decide to postpone a game or to change the original schedule ~~approved by the Board of Governors.~~

4.09 RESCHEDULING OF A GAME

Within seven days of the postponement of a game (the given delay starts at the original time set for the game), the home club confers with the visiting team and submits to the Commissioner two possible dates on which the game could be rescheduled. The game must be played within 15 days following the original date, unless impossible for reasons found acceptable by the Commissioner. If at fault for not having complied with this rule, a team is liable to a maximum \$500 fine.

If the rescheduled game is a game which could not be completed because of one of the reasons enumerated in article 4.07.3, the following applies:

- **In all cases, the score, at the time of the interruption will remain the same, all statistics will remain in the players' file;**
- **In the case where less than (20) minutes were played in the game, it will be entirely replayed;**
- **In the case where (20) minutes or more were played, the game will continue and be clocked with the remaining time before the original game was interrupted;**
- **Each team may choose a new lineup for the continuation of the postponed game;**
- **If there were penalties being served at the time of the interruption, they will be served by the same players, or by replacement players, if the original players are not in the lineup;**

- **Players who were expelled from the game at the time of the interruption will remain so and may not be replaced in the lineup;**
- **A team may waive its participation in a rescheduled game with the Commissioner's consent, this withdrawal from the game will automatically be considered as a victory for the opposing team;**
- **The Commissioner may, if major circumstances require it, cancel a rescheduled game and declare a victory for the team which was leading the game at the time of the interruption; or he may give each team one (1) point if the teams were tied at the time of the interruption;**
- **In the case where a player was suspended during a game which was rescheduled, the following conditions apply:**
 - **If the game was interrupted during the first period, the game suspension is not considered as having been served and will be carried over to the next immediate game, which can be the rescheduled game;**
 - **If the game is interrupted after the first period, the game suspension is considered served, however if the next immediate game is the rescheduled game, that game will be used to complete the game suspension;**
 - **A rescheduled game may be used to serve a game suspension for any player as long as the game lasts for a minimum time of twenty (20) minutes;**
 - **If the rescheduled game takes place after the player has completed his suspension, the player may participate in the rescheduled game.**

4.10 SUPERVISION OF THE TIME KEPT BY THE VISITING TEAM

At anytime, the visiting team has the right to assign a representative to supervise the work of both the time keeper and the penalty time keeper. The representative shall be given full cooperation from the assigned personnel. Any infraction shall immediately be reported to the Commissioner.

4.11 TEAM STANDINGS

The Board of Governors shall ratify the proposal made to determine the general team standings according to the number of divisions or conferences.

4.12 STANDINGS OF THE SCORERS AND GOALTENDERS

The standings of the scorers and goaltenders shall be computed as per article 11.06.

4.13 TIE IN THE STANDINGS

When two teams or more are tied in the standings, the Commissioner shall determine the final ranking as follows:

- a) The team having the most wins at the end of the regular season shall be awarded the highest rank between the tied teams;
- b) should there still be a tie after this procedure the team with the highest difference between the total of goals for and goals against at the end of the regular season shall be awarded the highest rank among the tied teams;
- c) should there still be a tie, the team with the most goals at the end of the regular season will rank at the highest position among the tied teams;
- d) should there still be a tie, then the procedure set in paragraphe a), b) and c) should be repeated in that order, strictly considering the regular season games played on the road;
- e) should there still be a tie, a drawing will determine which team will be ranked at the highest position; but, if this exercise would result in a team being eliminated from playoff contention, then a deciding game will be played between the two teams involved and a drawing will decide which team will host.

4.14 PLAYOFFS

4.14.1 Playoff standings

The sixteen (16) teams eligible for playoffs will be ranked in accordance with one of the following principles:

- The first four positions will be awarded in the order of points cumulated during the season to the teams that end the season at the top of their division;
- Amongst the teams ending last in their division, the two teams having cumulated the least number of points in the standings will be eliminated while the other two teams will be ranked fifteenth and sixteenth according to the number of points cumulated;
- Positions 5 through 14 are awarded to the remaining teams in order of the number of points cumulated during the regular season.
- Should the number of points cumulated be tied, the position is awarded by using Article 4.13.
- Such standings, called "Playoff Standings", are used to determined opponents in each of the series as well as the team who will get 'home-ice' advantage.

4.14.2 Series Format

The playoffs consist of best of seven series.

In the first round of sixteen teams, series are played between teams in the same division, the team in first place playing the fourth and the team in second place playing the third.

Should it occur that, in a given division, only three (3) teams be eligible for playoffs, the fourth (4th) position will be occupied by the team holding fifth (5th) place in a six-team division. Should this situation occur in two divisions where there are only three (3) eligible teams, fourth (4th) place in each of these divisions will be taken by the teams ending fifth (5th) and sixth (6th) in the six-team division with the team in sixth (6th) place being placed against the team having cumulated the greatest number of points in the 'Playoff Standings' in either division.

Quarter-final series are played between the winners of the 16-team first round where first plays eighth, second plays seventh, third plays sixth and fourth plays fifth.

Semi-finals are played by opposing the four winning teams of the quarter-finals, first playing fourth and second playing third.

The Final is played between the winners of the semi-finals.

4.15 PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

The playoff schedule shall be prepared by the Commissioner no later than 36 hours after the end of the last game of the regular season or of the previous playoff series.

As soon as the positions in the general standings are official, the teams shall abide by the schedule prepared by the Commissioner.

In the first round of sixteen and quarter-finals, if the typical distance by land between both teams involved is more than 800 kilometres, the best of seven series will be played according to the 2-3-2 system; in all other cases, the series will be played according to the 2-2-1-1-1 system. However, when both teams involved in a series agree to play according to the system not planned in their case, the Commissioner may grant their request.

If a playoff series played under the 2-3-2 format shall end with the fifth game, a financial compensation determined by the Commissioner will be paid to the visiting team by the home team. In the event that the visiting team lost the series, the Commissioner will determine the compensation on the following basis: the lesser between seventy-five percent (75%) of net revenues of this fifth game or the average net revenues of the first two games of the series. In the event that the visiting team won the series, the Commissioner will determine the compensation on the following basis: the lesser between twenty-five percent (25%) of net revenues of this fifth game or fifty percent (50%) of the average net revenues of the first two games of the series. For the purposes of applying this clause, net revenues will be gross revenues from admission fees, minus the arena's rental fees, the contribution to the League determined by the Commissioner and officiating fees.

4.16 HOME ICE ADVANTAGE

In case of circumstances beyond anyone's control which would prevent the teams from following the method set in rules 4.14 or 4.15, the Commissioner will assess the situation and come up with an alternate solution in cooperation with the teams involved. In case of conflict between the teams, the Commissioner's decision will be final.

4.17 BEGINNING OF THE PLAYOFFS

The playoffs shall begin at the dates set by the Commissioner and approved by the Board of Governors.

4.18 EXHIBITION GAMES

4.18.1 Required authorization

No team of the League shall play exhibition games without the Commissioner's authorization. The request shall be made to the Commissioner at least 72 hours before the proposed date.

For any infringement to this By-Law, a \$1,000 fine shall be imposed. No authorization will be granted to a team during the regular schedule or playoffs.

4.19 VIDEO

- a) It is mandatory that teams record on DVD all home games, including the warm-up session, and that they make sure the progress of the game is clear and visible. Teams shall keep copies of the cassettes for the Commissioner's use, for a minimum of five days. Each time the competition is stopped, the cameraman shall record the time on the clock;
- b) at the end of the game, the local team must give the visiting club a complete copy of the game;
- c) should a team not comply with a) or b), a \$500 fine will be imposed at the first infraction and of \$1,000 at each additional infraction;
- d) if a team is found at fault further to a complaint registered by a team or an officer of the League, the Commissioner shall receive the DVD from the home team and any other evidence considered reasonable and valid;
- e) upon request at the end of the game, the local club shall give a copy of the DVD to be reviewed by the Commissioner.

Note: any complaint or incident considered groundless by the League will result in a \$500 fine imposed to the club having filed the complaint.

BY-LAW 5 WITHDRAWAL OF A TEAM

5.01 WITHDRAWAL OF A TEAM

No debate on a decision made by a referee or minor official can be settled by withdrawing one of the teams from the game. The game must resume and those not satisfied with the decision made have the privilege to file a complaint with the Commissioner.

5.02 PENALTIES FURTHER TO THE WITHDRAWING OF A TEAM FROM A GAME

Any team having withdrawn from a game in a gesture of protest to finally return on the ice and resume the game will automatically be fined \$1,000.

Any team having withdrawn from a game in a gesture of protest and not resume the game within the prescribed delay will be fined as per article 4.06.

BY-LAW 6 LISTS OF PLAYERS

INTRODUCTION

1. The eligibility list is in force at the end of the annual draft session

6.01 ELIGIBILITY LIST

Each team has an eligibility list on which must appear the names of all of the players whose services or rights as hockey players belong to the club.

At the beginning of the regular season, the status of each player shall be stated as follows:

- a) major junior;
- b) affiliated player; or
- c) inactive player in the QMJHL.

6.02 TOTAL NUMBER OF PLAYERS ON THE ELIGIBILITY LIST

The eligibility list of each team shall not include more than 50 eligible players.

6.03 PLAYERS AUTHORIZED TO BE REGISTERED ON THE ELIGIBILITY LIST

The teams can register the following players on their eligibility list:

- a) selected (drafted) players;
- b) players having signed a major junior certificate for the current year within the authorized period;

- c) players whose names have been kept on the eligibility list;
- d) players having signed a training camp form before the opening of the regular season; and
- e) each team is entitled to a maximum of five free-agent forms in order to register a player on its list without having the obligation to ask for his release; these forms can be used from the beginning of the regular season until February 10th, at noon.

6.04 IDENTIFICATION OF PLAYERS REGISTERED ON THE ELIGIBILITY LIST

- a) Major junior: players having signed a major junior certificate for the current year.
- b) Affiliated players: players having signed an affiliated player certificate for the current year.
- c) Inactive player in the QMJHL: other players whose names have been legally registered on the eligibility list of a team.

6.05 TRADING OF PLAYERS REGISTERED ON THE ELIGIBILITY LIST

Unless otherwise stated in the regulations, the teams can, during authorized periods, trade the players registered on the eligibility list.

6.06 REMOVAL OF A PLAYER FROM THE ELIGIBILITY LIST

No team shall remove the name of a player registered on its eligibility list before the player has been released and submitted to the selection of other teams in compliance with the regulations, unless the removal has been authorized in compliance with the regulation.

6.07 PLAYERS WHO CANNOT BE IDENTIFIED AS AFFILIATED PLAYERS

Twenty year-old players cannot be identified as affiliated players and cannot sign an affiliated player certificate.

6.08 RESTRICTIONS

A player whose name appears on the eligibility list of a team cannot play for another one. However, during the training camp, the player may play for another team as long as his name is registered at that time on the eligibility list of a QMJHL team and that the two teams have agreed to this in writing and have previously informed the League of their intention. The teams shall benefit from this regulation until the first trading period of the season held in August.

6.09 FROZEN LISTS

The eligibility list shall be frozen at midnight February 10th of each year until 24 hours before the beginning of the annual draft session.

Any player whose name does not appear on the eligibility list may be selected by the other teams at the annual draft session.

BY-LAW 7 WAIVING

7.01 RELEASE AND CLAIM PERIODS

No team may remove a player from its list before the player has been released in view of a potential selection by other teams of the League. The release and claim periods are at the same dates as the trading periods unless otherwise provided by the regulations, for example, in 3.02 e) During the mid-season exchange period - mid December to mid January -, the claiming period ends at noon on January 10th of each year.

7.02 AFFILIATED 16, 17, 18 AND 19 YEAR-OLD PLAYERS

Any 16, 17, 18 or 19 year-old player may be designated as an affiliated player without having been waived, as long as this designation does not contradict the regulations on affiliated players.

7.03.1 NINETEEN YEAR-OLD PLAYERS

- a) At the end of the trading period in August, the Team must provide the League with a list of all 19 year old players who have not received contract offers. Following the reception of the list, a special selection round for above-mentioned players will take place via teleconference. The order of selection will be identical to that of the preceding trading period. The team which selects a 19 year old player is obliged to extend a regular player contract.
- b) In the same manner and following the same procedures, another special selection round will be held on **Wednesday, September 2nd** for all 19 year old players who are either released or who have not yet received a contract offer.
- c) In addition, a third special selection round will be held at the end of the exchange period during the holidays for all 19 year old players who have either been released or are without a contract offer. The manner and procedures will be identical to previous rounds; however the selection order be in reverse order (last to first) when compared to the team rankings as determined by the article 4.13.

7.03.2 Nineteen year old players who are released or without a contract

19 year old players who have signed a contract and are released from their team, or any 19 year old players who are released after **Wednesday, September 2nd** without

having signed a contract, must be submitted for selection by the other teams immediately after their release. A team which releases a player after **Wednesday, September 2nd** will be fined one thousand dollars \$1,000, unless the release is made within the trade period held during the holidays.

7.04 TRADING BETWEEN TEAMS

Trading between teams is subject to the regulations covering the waiving.

7.05 WAIVING PROCEDURE

Upon receipt of a notice of waiving, the League shall submit the name of the player to the other teams. The selection period shall start at the time indicated on the notice sent by the League and end 48 hours later, exception made of Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays.

Delays set in this procedure do not apply to the team standing last in the general standings, as this team is exercising its own right.

7.05.1 Notice of waiving

The team will inform the League of its intentions and indicate the name, surname and date of birth of the player.

7.05.2 Cancellation of a notice of waiving

Once a team has informed the League of its intention to release a player, it cannot cancel the notice.

7.05.3 Non-qualified player

The waived player shall not participate in the games of his team until he is back on its eligibility list in compliance with the regulations.

In addition, the player whose name is submitted to the waiver may not sign with a team of lower category as long as the waiver process is not completed.

7.05.4 Claiming priority

Upon receipt of a notice of waiving, the League submits the name of the player to the other teams. The selection period shall begin at the time indicated on the notice issued by the League and ends 48 hours later, exception made of Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays.

Delays set do not apply to the last team in the general standings, as this team is exercising its own right.

Note 1: from the end of the regular season until September 30 of the following season inclusively, the priority of claim shall be given according to the reverse order of the general standings at the end of the regular season. Any team joining the League as an expansion club shall have the first choice unless otherwise agreed.

7.05.5 Claim

Any team wishing to claim a player shall inform the League within the set delays.

7.05.6 Claiming team

Once the delay has run out, the League shall inform the team claiming a player that it may enter into negotiations with the player.

7.05.7 Numerous claiming teams

When several teams have indicated their interest in claiming a same player, all within the prescribed delays, the League shall inform the team ranked last in the general standings as per article 4.13, at the beginning of the selection period that it may enter into negotiation with the player.

If no agreement is reached between the player and that team, the League will inform the next claiming team that it may enter into negotiation with the player. The negotiation rights will be offered to the other claiming teams in the reverse order of their rank in the general standings determined as per 4.13.

7.05.7.1 The secret shall be kept

The only club knowing that negotiations are in progress is the one having been given authorization by the League. The club having waived the player shall be informed that the player is being claimed but shall not be informed of the name of the claiming team. If there are several claiming teams, the club having the right to negotiate with the player shall be informed of that fact. The other clubs shall be informed that the club ranking last in the standings, without naming it, has been given the right to negotiate with the player.

7.05.8 Restriction

If several players are waived at the same time, a team can claim more than one. However, if there are several claiming teams, a team can only obtain one player, the other players remaining available for other teams to select them, starting with the team that ranked last in the standings. However, if a team claiming more than one player is the only one to do so, this team shall obtain the services of all of the players claimed.

7.05.9 Negotiation

Starting at 10:00 am the day after the claiming team has been advised by the League that it may enter into negotiations with the player, the team and the player have 48 hours to reach an agreement and sign a certificate. The successful team shall inform the League immediately after having reached an agreement.

7.05.10 End of negotiations

At the end of the forty-eight hour delay or before if an agreement has been reached, the team shall inform the League of the result of the negotiations. In case of a failure,

the claiming team may register the name of the player on its eligibility list and pay to the team that waived the player an amount of money determined by the League; the amount shall not be less than \$500 nor over \$1,500.

If the team claiming the player does not use its option to register the name of the player on its eligibility list, the other claiming teams may then negotiate with the player according to articles 7.05.7 and 7.05.7.1.

However, the period allowed for negotiation provided for in article 7.05.9 will be reduced to six hours. When the six-hour delay has run out or before if the negotiation has been successfully concluded, the team shall inform the League. In the case of a failure, the team may put the player on its list and pay the waiving team an amount set by the League; that amount shall not be less than \$500 nor over \$1,500. This procedure shall be repeated until there is no claiming team left.

7.05.11 Payment for the release of players

Claiming teams having reached agreements with 19 or 20 years old players must have each of them sign a major junior registration certificate. The certificates shall be sent to the League and the team will pay an amount of money equivalent to the amount paid by the club as a partial payment for the release of the player, up to a maximum of \$1,500.

7.05.12 Unclaimed waived player

When a waived player has not been claimed, the team then has 24 hours to inform the League of its intention regarding that player. Otherwise, the name of the waived player shall be removed from the eligibility list of the team. However, the League office will keep all names so the QMJHL teams may ask for a money compensation to the Ontario Major Junior Hockey League and the Western Major Junior Hockey League teams interested by those players.

BY-LAW 8 SPECIAL SELECTION

8.01 SPECIAL SELECTION

Whether due to a team abandoning the League in compliance with its By-Laws, to its being expelled or suspending its activities, the League shall take care of the players of that team as follows.

8.01.1 After the end of the hockey season

If the situation described in the preceding paragraph occurs after the end of the hockey season, the procedure shall be the same as at the annual draft session.

8.01.2 During the hockey season

If the withdrawal, removal, expulsion or termination of the operations of the team occurs during the hockey season, some time between the beginning of the regular season and January 10th inclusively, the League shall proceed as follows:

- a) the Commissioner shall determine the general standings of the teams by using the percentage of wins of the teams - if all teams did not play the same number of games at the time of the event - as follows: $(\text{wins} + (\text{ties divided by } 2) / \text{games played})$;
- b) the selection shall then be made according to the reverse order of the teams in the general standings, the team ranked last choosing first and so on, up to the first team; and
- c) should two or more teams be tied at the same rank, their position shall be determined according to article 4.13, by using the percentage of wins if the teams did not play the same number of games.

8.01.3 After the mid-season trading period

If a team abandons the League after January 10th, the procedure shall be the same as at the annual draft session.

8.02 PAYMENT

For each selected player having signed a contract, the team shall pay to the League or team having terminated its operations in compliance with the By-Laws of the League and with the consent of the Board of Governors, an amount of money to be determined by the Board of Governors following the terms and conditions decided by the Board of Governors before the annual draft session. If operations ceased without authorization, further to an expulsion from the League or due to a suspension for an undetermined period of time, the clubs making the selection shall not pay any amount to the offending club.

8.03 SELECTED PLAYER REFUSING TO SIGN A CONTRACT

If a player refuses to sign a contract with the club that selected him or with the club designated by the club that selected him, the player shall remain the property of the club and he will be allowed to play for any team of his choice at a lower level. The name of this player shall be put on the eligibility list of the team.

BY-LAW 9 TRAINING CAMP AND HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT SESSION

9.01 OPENING OF THE TRAINING CAMP

No team shall hold a training camp, on-ice training, hockey development session or hockey school before the second Saturday of the month of August of each year. Any infraction to this rule will automatically result in a \$1,000 fine. Nevertheless, the teams can hold a development camp for players whose names appear on their protected list. The team must send the League's office a list of the names of the players, trainers and the date of the camp, for approbation. All faulty team in regards to this rule will be fined by a sanction.

A player whom the Commissioner has recommended to take part in a HC and its branches, USAH hockey school to be held during the months of July and August, will not take part in the training sessions of his team during hockey development or school sessions.

Each team is given a maximum of 20 training-camp forms in order to invite new players who have not been selected at the annual draft session.

9.02 PLAYERS QUALIFIED TO TAKE PART IN THE TRAINING CAMP

Players on the eligibility list of the team at the end of the annual draft session can participate in the team training camp, as well as players invited in compliance with 9.03, 9.04 and 9.05.

9.03 MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS AT TRAINING CAMPS

A maximum of 70 players can participate in the training camp of each team; 50 players are on the eligibility list of the team and the 20 other players shall have signed a training camp form. However, the clubs shall reduce their list of players to 50 before noon on the date set for the first trading period.

Expansion teams shall have 25 training camp forms at their first year of operation.

9.04 TRANSMISSION OF TRAINING CAMP FORMS

The team having a player sign a training camp form shall send a copy to the Commissioner. If two training camp forms are signed by a same player and both are received at the League, priority will be given according to the earliest date showing on the postmark or date and time showing on the faxed copy.

9.05 ILLEGAL PARTICIPATION

Any player participating in the training camp of a team without having signed a training camp form, is doing so illegally. The offending team is liable of tampering and may lose its rights over the player and shall be subject to disciplinary measures.

9.06 REDUCTION OF THE NUMBER OF PLAYERS AT TRAINING CAMPS

At the opening of the regular season, all players still at the training camp shall have signed a player certificate or shall have received an offer. If not, the player does not have to remain at the training camp and he can return freely to his former team.

A player who has refused to be traded is considered as having received a contract offer.

9.07 QMJHL ADVANCED TRAINING COURSES

The League may organize for the benefit of its teams, an advanced training course.

**BY-LAW 10
ANNUAL DRAFT SESSION**

10.01 RIGHTS GRANTED

The rights granted herein shall extend to September 22 of each year or until the opening of the regular season, whichever occurs first.

10.02 ANNUAL DRAFT SESSION

The annual draft session shall be held at the date, time and place set by the QMJHL.

10.03 AUTHORITY AT THE ANNUAL DRAFT SESSION

The annual draft session shall be chaired by the Commissioner.

10.04 DISPUTE

The Commissioner shall resolve any dispute occurring during the annual draft session and his decision shall be final.

10.05 QUALIFYING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL DRAFT SESSION

In order to be qualified to participate in the annual draft session, each team shall meet the following requirements:

- a) be a regular member of HC and its branches, USAH and the QMJHL on May 1st of the current year;
- b) to have conveyed its intention to carry its activities in HC and its branches, USAH and as a member of the QMJHL following the requirements and rules and regulations prescribed in their By-Laws;
- c) operate the team in an arena located on the civil territory of Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince-Edward Island , Newfoundland or in the US, in compliance with the By-Laws of HC and its branches, the USAH, the CHL and the QMJHL; and
- d) to have paid any amount of money due to the Corporation.

10.06 LIST OF PLAYERS

10.06.1 Production of the list

- a) At midnight on February 10 of each year, the eligibility list of the clubs shall bear the names of all registered players of the team. Such list is issued by the League and each team receives its copy.
- b) At the date set by the League, the clubs will be allowed to remove from their list as many names as desired in order to create openings for the upcoming selection; afterwards, no other removal shall be made from the list until the

end of the annual draft session. Such list is issued by the League and each team shall receive its revised list.

- c) A list of the names of all players having been removed shall be attached to the list issued by the Manager of the Central Scouting. These players become available for selection by any club at the annual draft session.

10.06.2 Players on the eligibility list

Other clubs of the League cannot select players whose names are registered on the list of eligible players.

10.06.3 Eligible players

The eligible players are those registered on the eligibility list of the team as at February 10th of the current year or who are qualified to play major junior the following year.

10.07 RESTRICTIONS

10.07.1 List of players

The list of players shall not include the name of players eligible for Bantam or lower level divisions.

Note: the names of 15 year-old or under players shall not be registered on the list for selection nor on the eligibility list of the teams.

10.07.2 Players eligible to the selection

All players not affected by the restrictions mentioned in the QMJHL By-Laws are eligible for the selection, notwithstanding the By-Laws of HQ, HC and those of the CHL.

10.08 FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

The annual draft session shall be organized in accordance with the specifications where financial obligations of the QMJHL and the host team are indicated.

10.09 FEES FOR THE RELEASE OF PLAYERS

In order to automatically obtain the release of the players selected by the clubs of the QMJHL, the teams shall pay a compensation, through the QMJHL, to the associations from which the players come from. The amounts of money to be paid will be determined jointly by the League and the associations who will then properly distribute the money to whom it is due.

10.10 METHODS OF PAYMENT

The methods of payment for the release of players shall be determined jointly by the League and the associations from which the players come from. The compensation for the release shall be paid only once for each player.

10.11 AUTOMATIC RELEASE UPON PAYMENT

The release is automatic upon payment of the agreed amount and upon transmission of the compulsory documents to the Registry of the association, as required by the By-Laws of HC.

10.12 END OF AUTOMATIC RELEASES

All automatic releases shall be obtained and completed during the period stated in article 10.01. Any release required outside this period shall be negotiated.

10.13 MORTGAGED RELEASES

When a team having selected a player from a club at a lower level wishes to release that player while the release is still mortgaged, then the player must be sent back to his original team. No monetary compensation shall be claimed and the release under such circumstances is automatic. If the release is free of mortgage, the major junior club may do whatever it wishes with the services of that player.

10.14 TRANSFER BETWEEN TEAMS OF THE LEAGUE

By-Law 10.13 shall not affect the right of a major junior team to transfer or release a player to another team of the League in compliance with the By-Laws of HC.

10.15 RELEASE OF SELECTED PLAYERS

A player selected by a QMJHL team can be released to an affiliated team at a lower level or may be designated as an affiliated player if the major junior team has received permission from the team that originally released the player to do so, or if the release is free of mortgage.

10.16 PLAYERS PARTICIPATING IN A TRAINING CAMP

Players registered on the eligibility list of the team further to the annual draft session are the only ones allowed to participate in the team's training camp. The team may put on its eligibility list a maximum of 50 players outside the period during which the list is frozen. Exception made of the players registered on the eligibility list of the team at the end of the annual draft session, players shall sign a training camp form before participating.

10.17 TAMPERING

All proven cases of tampering shall be treated in compliance with article 2.15.1

10.18 PRIORITY OF SELECTION AT ROUND ONE

The selection shall be made following the reverse order of the teams in the general standings at the end of the regular season; at each turn of selection, and the distribution shall be made as described hereafter.

Teams that did not play in the playoffs shall have priority in the selection process. The priority of selection for the other teams shall be determined among the teams having participated in the playoff series.

Except for years where the first rank is awarded to an expansion team in accordance with entry conditions set by the Board of Governors, a drawing will determine the order in which the teams not having participated in the playoffs will select at the first round of the draft, beginning in 2004, each team being given equal chances.

10.18.1 Compensatory pick

In the event that a player who has been selected in the first round, has not been exchanged to another team or submitted to other team's claim refuses to present himself at his team's training camp, refuses to play a single game, refuses to sign a regular player contract at the beginning of the regular season and refuses to play one single game as an affiliated player, the team which has selected said player can, thirty (30) days before the beginning of the following years' selection round, withdraw said player from their eligibility list. Said player's name will immediately be added to the list of the players eligible for selection at that round. In consideration of this withdrawal of said player from the team's eligibility list, the team will be allowed an extra pick in the second round; the pick will take place between the rank in which he was chosen the previous year in the first round and the preceding rank.

In the event that such a player had been selected at age 15, the team which would not have exercised its extra compensatory pick at the selection round of the following year is allowed to do so in the selection round taking place in the second following year, according to above-mentioned procedure.

The team which decides to exercise its extra compensatory pick must prove in due time to the Commissioner that all facts are present to justify such a right. The Commissioner's decision is without appeal.

In the event that a team exercises its right according to the first paragraph and a resulting conflict arises with a second round pick of a team's exercised right according to the second paragraph, the exercised option according to the second paragraph will take precedent.

10.19 SELECTION AND USE OF 16 YEAR-OLD PLAYERS

A club can select 16 year-old players at any of the first five rounds.

A team can protect its 16-year-old players according to the By-Laws, and they shall sign a junior major player certificate to be qualified to play as major junior players.

10.20 NUMBER OF ROUNDS

There will be a maximum of 12 rounds.

A three-minute period is allowed on rounds 1 to 5. For subsequent rounds, a one-minute pause will be given until the team uses up all its pauses.–

The last selection made by a club may occur before the last round of the annual draft session:

- a) if the club informs the Commissioner that it will not be selecting any other player; or
- b) when the list of the team totals 50 eligible players.

10.21 TRANSFER OF SELECTION RIGHTS

A club is entitled to transfer its selection rights during trading periods and shall indicate to whom and at which round the selection right is being transferred. A club can also transfer its selection rights during the annual draft session but must first advise the registrar of its intentions.

10.22 LOST TURN

Any club not using its selection right or making an error when selecting a player shall irrevocably lose its turn.

10.23 IDENTIFICATION OF A SELECTED PLAYER

10.23.1 Information

At the time of the selection and for each selected player, each club shall provide the following information:

- a) the player's family name;
- b) the player's first name;
- c) the name of the team with which the player has signed his last certificate or the name of the team for which he has played regularly during the previous hockey season; and
- d) the name of the city of the team he was registered with or with which he was playing hockey regularly.

10.23.2 Commissioner's privilege to declare a player sufficiently identified

Notwithstanding the present section, any player sufficiently identified according to the Commissioner, shall immediately be registered on the list of the team which selected him at the annual draft session.

10.23.3 Responsibility of HQ

HQ shall provide forms for the identification of the selected players.

**BY-LAW 11
TROPHIES AND ALL-STAR TEAMS**

11.01 PARTICULARITIES

The trophies, replicas, plates or medals put in competition by the League shall not bear any commercial connection. No name or trademark of any business shall appear on any of them.

11.02 APOLITICAL

Trophies, replicas, plates or medals put in competition by the League shall not be linked to any political party, organization, association or any ideological movement.

11.03 ACCEPTATION, REFUSAL AND CARE OF TROPHIES

The Board of Governors has the authority to accept or refuse new trophies to be put in competition by the League and the Executive Committee of the League has the responsibility to ensure all trophies are well taken care of.

11.04 LEAGUE TROPHIES

Here is a list of League approved trophies:

- a) the “Jean-Rougeau commemorative trophy” is given to the regular season champions;
- b) the “President’s Cup” is given to the playoff champions;
- c) the “Jacques Plante commemorative trophy” is given to the goaltender with the best average at the end of the regular season;
- d) the “Michel Brière commemorative trophy” is given to the most valuable player during the regular season;
- e) the “Jean Béliveau trophy” is given to the best scorer at the end of the regular season;
- f) the “Michel Bergeron trophy” is given to the best forward rookie;
- g) the “Raymond Lagacé trophy” is given to the best defensive rookie;
- h) the “Émile “Butch” Bouchard trophy” is given to the best defenceman;
- i) the “Frank J. Selke commemorative trophy” is given to the player having shown the best sportsmanship as well as having been most valuable to his team;
- j) the “Luc Robitaille trophy” is given to the team who proved to have had the best offensive at the end of the regular season;

- k) the “Robert LeBel trophy” is given to the team who proved to have had the best defensive average at the end of the regular season;
- l) the “Guy Lafleur trophy” is given to the most valuable player in the playoffs;
- m) the “Michael Bossy trophy” is given to the best professional prospect;
- n) the “Marcel Robert trophy” is given to the player who best combined talent, efficiency, discipline, personality, courage, academic and general performance;
- o) the “Paul Dumont trophy” is given to the greatest personality of the year;
- p) the “John Horman trophy” is given to the best executive of the year;
- q) the “Ron Lapointe commemorative trophy” is given to the best coach of the year;
- r) the “Jean Sawyer trophy” is given to the marketing manager of the year;
- s) the “Kevin Lowe trophy” is given to the defensive defence of the year;
- t) the “Guy Carbonneau trophy” is given to the defensive forward or winger of the year.
- u) the “Maurice Filion trophy” is given to the General Manager of the year.

11.05 TROPHIES ARE DEBATED ANNUALLY

Each year, all of the trophies of the League shall be put at stake. Only replicas and medals shall be given to the recipients. Original trophies are under the League’s care, and are kept in a secure place.

11.06 CRITERIA FOR AWARDING THE TROPHIES

The required procedures and criteria which are necessary to award the various trophies are to be determined by the Commissioner at the beginning of each year. The particular procedures and criteria will be communicated to the teams before the beginning of each competition. The same applies to the procedures and criteria surrounding the selection of the members of the first all-star team, the second all-star team and the rookie all-star team.

BY-LAW 12 MEDIA POLICY

12.01 RESPECT OF THE POLICY

Any organization not complying with the application of the media policy, whether totally or partially, shall be fined by the Commissioner. The amount of the fines

imposed may be increased, should the policy not be followed on several occasions throughout the season, or depending on the seriousness of the incident. The media policy is described hereafter.

12.02 ACCREDITATION

Sports journalists accredited by the CHL for the current season or who have a pass issued by the local organization shall be admitted to the regular season and playoff games of the QMJHL.

At pre-season games, if the new CHL passes are not yet available, those from the previous year shall be valid and honoured.

Journalists can obtain their pass from the CHL at the beginning of the season by sending to the team or the League the appropriate form, duly signed by the sports director of the media they are working with.

Cameras and photographers shall have specific passes in order to be admitted to the QMJHL sites. Appropriate forms are available from the teams or the QMJHL.

Passes issued by local organizations shall be valid only for home games. Upon request, each club shall send to the administrative centre a list of the press in its area and indicate for each of them the following information: the name of the media: journal, radio or television; the name of the journalists working in the sports section of the media; and the address and phone number of the media.

12.03 SPECIAL EVENTS

To attend the QMJHL special events such as the all-star games, annual draft session, Memorial Cup, or others, journalists shall obtain the required accreditation and passes to these events, unless otherwise indicated by the QMJHL.

12.04 ACCOMMODATION OF THE PRESS

The home team shall make all the necessary efforts to ensure that the members of the press both local and external, are supplied with the necessary services and utilities to make a decent coverage of the game.

These people shall have access to the required equipment (at least a telephone) in order to communicate and transmit their texts. Should the Commissioner find any team not complying with this requirement, he can decide to have the required equipment installed at the expense of the club.

12.04.1 Seats

Each team shall provide members of the media with a section in the arena or a press box suited for their work.

12.04.2 Telephones

It is mandatory that each team provide the members of the media with a minimum of two telephones with independent “touch tone” lines located in the press box or near the section reserved to the media representatives.

Journalists shall use calling cards for their long distance calls. During playoffs, the League reserves itself the right to order the teams to add, at their own expense, one or more additional lines in order to adequately meet the demand.

12.04.3 Working press room

If possible, teams shall provide the members of the media with a working press room. The access to that room shall be reserved to the members of the media who have in their possession proper accreditation and a valid pass. The room shall be available during the teams’ practices and games. The room shall be made available at least 90 minutes before the beginning of the game.

12.04.4 System put at the disposal of the public address announcer

The home team, jointly with the arena where the junior organization is playing, shall ensure that a speaker system enables the members of the media to clearly and distinctly hear all information announced by the public address announcer.

12.04.5 Press notes and statistics

Before the games, the home team shall provide media representatives with notes and statistics pertaining to the upcoming game.

12.05 PRESS RELEASES

12.05.1 Distribution

Each team of the QMJHL is responsible for establishing a good relationship with its local media covering the team. Consequently, the teams shall ensure that the press releases issued and sent by the League to each team are transmitted to the local media upon receipt.

12.05.2 Injured players

When a player is injured during a game, the home team public relations department shall inform the journalists on the condition of the player, the nature of the injury and the potential date of return to play.

12.05.3 Distribution of press releases issued by a team

The QMJHL must be kept informed on any development regarding its teams. Hence, the teams must send to the QMJHL copies of all press releases and notices of meetings with the media.

12.06 TRANSPORTATION

The decision to allow or not journalists to travel with the players on the bus when on the road is left entirely to the team. Should a team grant permission to do so, the media representatives shall make arrangements at least 48 hours ahead of time with the executives of the team.

Teams should inform the media of their policy at the beginning of the season.

12.07 GAME RESULTS

~~12.07.1 Summary of the period and game~~

~~Summary of the period and game must be sent at the League no later than five minutes after the end of a the period or game.~~

~~12.07.2 Distribution of the results~~

~~At the end of each period and game, the local team shall make copies of the game report and distribute them to the media present.~~

~~At the end of each period, the League shall communicate to teams the results of the other games played in the League. Each local team has the responsibility to ensure the immediate distribution of this information to the media present.~~

~~Furthermore, at the end of each period, the announcer shall broadcast the results of the other games.~~

The Commissioner can establish, as he deems necessary, the rules and procedures which regulate the distribution of the results summary to the administrative central and to the members of the media.

12.08 ACCESS TO THE DRESSING ROOM

12.08.1 Before the game

Before the games, coaches or general managers may refuse access to the dressing room to journalists. However, journalists who wish to interview one or several players can make a request to the team, before the game. The team then has the responsibility to assist the journalists with their request two hours prior to the game. Of course, the team is free to satisfy a request made less than two hours prior to the game if it wished to do so. The time and location of the interview shall be decided jointly by the journalist and the representative of the team.

12.08.2 During the game

Players' dressing rooms are not accessible to the media between periods. However, for radio or TV broadcasted games, the coaches or general managers are free to accommodate the journalists and arrange the interviews to be held between the periods.

12.08.3 After the game

Win or lose, no player, coach or general manager may refuse the access of the journalists to the dressing rooms nor refuse to answer their questions.

The team must identify a person in charge of public relations; this person will make the players or managers available for the scheduled interviews. The interviews may be conducted at a place determined at the discretion of the team, in or outside the dressing room, no later than 10 minutes after the game.

No team or member of a team may discriminate against a journalist assigned to cover a game based on the race, language, sex, age, religion, handicap or sexual orientation of the journalist.

12.09 DISPUTE

The Commissioner must be informed of any dispute or complaint. If he deems appropriate, he may request the help of a Committee to settle the situation, if required.