

# **Agreement for Combined Representative Team Between Blind River Minor Hockey and Elliot Lake Minor Hockey Association**

The purpose of this document is to establish the terms of the agreement for combined representative (known here after as rep) hockey team between the Blind River Minor Hockey Association (known here after as BRMHA) and the Elliot Lake Minor Hockey Association (known here after as ELMHA). The aim of this document is to make the combined rep team as fair as possible in regards to fees, tryouts, practice times and locations, game locations, and coaching staff. This document is not intended to establish who should make the teams or team strategy, as player selection and evaluation will follow Hockey Canada guidelines.

The following represents the terms of this agreement:

## **Fees/Financial Responsibility**

- a. It is agreed that players from either association who make the team will pay fees that their home association charges (ie: wherever the player is registered, this can be with either association due to freedom of movement).
- b. Fees will be collected by the respective players home association.

## **1. Tryouts**

- a. Tryouts will be split evenly between ELMHA and BRMHA.
- b. Any player trying out for a team must attend all tryouts, cuts for the team are in accordance with OHF regulations.
- c. Any player wanting to try out for a division higher than their age category **MUST** attend both the tryouts for their division and the higher division and must pay tryout fees for each division.
- d. Tryout fees will be set equally by the associations (ie. tryout fees will be \$10 per tryout). Each association will be responsible for collecting tryout fees for their host days.

## **2. Practices**

- a. Two, one and a half (1.5) hour practices will be split evenly between the respective arenas (ie. One practice in BRMHA arena and one practice in ELMHA arena).
- b. Players are expected to attend both practices.

## **3. Home and Playoff Games**

- a. Home games will be split equally between ELMHA arena and BRMHA arena.
- b. If playoff games are to be played at home, playoff games will be split evenly between the arena's as well.

4. NOHA Tournament of Champions
  - a. Entry Fees for NOHA tournament of champions will be split equitably between the two associations, based on where players on the team have registered. After invoices are received, payment will be made within 30 days.
5. Player Affiliation
  - a. Players from both ELMHA and BRMHA House League Teams will be eligible for affiliation for said rep program and will follow the NOHA rules for affiliation.
  - b. Players from the U18 Rep Team will be able to affiliate with either the Elliot Lake Vikings or the Blind River Beavers.
  - c. Affiliate players must have consent from their home association to participate with an affiliate team.
6. Team Name and Jerseys
  - a. The combined rep teams will play under a neutral name that does not favor either association.
  - b. The combined rep team will wear a neutral jersey that does not favor either association.
  - c. Cost of jerseys will be absorbed by both ELMHA and BRMHA. Each player will sign out and return their jersey's. If jerseys are not returned, a fee of \$200 will be charged and the player will not be able to enter the ice the next season until payment is made to their home association.
  - d. Cost of socks will be absorbed by the players and will be paid by the players home association.
  - e. Changes or reordering of jerseys or socks will be agreed upon by both associations prior to making new orders to maintain consistency.
7. Ice/Game Costs
  - a. Each association agrees to rent the ice in their home area and pay for the ice costs and game costs for any practices or games that occur in their arena. Costs for ice fees for games and practices will then be paid equitably between both associations. (for example: if a team of 20 players has 5 players from association 1 and the remainder of the 15 players is from association 2, ice fees will be paid at 25% of the total by association 1 and 75% of the total by association 2). Each association will share their monthly ice invoices for the representative teams, and if payments are needed, will make payment to the other association within 30 days of receiving the invoice. The ratio of payments will be made once the teams are rostered.
8. Coaching Staff
  - a. Coaching staff (head coach, assistant coach, trainer, manager, second assistant/goalie coach) will be split evenly, when possible, with volunteers from both associations as follows:
    - i) Head Coach – from either association
    - ii) Assistant Coach – from the other association that the Head Coach is from



- iii) Trainer – from either association
  - iv) Manager – from the other association that the Trainer is from.
  - v) A second assistant coach or goalie coach can be added to the bench staff and will be agreed upon by both associations.
- b. The executives of ELMHA and BRMHA will decide who the head/assistance coaches will be for each rep team. If an executive member wishes to apply for a coaching position for a rep team, they must declare a conflict of interest and must not be present for discussions regarding coaching selection. Both associations will meet to discuss and select the coaches OR: a coaching selection committee will be made up of individuals outside either association executive and without children currently in the rep hockey program of either association, but with hockey experience, who are agreed on by both associations.
- c. It is expected that bench staff and players will attend the banquet of the host association that holds the card that year and all costs associated with the banquet are covered by the host association for said year.

#### 9. Registering the Team/Players

The Northern Ontario Hockey League (NOHA) does not allow two different hockey associations to register players for one team. Therefore, one association must register all the players for the rep teams. ELMHA and BRMHA agree to register the teams/players with the following conditions:

- a) BRMHA will register all players in this season beginning in an even numbered year (ie. 2024, 2026, 2028, ext.)
- b) ELMHA will register all players in this season beginning in an odd numbered year (ie 2025, 2027, 2029, ext.)
- c) Registration Fees (participant fees for players and coaching staff, NOHA team entry fee, and Nickle District Team entry fee) will be paid equitably between the two associations, based on the same ratio percentage determined in section 7 of this agreement and invoices provided to the non-registering team will be paid within 30 days of receipt.
- d) The non-registering association will request a one-year leave of absence for their representative teams from the NOHA before tryouts.

#### 10. Revisions

- a) Review and revisions can be made each year by either association before tryouts.
- b) Revisions must be provided by the other association a minimum of four weeks before tryouts or no later than July 1 of each year, whichever occurs first.
- c) Both associations must agree to the revisions before tryouts or the 1<sup>st</sup> of July, whichever occurs first.

#### 11. Presidents Decisions/Dispute Resolution

The presidents of both association will make decisions together regarding anything that is not captured in this agreement. The President's decisions will be final. Both associations will bring forth any issues/concerns in a timely manner for discussion and resolution. The information will be provided to both presidents. All attempts will be made to resolve any and all conflict through good faith negotiations between community members of both associations. If matters remain unsolved following good faith negotiations, then the matter will be referred to the NOHA representative for final resolution with any season. All decisions of NOHA representative will be final and binding on both associations for the duration of the season in which it was brought forward. Issues resolved by NOHA rep may be brought up again at time of agreement review/renewal.

Agree to on this date July 30, 2025



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