



Agreement to Provide Cooperative Competitive Hockey Between: B.B.A.M.H.A. and E.D.M.H.A.



ARTICLE 1 NAME

1. The identifying name of these teams will remain "**Valley Storm**", hereinafter referred to as the "**STORM**", Senators colours, with Storm logo.

ARTICLE 2 AFFILIATIONS

1. The Valley Storm is comprised of players from both the "**Barry's Bay and Area Minor Hockey Association and the Eganville District Minor Hockey Association**" and is subject to all the rules and regulations of those Associations.
2. It is understood that each association has the right and responsibility never to place a Valley Storm team above house league teams or the association itself.

ARTICLE 3 PURPOSES

1. The underlying premise of this agreement is to provide "competitive" hockey to children of both associations by cooperating fully and openly with one another.
This agreement will consider many issues of importance to both associations, but presumably not the smallest of details.
2. With the underlying spirit of cooperation, and open communication, this agreement will make many opportunities available for an "end result much greater than the sum of the individual parts".
3. Considering the gift of children, the gift of hockey, and the love of both by parents, this agreement relies upon selfless dedication from all involved with this hockey program. Therefore, this document states that both the BBAMHA and EDMHA agree to the following terms and conditions, to provide competitive hockey jointly, being bound by the following statements in common.

ARTICLE 4 OPERATIONAL FORMAT

1. A committee of minimum 4 persons comprised of Both Presidents and Vice-Presidents of both Associations, the Treasurer of the Association responsible for the financial administration of the Storm as well as a secretary as a non-voting member.
2. Administrative duties for each upcoming Valley Storm season will be conducted alternating by Association.



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3. The Executive shall set the registration fee and any other fees annually.
4. Financial records for each season will be saved and maintained for 7 years by each association.
5. Storm team financial reports are required to be submitted to the Committee Treasurer. The reports must be submitted on a bi-monthly basis (October, December, February and final report due prior to April 15. If not submitted, the team/manager will be considered defaulted. The team(s) may not be granted ice time until the report is received. If the year end report is not received by April 15th, the defaulted team manager will be prevented from managing any team in the future and the coach on that team will then have to submit the team financial year-end report.
6. The final season breakdown of expenses for Storm will be signed off by 3 signatures of Storm committee at the end of each season.
7. This committee will be responsible for operating competitive hockey teams for BBAMHA and EDMHA in the UOVMHL, with assistance and support from both associations as follow:
 - a) ***There will be no decisions made***, pertaining to Valley Storm, by executive members from either Association, save and except Risk Management and Discipline issues, ***without consultation with the committee.***
 - b) Players will register and pay fees as directed by their home association.
 - c) Each association will receive the registration fees and continue to hold the funds.
 - d) Ice times for games and practices will be split on a 50/50 basis.
 - e) Teams will practice and play alternatively on a calendar monthly basis out of each arena.
 - f) The committee will review on a regular basis to ensure ice times (practices and games) are headed for that equal split. Amendments can then be made during the last month of regular season or sooner to rectify any imbalances. Playoff games will be split equally between both association arenas.
 - g) Independent evaluators will be assigned to tryouts for U11-U18 for the purposes of individual assessments. These assessments will be a source of guidance for the coaches and the executives if required. These evaluators can be a resource should a complaint or conflict arise in the player selection process. If required an even number of BBAMHA/EDMHA evaluators can be included.



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ARTICLE 5 ICE TIME

1. Each association will continue to schedule ice time, referees, and timekeepers, for games, and practices in their home arenas.
2. Each Association will allot 1 hour 30 minutes' practice time per team assigned to their arena per week. **The 1 hour and 30 minutes includes a 10-minute ice flood allotment.** In addition, UOVMHL by-laws require 1 hour 15 minutes playing time for U11, U13, U15 and U18 games.
3. Each month, teams will alternate between arenas for games and practices. The next month, those teams will practice and play entirely in the other associations' arena. This ensures uniform practice schedules for all teams, as well as simplifying budgets and ice allocation and/or reconciliation issues.
4. Operational costs for the competitive teams will be a 50/50 split by both associations. Practices and games played in one association's arena will be paid for by that association.
5. If a team has 2 players or less from one association, these players should be released to the other association for the playing season only, to allow the team to participate in games and practices at one arena only, and the registration fee should be transferred to that Association. This decision will be based on each individual situation/season.

ARTICLE 6 HEAD COACHES AND ASSISTANT COACHES

1. A "Coaching Call", or search, will be initiated by the V/S committee members, ~~by June 1st~~ after the first Storm Committee meeting. of the upcoming season. Selection of head coaches will be by resume and interview. Only members in good standing should apply.
2. The Head Coach Selection committee is to be comprised of a total of 5 persons defined as follows: Both Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the 2 Associations and the Treasurer of the Association responsible for the financial administration of the Storm. A secretary will be present at this meeting to record the minutes and will be a non-voting member. **No coaching applicant shall sit on Coaching Selection Committee.**
3. The Selection should also include assistant coaches for interviews. The coaches will be given a list of the assistant coaches that they can select from their team after the team has been formed. **Both associations need to approve the coach selection before being accepted.**
4. Parental concerns will initially be directed to the Team Manager, **after a 24-hour cool down period**, to set up a meeting with the Head Coach. If unable to resolve, the Parent will consult



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with the Association Executive of the registered player to seek the advice and support of the appropriate support person (risk management, discipline committee, etc.). As much as possible, there should be a member of both Association on the bench staff so both association families are represented for major team decision.

5. Managers, Coaches, Trainers, Players, and parents, will be required to sign, and return, a "Statement of Agreement and Responsibilities" or "Fair Play Code" as developed by the Storm Committee. These statements will be sent to team managers for signatures and returned to storm committee prior to the start of the regular season.

ARTICLE 7 REPORTING

1. The Storm Committee will report to each association executive as follows:
 - a) Storm committee members shall attend meetings of their respective associations.
 - b) They will also be available upon request for any "Special" meetings.
 - c) Both executives will be informed, within 48 hours by the Storm committee of all problems brought forward, or decisions made by the committee.
 - d) The by-laws of each respective association will be used to rule in any situation involving **their registered players** with the exception of the affiliation.
 - e) Each Association will be responsible for all costs related to any appeals, hearings, meetings etc., involving their registrants.
 - f) The Storm committee will give 72 hours notice of planned committee meetings to respective association executives. In addition, minutes of Storm committee meetings will be provided to association executives by respective committee members.

ARTICLE 8 TOURNAMENTS

1. Each team can apply to the Storm Committee for up to \$1,500.00 in an association cheque of borrowed funds to cover early season tournament registration until the team is able to pay back the association or until December 31 whichever comes first. The Tournament Funding Request Form will need to be submitted to either Association President prior to November 15 to request a cheque to be sent.
2. All Valley Storm teams will be automatically registered, and payment sent into the Pembroke Silver Stick Tournament by the Association Treasurer in charge for the season. The Silver Stick registration fee will need to be returned to the Association Treasurer prior to December 31.



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ARTICLE 9 AFFILIATION OF PLAYERS

1. Affiliation will be dealt on a case-by-case basis agreed upon by the Storm committee.

ARTICLE 10 ICE SCHEDULER

1. Each Association shall have an ice scheduler. The manager from each team shall go through the ice scheduler to make any changes or cancellations. This will aid in keeping the ice allotment 50/50 as per the agreement.

ARTICLE 11 JERSEYS

1. Jerseys and socks will be purchased through registration and will remain property of the individual players. The annual registration fee will include the cost for all jerseys and socks. Lost or damaged jerseys will result in an additional jersey purchase at player/family expense which will include shipping and/or reorder costs if applicable. Jerseys must be kept in a clean, neat state of repair. The executive may require a player to re-purchase a new jersey if the jersey is not in a good condition at any time during the course of the season.

ARTICLE 12 ICE TRACKING

1. A full ice tracking report will be submitted each month by each team manager to the Storm Committee members responsible for the financial bookkeeping, to allow any Intra-Association financial transactions to be completed by June 1st. of each year, as well as other matters such as ice time splitting, etc., to be managed effectively.
2. Ice tracking systems in place are working, and should continue to be used in the same, or improved, format. Both arenas work on a compressed ice protocol.
3. A semi-annual reconciliation will be delivered to both executives by December 15th of each season, for their input and evaluation. This will allow reflection by each association pertaining to operating costs, up to, and including, November 30th of the season.



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ARTICLE 13 AGREEMENT REVISION

1. This agreement will be reviewed and ratified annually by both association.

ARTICLE 14 USE OF LOGO

1. All correspondence with the Valley Storm logo attached to it will include the wording "of the Barry's Bay & Eganville Minor Hockey Associations". This is to link the Valley Storm to identifiable hockey associations.
2. Use of name and logo will not be permitted without authorization.

ARTICLE 15 TRYOUTS

1. Tryouts will be shared and held at each association's arenas as determined by the ice allocators in both associations
2. Teams will be selected after three try-out sessions (one of these sessions could be used for an exhibition game if requested by the coach to ensure meeting time requirements for the forming of competitive teams, and to allow for the formation of house league teams.
3. Players must attend all 3 competitive tryouts to be considered for a team and if you can't make a try-out session, you must notify the President of your Association and give the reason(s) for absence. After consultation with the committee, it will be accepted or declined
4. If unsuccessful through the tryout sessions, upon release to house league, the registration fee/jersey fee difference will be refunded to the house league fee. This will not include a refund of the annual try out fee which is included in the Storm fee.

ARTICLE 16 FUNDRAISING

1. One fundraising activity is allowed per team without soliciting donations. Notification and approval of the team fundraising initiative must be presented in writing to the Storm committee prior to commencement of fundraising.
2. A final fundraising report is required to be presented to the Storm Committee with notes as to where the team fundraising dollars were used after the fundraiser is complete.



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3. Should an occasion ever present itself, in which an exception to this agreement might be considered, written permission from **BOTH** association executives **MUST** be obtained prior to the initiation of any fundraising using the Fundraising Request Form completed and submitted to either Association President.

ARTICLE 17 EXHIBITION GAMES

1. Once the team is selected, any exhibition games will be part of the ice allocation protocol determined by the agreement. Each association agrees to cover the expense of referees and timekeepers for **TWO** pre-season exhibition game. **The ice time for pre-season exhibition games will come from the allotted practice times.**

ARTICLE 18 PRACTICE TIMES

1. The number of practices will be decided by the committee on a yearly basis and split between both Association.in each association's arena.
2. There will be an allotment one practice time per scheduled league game (regular season or play off) of 1.5 hours in length. 11 in each association's arena.
3. This will be a primary responsibility of the team manager to track the number of practices.

ARTICLE 19 DRESS CODE

1. All U11 and U13 players must wear black warm up pants and Storm jacket.
2. All U15 and U18 players must wear dress shirt, tie, black dress pants and Storm jacket.
3. All coaches will wear dress shirt, tie, black dress pants and Storm jacket.

ARTICLE 20 STANDARDIZED APPAREL ORDERING

1. All apparel should be ordered through an approved Storm Vendor.

ARTICLE 21 MINIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS PER TEAM

1. U11-U18 There shall be a minimum number of fourteen (14) players to form a team including the goalie.

ARTICLE 22 AGREEMENT UNDERSTANDING

1. This agreement is a collaborative effort between the two Associations, therefore may be subject to change if mutually agreed upon.



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Certificate of enactment

Therefore, be it resolved that the above named Associations enter into this agreement in good faith, and in a spirit of cooperation.

This agreement is dated in Barry's Bay, Ontario, this 26 day of June, 2025

Moved by President BBAMHA: Stephanie Plebon
Stephanie Plebon/Signature

Seconded by Vice-President BBAMHA: Marc Leclerc
Marc Leclerc/Signature

This agreement is dated in Barry's Bay, Ontario, this 26 day of June, 2025

Moved by President EDMHA: John Hermans
John Hermans/Signature

Seconded by Vice-President EDMHA: Kevin Seguin
Kevin Seguin/Signature



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