

# VMHA Bylaws

## Summary of Updates Made

The main goal of the work was to update and align the existing bylaws with the requirements of the BC Societies Act. In doing so, it also provided the opportunity to make some clarifications required around membership, and to better align the bylaws with existing practices that are beneficial to VMHA.

Section	Proposed Bylaws
<b>Part 1 – Interpretation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Added more definitions and detail for clarity</li> </ul>
<b>Part 2 – Membership</b>	<p><b>Membership</b> Updated sections 2.2 – 2.4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Defined two types of membership:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Active Members (which includes registered players who have reached the age of majority, or their parent/guardian if underage); and</li> <li>○ Honorary Life Members</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Added that for voting purposes, membership is limited to a maximum of 2 Active Members per household</li> <li>● Clarified term length and voting rights</li> </ul>
<b>Part 5 – Elected Directors</b>	<p><b>Eligibility</b> Added 5.2 – No more than one Active Member per household in the Association shall sit as a Director of the Association in any given year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● This is to ensure that there are as many opportunities as possible for participation by families across VMHA and to bring in diverse experiences</li> </ul> <p><b>Board Composition</b> Added to 5.7 – new director role of Initiation Director, which will supervise U7-U9 Added 5.26 – Directors are limited to serving a maximum of three consecutive terms, regardless of position(s) held.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● This is to provide increased opportunities for new members to participate and bring in diverse experiences and fresh ideas.</li> <li>● a) at Annual General Meetings falling in odd numbered years, elections shall be held for the offices of: President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, Equipment Manager, Coaching Coordinator, and Referee Assignor; and</li> <li>● b) at Annual General Meetings falling in even numbered years, elections shall be held for the offices of: First Vice-President, Third Vice-President, Treasurer, Fundraising Coordinator and Tournament Director and Initiation Director</li> </ul>
<b>Part 6 – Board Meetings</b>	<p><b>Duties of Membership</b> Added 6.1 – Directors shall hold Board meetings at least 7 times per calendar year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Helps ensure accountability of the directors to regularly meet and discuss the operations of the association.</li> </ul>
<b>Part – 9 Finance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Expanded Finance section that covers maintenance of records, account opening, signing authority, accounts, borrowing and annual financial statements</li> </ul>