

Proposed by: Amy Kenny, GFWMHA Registrar 2023/24 Season

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Proposed Amendment:

- Amend By-Law (4) to include the following additions regarding GFWMHA fees:
  - 4.1 - Representative Team Program (RTP) team fees shall be paid on or before the exact date three (3) weeks after RTP teams have been officially announced by the GFWMHA Executive and/or Rep Director.
  - 4.2 - HNL Insurance fee shall be paid before any player takes the ice at the beginning of each season.
  - 4.3 - The First Time Skaters (FTS) Grant offered by the Town of Grand Falls - Windsor (Town) requires a registration/application form and a survey be completed and returned to the GFWMHA Registrar. Deadlines for these submissions shall be decided by the Town and be communicated to the GFWMHA membership by the Registrar once notified. Both the FTS Registration/Application and the Survey shall be completed by the player and received by the Registrar on or before the deadline in order to qualify for the grant.

If a player applies for but is denied the The FTS Grant, the registration fee shall be paid to GFWMHA immediately.

Rationale:

- RTP: This program starts very quickly once teams are selected and coaches are named, often there are several tournaments before Christmas. If fees are not paid, essentially players are participating in team games/practices/tournaments they aren't eligible for. Furthermore, with the HNL roster deadline in early January, it is not feasible to remove players and reorganize teams in such a short time span.
- HNL Insurance: There is little mention in the current bylaws that it is mandatory that the HNL insurance fee be paid before a skater goes on the ice. It would be a liability for this association if someone didn't have their fee paid and someone got hurt or there was an incident on the ice.
- FTS Grant: There is very little information in the current constitution/bylaws about the FTS program, the application process and what is expected if the grant isn't approved. This amendment clearly highlights the requirement of the program and the expectation if the grant isn't received.