



OPERATIONAL POLICY: REGULATION & PLAYING RULE PROPOSALS
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POLICY STATEMENT

Recommendations for amendments to the Hockey Alberta Regulations or Hockey Canada Playing Rules can be submitted by Members or Operational Committees. Hockey Alberta will review submitted recommendations to ensure that, before a decision is made, all information required to make an informed decision has been gathered and reviewed.

Proposals to amend the Hockey Alberta Regulations will be considered annually. To be considered for the next subsequent season, a proposal must be submitted prior to **February 1**.

Proposals for changes to the Hockey Canada Playing Rules must be submitted to Hockey Alberta by **March 31** (NOTE: Hockey Canada only reviews proposals every second year to consider them for a rule-change year). Hockey Alberta will determine which recommendations will be submitted to Hockey Canada for consideration.

RATIONALE

The timelines and protocols outlined herein have been developed to enable the organization to thoroughly review submissions, make informed decisions and to communicate changes and the implementation process to members and other stakeholders well in advance of the new season starting.

NOTE: Depending on the complexity of a recommendation, the process may not be able to be completed for the next season.

RECOMMENDATION PROCESS FOR MEMBERS

Any Member in good standing is eligible to submit a proposal for change to a Hockey Alberta Regulation or Hockey Canada Playing Rule, provided that the change is for their respective stream/ level of hockey. Member organizations operate within the following streams/ levels:

- a. Minor Hockey Association
- b. Senior or Junior League
- c. Accredited School
- d. Recreational Hockey Program
- e. Para Hockey Program

All proposals must be submitted to the Hockey Alberta Office using the submission forms located on the Hockey Alberta website. Each form must be completed in its' entirety and must include detailed rationale supporting the proposed change.

- [Hockey Alberta Regulation Amendment Form](#); or
- [Hockey Canada Playing Rule Proposal Form](#)



RECOMMENDATION PROCESS FOR HOCKEY ALBERTA COMMITTEES

Hockey Alberta Committees can submit proposals for change to a Hockey Alberta Regulation or Hockey Canada Playing Rule, provided that the change is for their respective stream/ level of hockey.

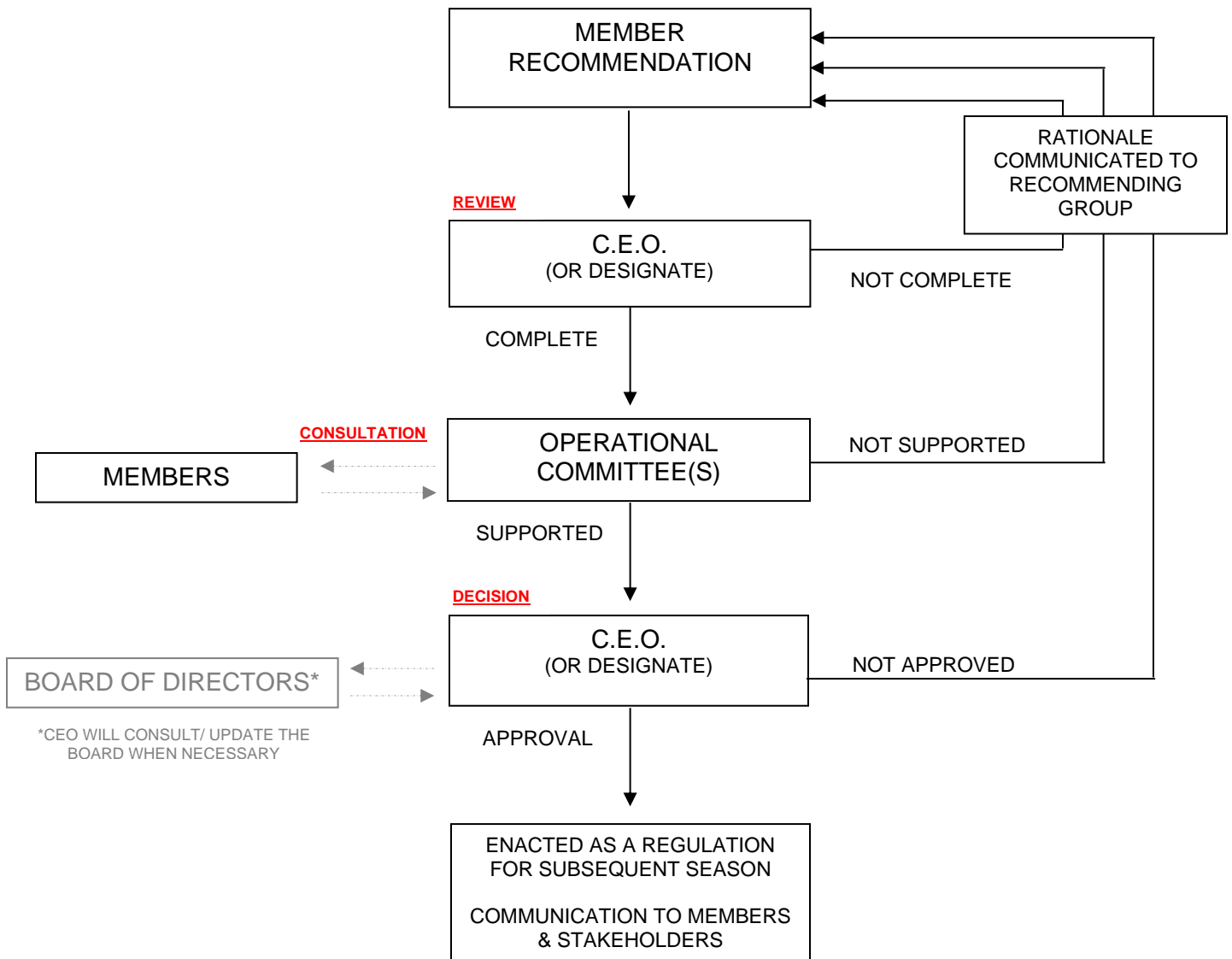
All proposals must be submitted to the Hockey Alberta Office using the submission forms located on the Hockey Alberta website. Each form must be completed in its' entirety and must include detailed rationale supporting the proposed change. Committees are also required to complete a consultation process with Members from the same stream/ level of hockey to obtain feedback about the proposed change. The feedback must be included with the submission.

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- [Hockey Canada Playing Rule Proposal Form](#)



PROCESS FOR HOCKEY ALBERTA REGULATION AMENDMENT PROPOSALS

A PROPOSAL CAN BE INITIATED AT THE 'MEMBER RECOMMENDATION' LEVEL OR THE 'OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE' LEVEL.





PROCESS FOR HOCKEY CANADA PLAYING RULE PROPOSALS

A PROPOSAL CAN BE INITIATED AT THE 'MEMBER RECOMMENDATION' LEVEL OR THE 'OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE' LEVEL.

