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ARTICLE 1

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPALE

The whole purpose of the League and its teams is to participate in the development of young players aged from sixteen to twenty, and to make them progress towards the highest levels of professional hockey.

The League and its teams must make sure that the player benefits from an optimum development and protect his integrity related to ability and physical and mental condition and continue top-quality academic education that will allow the player to go on studying normally after his hockey years in the QMJHL.

The optimum development of the players is guided by the commitment of our elite professionals in the fields of coaching, training, physical conditioning, diet, sports therapy and educational supervision. This allows the players to benefit from a full, intensive and structured training program, a significant high level of competition and to maintain general education.

ARTICLE 2

THE MAIN RULES GOVERNING THE EDUCATION MANDATE

The following main rules governing the education mandate of the League and its teams must be interpreted and applied within the statement of principle described in Article 1.

2.1 Responsibility of the club

The team is responsible for organizing players' education, and it must develop all necessary partnerships, with regards to the variety of its players' schooling options.

In order to ensure that players pursue their studies successfully, the team must:

- a] Ensure, before recruiting a player through a draft or a trade, that it has all the necessary resources to allow him to continue his studies.
- b] Ensure that academic support is offered in French and English so that adequate follow-up can be done in the players' two main languages of study.
- c] Give priority to register players for courses in class, when a local education institution can accommodate them. Distance learning courses should only be considered as a secondary option, except for special circumstances.
- d] Ensure follow-up with the player until the end of the school year.

2.2 Responsibility of the League

Considering the special schooling context in junior hockey, the QMJHL must develop and maintain partnerships that will:

- a] Make it easier for distance learning, when necessary.
- b] Make it easier for the harmonization of the organization and the operation of involved educational establishments.
- c] Allow some flexibility for accommodation of special cases.
- d] Minimize the schooling problems that are inherent in the case of a player being traded to another team.

The League must also support the Academic Advisors' work, ensure the education program functions properly and follow up on the players' academic progress.

2.3 Responsibility of the Player and his Parents

The player's parents must support and encourage him to continue his studies. They also commit to collaborate with the team and the League to foster the academic success of their youth.

The player recognizes that being part of the league and one of his teams is conditional on the continuation of a program of studies. The player must take his responsibilities towards his education obligations such as to give his homework on time, to communicate with his teachers and to assure the follow-up of his student file.

All players should complete their studies in the academic institution where they registered at the beginning of the session or the school year. Any exception to this rule, including in the case of a player being released or traded, should be brought to the attention of the commissioner's office. The team must also fill out an Academic Responsibility Form and have it approved by a parental authority when the parents want their son to finish the session in a school close to their residence, once the team has been eliminated. All requests from parents must be reviewed by the Academic Advisor and the Director of studies of the education institutions and must be approved by the commissioner's office.

It is the player's responsibility to provide transcripts before the start of the following session even if he is not part of the team.

2.4 Schooling expenses paid by the Club

All educational follow-up expenses, school expenses, travel expenses, lodging expenses, school supplies are to be paid by the team. The team that commits itself to a player at the beginning of a school session (fall or winter) must maintain its commitment until the end of the session.

2.5 Schooling in the Education System of the Player Residency

The player must be enrolled in an academic program from the province (or country) where he usually lives in order to obtain a diploma recognized in his own province (or country). This requirement specifically applies to players enrolled at the high school level, who must remain within the school system in which they began their studies for graduation purposes.

In the event of an exception to this rule, the team must have the player's parents complete and sign a form, explaining the various implications this may entail. The form must then be submitted to the QMJHL and approved by the Commissioner's office.

2.6 Distance Courses

The player taking distance learning courses must be provided with appropriate monitoring by his team such as a place to work while being supervised, the necessary equipment to study and complete his assignments and one or more competent tutors to support him in his work. Courses must be completed at the end of each session, in the timeframe required by the QMJHL.

2.7 The Player's Progress

The player's progress in school per session must minimally correspond to:

- a] Secondary / high school: Full course load (regular curriculum)
- b] Secondary / high school (distance learning): 3 courses and more
- c] CEGEP : 4 courses
- d] Cégep à distance: 3 courses
- e] University: 2 courses
- f] Vocational training: 2 courses and more

2.8 Education Support

Due to the schedule and travel requirements, the player ought to maximize the actual time spent in class. It is also his responsibility to continue his schoolwork outside of the study periods scheduled by the team. Teams must allow their players to attend courses on the day of a home game. A player temporarily away from school due to travel requirements or any other reason must be given the necessary support to make up for the courses missed.

2.9 Summer Courses

Summer courses are not compulsory, but the player should understand their importance in order to keep up his progress in school or to make up for schoolwork in arrears. Education fees are to be reimbursed by the team which authorized the course.

2.10 Obligation to go to School

All players are required to take courses leading to a secondary (high school), CEGEP (college), university or vocational diploma. As per article 2.7, they must enroll in new courses in the fall and the winter semesters. Exceptionally, the international players that cannot pursue their academic journey through the education system of their country must be registered for language courses, computer science courses or other, approved by the League. Any other training must be approved by the League.

2.11 Education Incentive Scholarship

In addition to the reimbursement of education expenses provided for in section 2.4, the player that is on his team regular roster will be granted a scholarship to enable him to pursue his studies leading to a high school, college or university diploma in the amounts and according to the following conditions:

- a] For 16 to 19-year-old players inclusively, \$60 per week, for the entire period when the player is attending courses during the year.
- b] For 20-year-old players, \$150 per week, for the entire period when the player is attending courses during the year.
- c] The player must attend school according to the conditions of the QMJHL Foundation's Education Policy. The player receives his education incentive scholarship on a weekly basis based on the schedule of his school level.
- d] The club reserves the right to cancel part or all the scholarship payment if the player does not respect the conditions stipulated in the player's commitment form, is suspended by the league, does not attend classes regularly or does not meet the criteria of the education policy.
- e] One course cannot account for 2 sessions; the player will have to register for new courses in the fall session and the winter session
- f] No additional amount will be paid for extensions of distance learning courses.
- g] The scholarship will be paid to the player who is taking summer courses authorized by his team for a maximum of 7 weeks. The scholarship will be paid by the team that authorized the summer course, upon receiving proof that the course was completed successfully.
- h] The payment of the 20-year-old education incentive scholarship ends with the last week of the winter session.
- i] Utility courses such as English, French or computer courses will be considered even if they do not necessarily lead to a degree. All other courses must be approved by the Director of the Education Program of the Commissioner Office.

2.12 Scholarship Program : Former Players

The QMJHL Foundation offers, to the benefit of the players, a scholarship program to support them in their studies after their years in the QMJHL. The player's effort and success in school during his years in the QMJHL will determine his eligibility for the scholarship program. The QMJHL Foundation's Scholarship program is presented in Article 4 of this policy.

2.13 Individual School File

The team must maintain up-to-date individual records for each of its players that provide access to current courses taken, transcripts, and all relevant details concerning the player's academic progress.

2.14 Directives from the League

The QMJHL will provide guidelines at any time for the implementation of the present policy.

ARTICLE 3

LE ACADEMIC ADVISOR

The QMJHL ensures, through its Education Policy, to facilitate the academic progress of its players with the help of the Academic Advisors acting as representatives. The team is responsible for providing education to its players. The Academic advisor, named by the team, must work closely with the General Manager, the Coach and any other person among the team that oversees the education component to make sure that the players pursue their studies, in accordance with the QMJHL Foundation's policy. The main tasks of the Academic Advisor are as follows:

- a] Act as an advisor to the team management for all matters concerning the players' education, and mainly for the allocation of necessary resources in time, staff and money in order to carry out that mandate.
- b] Have the knowledge of the academic environment required to adequately advise the player in his studies, according to his profile.
- c] Collaborate with the school educational establishments, get involved in the process of the player's registration and act as an advisor to the player and his parents for the selection of programs or courses.
- d] Work with the player, his parents and his billet family in order to maintain the player's motivation for satisfactory school progress.
- e] Act as an advisor to the player who is invited to a professional camp in order to minimize any inconvenience that could affect his progress in school.
- f] Make sure that partnership agreements with appropriate local organizations are well established, maintained and managed.
- g] Monitor regularly the progress of each player and keep the parents informed.
- h] Keep a complete and up to date school file for each player and make it available to the QMJHL.
- i] Make sure that all needs for catching up or updating after unavoidable absences from school are met.
- j] Make sure that the players who are taking distance learning courses are well supervised, with a regular follow-up.
- k] See to the needs and monitoring of players presenting specific cases.
- l] If a player is traded, make sure to communicate all the necessary information regarding his school file to the Academic Advisors of other teams.
- m] Inform both the General Manager and the Coach about the school file of each player.
- n] Propose solutions and tools to improve the education program of the team and that of the QMJHL Foundation.

- o] Collaborate with Academic Advisors of the other teams.
- p] Fill out and submit on time all reports and forms requested through the software used by the QMJHL.
- q] Participate in all draft session, calls, meetings or videoconferences called by the commissioner's office, or his representative, for consultation, information and coordination purposes related to the application of the QMJHL Foundation's Education Policy.

ARTICLE 4

QMJHL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

A scholarship is an amount of money given to a student, former QMJHL player, in order to help him pursue his studies to obtain a diploma from a school establishment recognized by the QMJHL Foundation. This scholarship is subject to several eligibility conditions.

4.1 Eligibility conditions

Any player who has played as a regular player in the QMJHL is eligible for the scholarship program if he meets the following conditions.

4.1.1 To have significantly pursued his studies

The player must have played in the QMJHL during at least one (1) academic session and have completed successfully the required number of courses he registered for:

- a] At secondary or high school level, the player must have completed successfully the courses outlined in the normal curriculum attributed to regular students if he attends classes.
- b] At secondary or high school level, the player must have completed successfully a minimum of two (2) courses if he is taking distance education courses.
- c] At CEGEP level, he must have completed successfully a minimum of two (2) courses per session.
- d] For a High School or CEGEP diploma holder, he must have succeeded in at least one (1) university course.

For the purposes of reaching previous school objectives, summer courses taken at the major junior level in the QMJHL are evaluated as courses taken to complete otherwise incomplete sessions.

4.1.2 To be available to play in the QMJHL until his 20th year

To benefit from the scholarships accumulated during his years in the QMJHL, the player must make himself available to play during his 20-year-old season. Eligibility for the scholarship program is generally maintained for a player who reports to his team's training camp without receiving a contract offer, or for one who, after signing a contract, is released during the holiday season without receiving another offer thereafter.

A player promoted to the AHL or NHL at age 20 is not subject to this requirement unless he is demoted during the season. Certain special situations may also be considered by the Commissioner's office, depending on the circumstances.

4.1.3 Delay to make an application to the QMJHL Scholarship Program

The player must have filled the scholarship application form and started his courses no later than 3 years after his last game in the QMJHL and must be studying without any interruption.

4.1.4 To be accepted as a student in a recognized educational institution

The player must further his education in a recognized educational institution such as a university, a post-secondary professional or technical school, or a CEGEP.

4.1.5 Criminal offense

A player convicted of a criminal offence, which allegedly took place while playing in the QMJHL, could be denied eligibility for the scholarship program. The Commissioner's office could, at its discretion, refuse the eligibility to the scholarship program to a player who would have been suspended indefinitely for a breach to the code of conduct.

4.2 Granting

4.2.1 Request to obtain scholarships

The player who wants to obtain scholarships from this scholarship program must submit a scholarship request to the QMJHL, by filling out the online form available on the League's website at <https://chl.ca/lhjmqr/en/scholarship-program/>. This scholarship request must be made before the end of his first year of the academic program for which he wishes to start receiving his scholarships. He must, at the same time, provide his study plan and provide, the most recent transcripts of the courses he followed during his years in the QMJHL. After the deadline, scholarships requested cannot be given retroactively.

4.2.2 Special Request

The player who is asking for a scholarship, but who has not met one or more conditions due to a well-founded major reason, can make a special request that will be assessed by the QMJHL.

4.2.3 New Request after the CEGEP

The player who must go to CEGEP to finish his college course before enrolling in a university program must submit a new request as soon as he ends his pre- university courses to eventually benefit from sums paid for university studies.

4.2.4 Answer to the Requester

The QMJHL will inform each scholarship requester of its decision as soon as possible and in writing.

4.3 Scholarship allocation

The player who qualifies for scholarships, according to the criteria presented in section 4.1 of the present Education Policy, may receive scholarships, as outlined by the following applicable circumstances: the player is allowed one (1) scholarship for each session he played in the QMJHL if he meets the criteria listed in article 4.1.1. The maximum amount of scholarships is limited to ten (10):

- a] To complete a general college degree (DEC): a scholarship in the amount of \$150 for each succeeded course up to a maximum of \$1050 per session.
- b] Technical college degree: for each session, a scholarship in the amount of \$150 for each succeeded course up to a maximum of \$1200 per session and an additional \$500 for the cost of equipment upon presentation of valid receipts.
- c] University studies: for each session a scholarship of \$720 per succeeded course, with a maximum of \$7200 per year and a maximum of 5 years. A university course is a 3-credit course; a course of more or less than 3 credits increase or decreases proportionately the amount of \$720.
- d] Vocational studies: for each session, a scholarship equivalent to half of the annual school and material fees, for a maximum of \$3000. This represents a maximum amount of \$6000 per year. This amount will be paid upon presentation of supporting invoices.

For the purposes of applying the present policy, a session is a period of time which lasts for approximately four (4) months.

4.4 Payment of scholarship

The scholarships will be paid as per the terms and conditions stated in the acceptance letter. The payment of the scholarships will be based on the courses completed successfully.

Depending on the player's educational path, the maximum annual amount may be modified in accordance with the program followed, without exceeding the maximum scholarship amount awarded. The scholarships are paid at the end of each academic session, following reception of the official transcripts certified by the education institution.

4.4.1 Summer courses

The students who will not have been able to take the maximum number of courses during fall and winter sessions will be able to request from the QMJHL Foundation that they be completed with summer courses followed in the same school year. The player must have filled the scholarship application form and started his courses. This will allow the students to maximize their scholarship.

4.5 Appeal procedure

The student who is refused a study scholarship or a portion of that scholarship or who loses his status of scholarship holder can appeal by writing to the commissioner's office by clearly explaining to him that the decision was not taken according to the QMJHL Foundation scholarship Program, or that circumstances beyond his control kept him from meeting some of the conditions. The Commissioner or his representative will hear the student as well as the witnesses the student wishes to present. The commissioner's office decision is final.

4.6 Implementation

The applicable policy is the one in effect during the last session of the player in the QMJHL.

4.7 Change in the status of the scholarship holder

In order to ensure the efficient operation of the QMJHL Foundation's Scholarship program, it is the responsibility of the scholarship holder to advise the Foundation of any change in his status as a student that could have an impact on his eligibility. Therefore, a scholarship holder who has stopped studying or who believes that he no longer meets the conditions of the program should notify the QMJHL Foundation within a maximum of two years, indicating the reason for such a cessation.

ARTICLE 5

A FEW PARTICULAR RULES

5.1 Selection and training camp

5.1.1 Decision regarding players going to CEGEP

At the team selection camp, the decision to keep a player going to CEGEP or to send him back to his lower-level team must be taken as quickly as possible to allow the player to start his courses considering the starting date of the session of the CEGEPs.

The Academic Advisor should work closely with Alliance Sport-Études to ensure an efficient follow-up of players' registration in CEGEP.

5.1.2 Expenses about updating

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a player who has been sent back to his lower-level team after the beginning of his school year and who needs updating to enter his courses can receive such updating at the major junior team's expenses, according to the criteria set by the QMJHL Foundation.

5.1.3 Starting the courses

Players attending courses in a local school establishment must be able to start their courses at the very beginning of the establishment's school year. Players who take distance courses must start their school activities no later than at the beginning of September. The registration of a player invited to a professional camp must be made before his departure and cancelled afterwards if the player remains in his professional team. Whenever possible, the player should leave with a schedule, work to be done and he must bring the required school material.

5.2 Calling bak an affiliate player

When calling back an affiliate player for a few games, the team must make sure it does not disrupt the player's studies, and it must give him all necessary support given the circumstances.

5.3 Player joining a team during the season

When a player joins a QMJHL team during the season, it is the team's responsibility to quickly register the player in an academic program from a recognized educational institution or to ensure a follow-up of the courses he has already registered for.

5.4 Playoffs

The team must take effective means during the playoffs to make sure that their school term will not be disrupted.