

OJHL Recognizes Four Teams Now In League

The Okanagan Junior "A" Hockey League has passed a resolution formally recognizing the respective franchises of the four junior hockey clubs now in the league.

The resolution, called for by Kamloops Rockets' manager Don Brown, is designed to protect the rights of each club from any outside organization wishing to form a junior team. It will be entered in the league constitution at the next annual general meeting.

The resolution was passed at a pre-season executive meeting held Sunday in the Allison Hotel.

The 1964 - 65 schedule failed to reach ratification at the meeting as a number of dates still have to be arranged by one of the clubs. The complete schedule should be ready in two or three days. The season starts Friday, Oct 16 and ends Jan 23. Playoffs will probably begin the last week in February with the first and third team and the second and fourth team meeting in a best of five semi-final. The finals will be a best of seven set.

All evening games will start at 8:30 p.m. and all afternoon games, principally on Sundays, are set for 2 p.m.

The league came to an amicable agreement with the referees on the fees to be paid this season. Each club will be assessed \$30 per game for payment of referees and miscellaneous expenses within the league.

This season the OJHL will experiment with the twin-referee system of officiating. If it works well the league will continue with it, if not it will revert to the more widely used system of one referee and two linesman.

League referee-in-chief Arnold Smith contended the twin-referee system would do a lot toward cutting out dirty play in the OJHL. Kelowna was the only team against its adoption.

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