

DELHI – NORWICH FAQ

Why is Langton not part of the Amalgamation vote?

The Langton board has decided that they don't want to vote again on an amalgamation at this time. The door is always open and we are happy to welcome them into the fold if / when they are ready.

Why Amalgamate? What about a Rep Partnership?

A Rep Partnership is much less efficient to operate, requiring three Boards, three bank accounts, three sets of bills, etc. The executive has considered multiple options, and unanimously voted in favour of an amalgamation.

Will DDMHA still exist?

The corporation DDMHA will no longer exist. NMHA will also no longer exist. Both corporations will be dissolved, and a new corporation will be formed (Delhi Norwich Minor Hockey Association). As per OMHA, the new association can call their teams whatever they choose. It is in the amalgamation agreement that Local League teams will continue on as the Delhi Rockets and the Norwich Knighthawks. When registering under the new corporation, you will choose Delhi Rockets LL, Norwich Knighthawks LL or DNMHA Rep.

Why are we not considering Norfolk again?

Over 70% of our membership voted against joining Norfolk last year, and 65% of our membership voted for a partnership with Norwich and Langton. Those that want to try out in Norfolk (or any other A and above centre) are still welcome to.

Does this mean that the organization will have a rep B team in each division and then Local League teams? (No second Rep team like the D team this year?)

If we have the numbers, it is possible that we could run a second entry team. These teams would also be classified as B though. All teams would play together during the season and then a similar tiering system for playoffs would happen like it has this year. All tournaments will be labelled "B". Delhi Local League teams and Norwich Local League teams would also exist.

Who gets to vote?

Everyone who is registered in our HCR system gets a vote. Voter eligibility is the same as it was when we did the vote in November. All amalgamation information will be updated in the Amalgamation tab on the website.

How does this benefit local league?

The biggest benefit we foresee for Local League players would be the possibility to run rostered select teams at each division, using Norwich Knighthawk and Delhi Rocket Players. It would also ensure that our Delhi Rockets LL teams would continue to practice and play out of the Delhi Community Centre. Rep teams would be split between two arenas, opening up more favourable ice

times (ex. The elimination of the 10 – 11 practice) and the possibility of more practice time throughout the week (not just on weekends) for Local League teams. More development opportunities would also be possible as Delhi and Norwich would be working together and players could sign up for sessions in either arena (insured as an organization). Our executive does not foresee any “drawbacks” for the Local League teams if this vote goes through.

How do the organizers of the Norwich 3 on 3 fundraiser feel about your involvement?

The organizers of 3 on 3 are Norwich Minor Hockey. They are fully supportive of working together to keep hockey affordable for all in our community. You can be sure that we discussed working with them on their fundraiser before posting that information online.

How can you guarantee registration for the next three years, given the rising costs of ice, referee fees, etc.

Both Delhi and Norwich organizations are very sound financially, and together, even stronger. Along with fundraisers, sponsorships, registration, etc. we will and are more than capable of keeping registration costs as they are, hopefully for even longer than 3 years.

What happens to the Delhi Hockey Moms?

As has been stated before, the Delhi Hockey Moms are a separate corporation. They can continue to operate as they are, if they so choose. We appreciate everything they contribute to DDMHA, and hope that they continue to support our young hockey players in the future.

What is different now, compared to when I voted in November?

- This vote is for an amalgamation for Norwich and Delhi for the 2025 / 2026 season
- All voting will follow the rules set out by each organizations constitution
- Langton has chosen not to participate in the vote

Can the OMHA force us to join other centres if this vote does not pass?

No, the OMHA cannot force an association to join another centre. The role of the OMHA is to support the direction that an association chooses to pursue.