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We conduct our business with a spirit of cooperation and will strive to achieve our objectives through trust, shared goals and respect for each other.

We hold ourselves, and each other, accountable for our performance and place a high value on personal integrity, honest and straightforwardness.

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ARTICLE I – OFFICES

The principal office of New York State Amateur Hockey Association, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York on January 10, 1980 (“**NYS Hockey**”), shall be care of the address of the then current President of NYS Hockey or such other address as may be designated by the Board of Directors (the “**Board**”) of NYS Hockey from time to time. NYS Hockey may also have offices at such other places within or outside of the Sate of New York as the Board from time to time may designate.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

Section 2.1 Prior Association of NYS Hockey. NYS Hockey is the successor to the New York State Amateur Hockey Association, an unincorporated association, and is the New York affiliate of USA Hockey, Inc. (“**USA Hockey**”). All definitions, rules, regulations, customs and traditions of the prior association remain in effect unless otherwise changed or deleted by the actions of NYS Hockey.

Section 2.2 USA Hockey. NYS Hockey claims complete jurisdiction as the governing body of amateur ice hockey in New York State in concert with USA Hockey. As an affiliate association of USA Hockey, NYS Hockey shall abide by and act in accord with the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, Playing Rules or decisions of the Board of Directors of USA Hockey, and such documents and decisions shall take precedence over and supersede all similar governing documents and/or decisions of NYS Hockey. Further, NYS Hockey: (a) shall assist USA Hockey in the administration and enforcement of the provisions of the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, Playing Rules and decisions of the Board of Directors of USA Hockey, within and upon its members and/or within its jurisdiction and (b) agrees to be guided by the following core values of USA Hockey:

(i) Sportsmanship. Foremost of all values is to learn a sense of fair play. Become humble in victory, gracious in defeat. We will foster friendship with teammates and opponents alike.

(ii) Respect for the Individual. Treat all others as you expect to be treated.

(iii) Integrity. We seek to foster honesty and fair play beyond mere strict interpretation of the rules and regulations of the game.

(iv) Pursuit of Excellence at the Individual, Team and Organizational Levels. Each member of the organization, whether player, volunteer or staff, should seek to perform each aspect of the game to the highest level of his or her ability.

(v) Enjoyment. It is important for the hockey experience to be fun, satisfying and rewarding for the participant.

(vi) Loyalty. We aspire to teach loyalty to the ideals and fellow members of the sport of hockey.

(vii) Teamwork. We value the strength of learning to work together. The use of teamwork is reinforced and rewarded by success in the hockey experience.

Section 2.3 Purposes. Having regard to the foregoing provisions of this Article II, the purposes of NYS Hockey are:

(a) To foster, advance, develop, encourage and regulate the game of ice hockey as an amateur sport in New York State.

(b) To promote, encourage and assist in the formation of local governing bodies of amateur ice hockey through their affiliation with NYS Hockey and USA Hockey.

(c) To affiliate with and cooperate with other international and national amateur ice hockey organizations.

(d) To establish and maintain uniform playing rules and regulations for amateur ice hockey within New York State, with such rules and regulations to be in compliance with the applicable rules and regulations of USA Hockey.

(e) To conduct and promote sectional (including playdowns) and state amateur ice hockey contests and tournaments, and to select teams to represent NYS Hockey.

(f) To register and sanction active amateur ice hockey leagues, clubs, teams, officials and players in New York State, and to collect dues and fees through the NYS Hockey Treasurer, the USA Hockey Registrar or by other means through USA Hockey.

(g) To continue its affiliation with USA Hockey.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 3.1 Qualifications for Membership.

(a) Members of NYS Hockey (referred to in these Bylaws as “Associations” (as defined below), “Members” or “Membership”) are restricted to bona fide active amateur ice hockey Associations (as defined in Section 3.1(b) below) which are duly registered, both with USA Hockey and NYS Hockey, in accordance with the rules and regulations for registration as set forth by USA Hockey and NYS Hockey.

(b) An “Association” is a group: (i) which promotes ice hockey by forming a team or teams which are actively engaged in the sport of ice hockey; (ii) whose principal base of operation is within the boundaries of the State of New York; and (iii) which has agreed to abide by the Bylaws and rules and regulations of USA Hockey and NYS Hockey.

(c) Membership in NYS Hockey may be acquired by application and payment of dues in the manner set forth in the rules and regulations. The application is to be submitted to the Section President of the Section (as that term is defined in Article V below) in which the applicant is located. In its application, each prospective Member must: (i) express its willingness to comply with and adhere to the Bylaws and the Rules and Regulations of USA Hockey and NYS Hockey and (ii) indicate the type of program it intends to

offer. If the Section President is satisfied that the applicant meets the requirements of NYS Hockey and USA Hockey, the applicant will be placed on the agenda for the next Section meeting for consideration as a new Member by a majority vote of those Members of the Section entitled to vote and present at a duly constituted Section meeting. Acceptance by the Section must be ratified by the Board of Directors, upon which ratification the applicant shall be registered as an Association of NYS Hockey.

(d) In lieu of Membership, NYS Hockey may grant to any person or group of persons shown to have a bona fide interest in the purposes and objectives of NYS Hockey (at a fee, if any, to be determined by NYS Hockey) the status of an Affiliate Member (“**Affiliate**”). Such status will confer on the holder thereof the right to attend, but not vote at, meetings of Members. A candidate for such status will apply for same in the same manner as applicants for regular Membership.

(e) If a Member is suspended or terminated by USA Hockey, such Member shall also be suspended or terminated by NYS Hockey. Conversely, if a Member is suspended or terminated by NYS Hockey, such Member will also be subject to suspension or termination by USA Hockey.

Section 3.2 Eligibility to Vote.

(a) Voter Delegate Forms. For each regular season (September 1 through August 31), each Association shall be eligible to cast one vote for each fifteen (15) participant members (players and coaches) who are registered with that Association through USA Hockey as of August 1 of the immediately preceding regular season (the “**Record Date**”). Such number of vote(s) shall be calculated by the Treasurer of NYS Hockey, who shall designate the votes that may be cast by each Association on voter delegate forms approved by the Board (the “**Voter Delegate Form**”). The Voter Delegate Forms may be transmitted electronically by the Treasurer via the NYS Hockey web site, or in any other approved manner, to Associations in good standing no later than twenty (20) days after the Record Date. Each Association must complete its Voter Delegate Form and transmit same to its Section President no later than the start of its respective fall Section meeting in order to permit the Delegates reflected thereon (selected as provided in Section 3.2(b)) to be eligible to cast a vote during the current regular season. Upon timely submission to the Section President of its Voter Delegate Form, duly signed by all Delegates reflected thereon, the Association shall be eligible to vote only the number of votes for that regular season as provided on the Voter Delegate Form and as approved by the Section President at the fall Section meeting.

(b) Initial Selection of Delegates. For each vote an Association is authorized to cast, one person from that Association shall be designated by that Association to cast such authorized vote, as set forth in writing on that Association’s Voter Delegate Form (each such voter, a “**Delegate**”). A Delegate who has signed the Voter Delegate Form may vote on behalf of that Association at any Section meeting or meeting of the Membership of NYS Hockey to be held during the immediately succeeding regular season following the Record Date provided, that, in no event will a Delegate be entitled to cast more than one

(1) vote at any meeting; provided, further, that no Delegate representing an Association shall be permitted to vote at any meeting of the Membership of NYS Hockey held after December 31 during such season, unless such Association on or before December 31 had at least fifteen (15) participant members (players and coaches) registered with NYS Hockey. Voting and non-voting members of the Board shall have their own voting rights at Membership meetings, with their own Voter Delegate Form, provided, that, no such Board member shall have the right to vote at Membership meetings in his or her capacity as a Board member if he or she already is a Delegate of an Association entitled to vote at such meeting. In no event shall proxies be allowed to vote. For a Delegate to be eligible to vote, or for an Association to be represented by any person, that person may not: (i) hold an official position in an affiliate of USA Hockey (excluding NYS Hockey); (ii) be a Delegate of another Association; or (iii) be less than majority age (which is presently 18).

(c) Changing Delegates. At the NYS Hockey annual meeting of the Membership, the President of an Association, with the consent of the Section President, may substitute a new person in place of a previously designated Delegate to vote on behalf of that Association so long as such substitution is made before noon on the Saturday preceding the meeting. At any Section meeting or any special meeting of the Membership of NYS Hockey, the President of an Association, with the consent of the Section President, may substitute a new person in place of a previously designated Delegate to vote on behalf of that Association, by amending in writing the Association's Voter Delegate Form with the consent of the Section President so indicated.

(d) Further Rules Concerning Voting. From time to time, the Board may adopt further rules, regulations or policies clarifying or supplementing the provisions set forth in these Bylaws regulating the registration and qualifications of those Members eligible to vote, provided, that, none of such rules, regulations or policies shall be inconsistent with the Bylaws of NYS Hockey or USA Hockey.

Section 3.3 Duration of Membership.

(a) Membership shall continue from registration to registration and shall automatically terminate upon failure to register with USA Hockey or with NYS Hockey.

(b) The Board may terminate the Membership of an Association at any time for any one of the following reasons:

(i) Upon application of any Association, in its sole discretion, the Board may grant a leave of absence to an Association, when it is considered appropriate to the purposes of NYS Hockey.

(ii) For failure to register at least fifteen (15) participant members (players and coaches) with NYS Hockey for two (2) or more years.

(iii) For failure to pay dues, fees, fines or other charges of USA Hockey, NYS Hockey or the Section.

(iv) For willful disregard of the bylaws, rules and regulations of USA Hockey or NYS Hockey or for conduct detrimental to the

good of amateur hockey or the objectives and purposes of NYS Hockey or USA Hockey.

Section 3.4 Membership Dues. Membership dues or registration fees shall be required of Members in such amounts and upon such terms as the Board from time to time shall specify.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Section 4.1 Annual Meetings.

(a) The annual Membership meeting of NYS Hockey (the “Annual Meeting”) shall be held between the 1st day of May and the 15th day of June each year. At least sixty (60) days prior thereto, the Secretary shall cause to be delivered to every Member in good standing at its address as it appears on the Membership roll book of NYS Hockey a notice stating the time and place of the Annual Meeting. All proposals submitted for consideration at the Annual Meeting must be received by the Secretary of NYS Hockey no later than thirty five (35) days prior to the Annual Meeting. The precise date of the Annual Meeting will be determined by the Board at the preceding Annual Meeting and will be published yearly in the Calendar of the New York State Guide.

(b) The presence at any Membership meeting of not less than twenty (20) Delegates shall constitute a quorum and shall be necessary to conduct the business of NYS Hockey; however, a lesser number may adjourn a meeting and the Secretary will cause notice of the re-scheduled date of the meeting to be sent to all Members. A quorum as specified above shall be required at any adjourned meeting.

(c) During each period of eight (8) years, each Section will have the opportunity to host an Annual Meeting twice, at a location within its Section determined by the Board. The Section President of the Section hosting the Annual Meeting shall have the right to suggest its location to the Board. The order in which the Sections host the Annual Meeting shall be determined in a manner whereby each Section during such eight (8) year period will only once be the host Section for the election, when such offices become vacant in the accordance with the schedule described in Section 7.1(b) hereof, of the President, the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Tournament Director of NYS Hockey, provided that no Section shall be required to host the Annual Meeting twice in a row without the consent of the Section President of that Section.

Section 4.2 Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Membership of NYS Hockey may be called by the Board. The Secretary shall cause notice of such a meeting to be delivered in the manner as set forth for giving notice of an Annual Meeting at least ten (10) days but not more than fifty (50) days before the scheduled date of such meeting. Such notice shall state the date, time, place and purpose of the meeting and by whom called. No other business but that specified in the notice may be transacted at such special meeting without the unanimous consent of all Delegates present at such meeting.

Section 4.3 Order of Business.

(a) The order of business at all meetings of Members shall be as follows:

- (i) Roll Call
- (ii) Reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting
- (iii) Reports of Committees
- (iv) Reports of the Officers
- (v) Old and Unfinished Business
- (vi) New Business
- (vii) Good and Welfare
- (viii) Adjournments

(b) The President of NYS Hockey, by authority of the Board, shall prepare an agenda for the Annual Meeting which shall be delivered to the Members either through the Section Presidents, who may disseminate the same at the Section meetings, or otherwise delivered by the Section Presidents to their Section Members in the manner of giving notice of the meetings, such to be in the mail or otherwise delivered not more than fifty (50) days, nor less than ten (10), prior to the date of the meeting.

ARTICLE V - SECTIONS

Section 5.1 Designation of Sections. NYS Hockey, for administrative purposes, shall be divided into four (4) sections ("Sections") within the State of New York designated and containing the counties as follows:

(a) Central Section: Broome, Cayuga, Chemung, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, Otsego, Schuler, Seneca, Steuben, Tioga, Tompkins and Wayne;

(b) East Section: Bronx, Dutchess, Kings, New York, Nassau, Queens, Orange, Putnam, Richmond, Rockland, Suffolk, Sullivan, Ulster, Westchester;

(c) North Section: Albany, Clinton, Columbia, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Greene, Hamilton, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Montgomery, Rensselaer, St. Lawrence, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren and Washington;

(d) West Section: Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Ontario, Orleans, Wyoming and Yates.

Section 5.2 Section Meetings. An annual meeting of each Section shall be held upon at least forty-five (45) days' notice to the Section membership, and held not later than thirty (30) and not earlier than sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Meeting of NYS Hockey. The Section may hold additional meetings of the Section upon at least forty-five (45) days' notice to the Section membership. Proposals and candidate nominations to be considered at a Section meeting shall be submitted to the Section President not less than thirty (30) days prior to the Section meeting. The Section President shall prepare an agenda for each Section meeting containing notice of any proposals

and candidate nominations to be considered, such notice to be delivered to the Section membership not less than seven (7) days prior to the Section meeting.

Section 5.3 Election of Section Presidents.

(a) Each Section President shall be elected by those Members of its Section. Candidates (including an incumbent Section President) for election as President of a Section are to declare themselves in writing to the current Section President, or to the President of NYS Hockey if there is no Section President, who shall transmit such declaration to the Secretary of NYS Hockey and to the Secretary of that Section, at least thirty (30) days prior to the election date, except that the Section Delegates present at the meeting to elect the new Section President, by two thirds of the votes cast, may waive this requirement.

(b) The term of office of a Section President shall commence with his or her election at an annual Section meeting and shall continue for a term of two (2) years until a successor has been elected and qualified or until his or her earlier resignation or removal. Elections shall be staggered so that, in even numbered years, the East and North Sections shall elect their Presidents and, in odd numbered years, the West and Central Sections shall elect their Presidents.

(c) Section Delegates may elect an alternate to the Section President, who may attend meetings of the Board: (i) in addition to such Section President but with no right to vote thereat, if requested by such Section President and with the permission of the President of NYS Hockey; (ii) in place of the Section President with a right to vote thereat, if such Section President cannot attend a meeting of the Board, or (iii) with the right to vote thereat, when such alternate is acting as the Section President following the death, resignation or removal of the prior incumbent Section President, as provided for in Section 7.2.

(d) If a Section President dies, resigns or is removed by the Board of NYS Hockey: (i) the alternate Section President shall replace the Section President for the remainder of the term, or (ii) if there be no such alternate, the Board may replace the Section President on an interim basis until the Delegates of such Section elect a replacement, such election to be within sixty (60) days after the vacancy occurs.

Section 5.4 Voting Procedures.

(a) At each Section meeting: (i) the President of that Section will present to its Section Secretary or designee the official Voter Delegate Forms that were prepared and completed in the manner described in Section 3.2 and (ii) each Association in that Section will have the Delegates allocated to it in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.2.

(b) Registration for voting will commence at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of the Section Meeting. Each Section Secretary will confirm to the Associations within its Section the names of their Delegates and provide such Delegates with voting cards. To invoke voting privileges, a Delegate must present his or her card to cast a vote.

Section 5.5 Section and Association Bylaws; Election Disputes.

(a) Each Section and Association shall be permitted to adopt bylaws regulating its affairs as long as such bylaws are: (i) not inconsistent with the bylaws, rules or regulations of NYS Hockey or USA Hockey and (ii) approved by the Board.

(b) Any dispute involving a Section election shall be resolved by the Board.

ARTICLE VI – DIRECTORS

Section 6.1 Management by, and Composition of, the Board.

(a) The Board shall manage and control the affairs and property of NYS Hockey in a manner not in conflict with the Bylaws, rules and regulations of USA Hockey.

(b) Each director shall be at least nineteen (19) years of age.

(c) The Board shall consist of both voting directors (“**Voting Directors**”) and non-voting directors (“**Non-Voting Directors**”). In these Bylaws, the term “**director**” refers to both Voting Directors and Non-Voting Directors.

(d) The Voting Directors will consist of the following:

(i) All officers of NYS Hockey elected or appointed in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws which, typically, will number eight (8);

(ii) The immediate past President of NYS Hockey (the “**Past President**”); and

(iii) Such number of individuals (expected to be three (3) or four (4)), as NYS Hockey shall be entitled to elect, from time to time, in accordance with the Bylaws of USA Hockey, to serve as directors of USA Hockey (the “**USA Directors**”).

(e) The Non-Voting Directors will consist of the following:

(i) Any directors appointed pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.3;

(ii) The attorney selected as “Counsel” pursuant to the provisions of Section 7.1(c); and

(iii) Any individual who, as a result of prior service on the Board or to NYS Hockey, may be designated as a “Director Emeritus” by the Board.

Section 6.2 Election and Term of Directors.

(a) Except for: (i) the directors serving by virtue of their election as President of their Sections; (ii) the Past President and (iii) Non-Voting Directors, each director shall be elected at an Annual Meeting of the Membership of NYS Hockey.

(b) Each director shall serve for a term of two (2) years, except that each USA Director shall serve for a term specified in the bylaws of USA Hockey, but the election of USA Directors to the Board, to the extent consistent with the bylaws of USA Hockey, shall be staggered so that no more than two (2) of such directors shall be elected at any Annual Meeting. In this regard, each of

the four (4) current USA Directors holds a designated position as USA Director #1, #2, #3 and #4, and if pursuant to applicable USA Hockey requirements NYS Hockey is entitled to less than four (4) USA Directors, then USA Director #4 shall be the first to be removed, then USA Director #3, in such descending order. Each director shall continue to serve until such time his or her successor has been duly elected and qualified or until his or her earlier resignation or removal.

(c) If any director serving as such by virtue of holding an officer position resigns such office or is removed from such office, his or her term of office on the Board shall concurrently terminate.

Section 6.3 Increase or Decrease in Number of Directors. The number of directors may be increased or decreased by vote of the Membership or by a vote of a majority of all the Voting Directors. No decrease in the number of directors shall shorten the term of any incumbent director. By a majority vote, at any time, the Board may appoint ad hoc, Non-Voting Directors to advise and consult with the Board and to attend Board meetings.

Section 6.4 Newly Created Directorships and Vacancies. Newly created directorships resulting from an increase in the number of directors and vacancies occurring in the Board for any reason, except for the removal of directors without cause, may be filled by a majority of the Voting Directors then in office although less than a quorum exists, unless otherwise provided in the certificate of incorporation. Vacancies occurring by reason of the removal of directors without cause shall be filled by vote of the Membership, except for the replacement of a Section President (which shall be filled in accordance with Section 5.3 of these Bylaws). A director elected to fill a vacancy caused by resignation, death or removal shall hold office for the unexpired term of his or her predecessor.

Section 6.5 Removal of Directors. Any or all of the directors may be removed for cause by vote of the Membership or by action of the Board. Directors may be removed without cause only by vote of the Membership.

Section 6.6 Resignation. A director may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board, the President or the Secretary of NYS Hockey. Unless otherwise specified in the notice, such resignation shall take effect upon receipt thereof by the Board, and the acceptance of the resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

Section 6.7 Quorum of Directors. Unless otherwise provided in the certificate of incorporation, a majority of the Voting Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business or of any specified item of business.

Section 6.8 Action of the Board.

(a) Unless otherwise required by law, the vote of a majority of the Voting Directors present at the time of the vote, if a quorum is present at such a time, shall be the act of the Board. Each Voting Director present shall have one (1) vote. No individual shall have more than one (1) vote even if he or she, as a technical matter, may serve on the Board in more than one (1) capacity.

(b) If consented to by the Board, any director may participate in a meeting of the Board by means of a conference telephone or similar device by which all persons can hear all other persons participating in the meeting at the same time. Any Board action may be taken without a meeting if all Voting Directors consent in writing thereto.

(c) Rules, regulations and policies adopted by the Board, and minutes of the Annual Meetings of NYS Hockey, shall be made public in a manner designated by the Board.

Section 6.9 Place of Meetings. The regular annual meeting of the Board shall be held at the place of the Annual Meeting of the Membership. Other meetings of the Board may be held at the office of NYS Hockey or at such other places either within or outside the state, as the Board from time to time may determine.

Section 6.10 Date of Meetings. The regular annual meeting of the Board shall be held immediately following the Annual Meeting of the Membership. At any meeting of the Board, including at the annual meeting, the Board may agree upon: (a) the date, time and location of its next meeting or (b) a schedule of dates, times and locations of meetings for the remainder of the term through the next regular annual meeting.

Section 6.11 Notice of Meetings and Board Adjournment. If the date, time and location of a regular meeting have been fixed in accordance with the provisions of Section 6.10, then such regular meeting may be held without further notice. If not, then directors shall be entitled to at least ten (10) days prior notice from the President of the date, time and place of the next regular meeting of the Board. Such notice may be given either personally, by mail or by electronic mail. Special meetings of the Board shall be held upon notice to the directors and may be called by the President upon at least ten (10) days notice to each director either personally, by mail or by electronic mail. Special meetings shall be called by the President in a like manner on written request of at least two (2) directors. Notice of a meeting need not be given to any director who submits a waiver of notice whether before or after the meeting or who attends the meeting without protesting, prior thereto or at its commencement, the lack of notice to him or her. A majority of the Voting Directors present, whether or not a quorum is present, may adjourn any meeting to another time and place. Notice of the adjournment shall be given to all directors who are absent at the time of the adjournment and, unless such time and place are announced at the meeting, to the other directors.

Section 6.12 Chairperson; Vice-Chairperson. The President of NYS Hockey shall serve as the Chairperson of the Board. In addition, at the first meeting of the Board following the Annual Meeting of the Membership, the Board shall elect, and may replace from time to time, a Vice-Chairperson of the Board from among the four (4) Vice Presidents and the Past President. In electing a Vice-Chairperson or any replacement, the Board shall consider the experience, qualifications and competence of the eligible candidates. At all meetings of the Board, the Chairperson (or, in his or her absence, the Vice-Chairperson) shall preside. If both the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are unable to preside at a specific meeting of the Board, the Board shall choose one of the Directors who is present to preside at that meeting.

Section 6.13 Executive Committee. A five (5) person Executive Committee of the Board is hereby established consisting of the President and the four (4) Vice Presidents during their respective terms of office. At all meetings of the Executive Committee, one third of the entire Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The action of a majority of the members of the Executive Committee at any meeting at which there is a quorum present shall be the act of the Executive Committee. At all meetings of the Executive Committee, the President shall preside. In his or her absence, the provisions of Section 7.4 will determine who will preside in his or her place. The Executive Committee shall have and may exercise all of the powers and authority of the Board, to the extent allowed by applicable New York law, but shall be required to notify the full Board of any actions it takes or decisions made, other than those in the ordinary course of operations, within a reasonable time thereafter.

Section 6.14 Other Committees of the Board; Coordinators. The Board, from time to time, may appoint one or more other committees or coordinators for any purpose and may delegate to each such committee or coordinator such powers as the Board may deem appropriate and which are not inconsistent with New York law. In appointing a committee, the Board shall appoint the chair of the committee, shall specify the term of the committee's existence, and shall define the committee's powers and duties. Each committee shall consist of at least one (1) director and shall have the power to further delegate such powers if the Board so provides in appointing the committee. A majority of all of the members of any committee established by the Board shall constitute a quorum at any meeting thereof. Members of any such committee are subject to removal by the Board. In appointing a coordinator, the Board shall specify the term of the coordinator's position, shall define the coordinator's powers and duties, and shall require that coordinator submit reports to the Board from time to time. Coordinators are subject to removal by the Board.

Section 6.15 Discretionary Powers of the Board.

(a) By two-thirds vote of those present at a meeting of the Board given upon notice, the Board may declare any Association, component part of an Association, or component person of an Association ineligible for NYS Hockey

sanctioned tournaments including but not limited to Sectionals, Playdowns, International, Invitational, and State Championship Tournaments.

(b) Pursuant to the provisions of Article VIII, the Board may sit as a Board of Appeal to decide any appeals from rulings of any officer of NYS Hockey or, in its sole discretion, may sit in the first instance to hear and decide matters pertaining to any matters concerning violations of the Bylaws or the rules and regulations of NYS Hockey or USA Hockey and set forth appropriate penalties, as in its sole discretion, it may decide.

(c) No Section President or the Board may be obligated to conduct a hearing into all matters. However, in accordance with the provisions of Article VIII, to suspend any party for a violation other than described in the governing playing rules, a hearing must be conducted in accordance with such Article.

ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS

Section 7.1 Number, Election and Term.

(a) The elected officers of NYS Hockey shall consist of a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Tournament Director, four (4) Vice Presidents (consisting of the respective elected Presidents of the four (4) Sections), and such other officers as the Board may determine, who shall have such duties, powers and functions, as provided below. Any two (2) or more offices may be held by the same person, except the offices of President and Secretary.

(b) All officers shall be elected for a term of two (2) years and shall continue to hold office until a successor has been elected and qualified or until his or her earlier resignation or removal. Elections shall be staggered so that, in even numbered years, the Membership shall ordinarily elect the President and the Treasurer and, in the odd numbered years, the Membership shall elect the Secretary and the Tournament Director. In addition, the Board may appoint an additional officer entitled "Counsel" who shall be an attorney admitted to the Bar of the State of New York.

(c) Candidates for election to all offices are to declare themselves, in writing to their Section President, who shall transmit such declaration to the Secretary of NYS Hockey and (for candidates for Section officers) to such Section's Secretary, at least thirty (30) days prior to the election date, except that the Delegates present at the Annual Meeting, by two thirds vote, may waive this requirement.

Section 7.2 Removal, Resignation, Salary. Any officer may be removed by the Board for cause. In the event of death, resignation or removal of an officer, in its discretion, the Board may elect a successor to fill the unexpired term, except that a Section President, if there be an alternate, must be replaced by the alternate; if there be no alternate, then the Board may replace the Section President on an interim basis until an individual from that Section elected in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.3. Salaries, if any, of any of the officers may be fixed by the Board, which shall be approved by the Membership prior to payment. Payment to the officers of out-of-pocket costs

necessarily incurred by them in connection with their duties, if incurred in accordance with policies approved by the Board, shall be paid by the Treasurer.

Section 7.3 President.

(a) The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of NYS Hockey; he or she shall preside at all meetings of the Membership and of the Board; he or she shall have the general management of the affairs of NYS Hockey and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board are carried into effect. The President shall represent NYS Hockey at the USA Hockey Affiliate Presidents meetings conducted during USA Hockey's Winter and Summer Congress. NYS Hockey will provide funding for such expenses.

(b) During the absence or disability of the President of NYS Hockey, the individual serving as the then Vice Chairperson of the Board pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.12 of these Bylaws shall serve as the temporary President of NYS Hockey and, in that capacity, will have all the powers and functions of the President.

Section 7.4 Vice Presidents. Each of the Vice Presidents shall be responsible for the proper administration of the Section he or she represents, including all Section and State tournaments held in his or her Section to ensure that such tournaments are conducted in compliance with tournament rules and regulations.

Section 7.5 Secretary. The Secretary of NYS Hockey shall record, and keep, the minutes of each meeting, conduct correspondence, issue notices of meetings, prepare a "Calendar of Events", which shall have the force and effect of a Rule or Regulation and which may be changed only by vote of the Board taken at least fourteen (14) days prior to the subject change taking effect, and perform the usual duties of the Secretary.

Section 7.6 Treasurer. The Treasurer of NYS Hockey shall: (a) receive and deposit all monies in the bank accounts of NYS Hockey; (b) keep all books and accounts and pay all bills; (c) present an annual report setting forth in full the financial condition of NYS Hockey at the Annual Meeting, (d) upon reasonable prior notice, exhibit his or her books and accounts to any director or officer of NYS Hockey or USA Hockey during ordinary business hours, and (e) perform the usual duties of a Treasurer.

Section 7.7 Tournament Director. The Tournament Director is elected to represent the President in all matters pertaining to Sectional and State (Regional) Tournaments.

**ARTICLE VIII –
RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES AND SUSPENSIONS**

Section 8.1 Resolution of Disputes; Exclusive Remedy.

(a) Scope of Procedure. For all claims, demands or disputes having any impact on ice hockey, including but not limited to any alleged violation of any of the Bylaws of USA Hockey or NYS Hockey or the Applicable Rules (as defined at Section 8.2(a)(ii)), by or among Associations, a component part or a component person of an Association, Affiliates, players, managers, coaches, and other persons or entities within the jurisdiction of NYS Hockey, including, but not limited to each parent, guardian, or other person, and each league, club, sponsor, facility or other group or organization of NYS Hockey (collectively, for the purposes of this Article VIII, a “**Member**”), including such claims, demands, disputes or alleged violations involving NYS Hockey (collectively, “**Disputes**”), the procedures established in this Article VIII shall constitute the sole and exclusive remedy for resolution of such Disputes.

(b) Purpose. (i) It is the specific purpose of this Article VIII to provide for a uniform method of resolving all Disputes and to utilize the specific skills, expertise and background of people experienced in ice hockey and sports administration matters. The procedures contained in this Article VIII are sometimes referred to, collectively, as the “**Dispute Resolution Procedure**”. It is the further purpose of this Article VIII to provide an administrative procedure that is a full and complete substitute for any court proceedings.

(ii) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the hearing and dispute resolution procedures set forth in this Article VIII are not intended to provide hearings, or require a party to pursue a hearing, for the purpose of determining liability or damages for personal injury claims.

(c) Domestic Competition Defined. As used in this Article VIII, the term “**Domestic Competition**” shall mean any amateur ice hockey competition, including but not limited to any sanctioned USA Hockey or NYS Hockey game or program, other than an international competition, organized and conducted by USA Hockey or NYS Hockey in the New York District of USA Hockey (“**NY District**”).

(d) Submission to Dispute Resolution Procedure. Each Member agrees to abide by this Dispute Resolution Procedure by virtue of membership, affiliation or participation at any time in USA Hockey or NYS Hockey, or a sanctioned USA Hockey or NYS Hockey game or program.

(e) Failure to Follow Process. In addition to any other sanctions applicable hereunder, if a Member fails to follow and abide by the Dispute Resolution Procedure:

(i) Such Member, and any person or entity representing, participating with or aiding such Member, shall be liable for any and all expenses and costs, direct and indirect, and including reasonable court costs and attorney fees and the value of volunteer time, incurred by USA Hockey, NYS Hockey and its Associations and Affiliates, directors, officers or agents with respect to the Dispute in question; and

(ii) In USA Hockey's and/or NYS Hockey's discretion, such Member and/or person may be immediately suspended and/or disqualified from membership and forfeiture of the right to participate in NYS Hockey, USA Hockey or any of their respective sanctioned events including that of any Association or Affiliate.

Section 8.2 Suspensions Generally; Probation.

(a) (i) Generally. Except as set forth in this Section 8.2, no Member within the jurisdiction of NYS Hockey engaged in Domestic Competition who is alleged to have failed to comply with or who has allegedly violated any of the Bylaws of USA Hockey or NYS Hockey or the Applicable Rules (as defined at Section 8.2(a)(ii)), or to have otherwise engaged in conduct unsuitable for the sport of ice hockey, may be suspended from participation, unless such party shall have received a prior hearing as provided for in this Article VIII.

(ii) As used in this Bylaw, "Applicable Rules" shall mean the bylaws, rules and regulations, playing rules, documents, core values and the decisions of the respective boards of directors of USA Hockey and NYS Hockey.

(b) Pre-Suspension Hearing Not Required. Except as otherwise stated in this Section 8.2(b), the initial suspensions described below shall not require a prior hearing:

(i) Playing Rule Suspensions. USA Hockey or NYS Hockey Playing Rule suspensions which are expressly permitted by such Playing Rules, shall not require a prior suspension hearing, provided, however, that a Playing Rule suspension shall require a post-suspension hearing if the suspension occurs as a result of the imposition of a match penalty, and in such event such post-suspension hearing shall be held in accordance with the requirements of Section 8.4. Any Playing Rule suspension shall remain in force and be final unless modified or revoked at a hearing.

(ii) Assault of Game Official. With respect to a match penalty suspension resulting from assault on game officials under Rule 601(g)1 or 601(j)1 (Physical Assault on Game Officials) of USA Hockey's Playing Rules, there shall be immediate suspension from all USA Hockey and NYS Hockey sanctioned games and practices and a post-suspension hearing under this Article VIII by NYS Hockey or its designated hearing body, which shall exercise original jurisdiction in the matter. If the match penalty is affirmed by the suspending or disciplinary body conducting said hearing, the player or team official shall be suspended for not less than one (1) calendar year with one (1) calendar year probation thereafter. Suspensions under this paragraph (ii) shall be immediately reported to the President of NYS Hockey, the appropriate Section President, and the USA Hockey Registrar for the NY District. Any game official assessing said penalty shall file with the Referee-in-Chief for the NY District a written game report within forty-eight (48) hours of the incident. The Referee-in-Chief shall immediately investigate the incident and promptly submit a written opinion, together with the game sheets and reports to the suspending authority (typically, the Association and/or applicable league), the Section

President where the incident occurred, and the President of NYS Hockey, indicating whether the incident is subject to Rule 601(g)1 or 601(j)1 or is more applicable under a different Playing Rule. A copy of the Referee-in-Chief's written report and opinion shall be sent by the suspending authority or the Section President to the player, team official and game official involved. The USA Hockey Registrar for the NY District may accept a registration subject to the terms of this suspension.

(iii) Summary Suspensions. Summary suspensions are permitted pursuant to these Bylaws, under the Applicable Rules, and under the policies of USA Hockey and NYS Hockey as set out in their respective Annual Guides, but only in those cases where summary suspension is expressly permitted, and shall not require a pre-suspension hearing for purposes of this Article VIII. The suspended party, at the time of notice of the suspension, must be provided written notice of the right to request a hearing. In the event the suspended person requests a hearing from the suspending authority, that hearing shall be held in accordance with this Article VIII. In order to obtain a hearing of a summary suspension, the suspended party must request the hearing in writing from the suspending authority (typically, the Association and/or applicable league, and/or the Section President) within seven (7) days of being notified of the suspension.

(c) Suspension of Officials.

(i) NYS Hockey, the Referee-in-Chief for the NY District or the designated local supervisor of officials, a USA Hockey league, or an officials' organization or group of officials ("Officials' Organization"), may suspend a referee for up to ten (10) days.

(ii) NYS Hockey may suspend a referee in accordance with a summary suspension, or pursuant to these Bylaws or the Applicable Rules after a hearing.

(iii) The boycotting of any game(s) by any official(s) due to any disciplinary action taken in accordance with these Bylaws or the Bylaws of USA Hockey, shall subject said official(s) to additional sanctions as may be invoked by the organization subjected to said boycott after a hearing.

(iv) If any registered USA Hockey official is restricted or denied assignment eligibility for any USA Hockey or NYS Hockey game by an Officials' Organization, except for good cause shown in accordance with the Officials' Organization written rules and then only for a very limited duration without a hearing as provided herein, then said Officials' Organization may be suspended or expelled after a hearing in accordance with the rules and regulations herein, and the restriction or denied assignment shall have no effect.

(d) Probation. Probation means that, for a defined period of time, if a new infraction against the person or organization is determined to have occurred, then the earlier infraction that gave rise to the probation will be also considered with the current infraction in deciding an appropriate penalty. Often, this means that the penalty will be increased from what it would have been had probation not been imposed. Probation may be imposed by the suspending or disciplinary authority initially hearing the Dispute, or by the Appeal Authority (as defined in this Article VIII) hearing an appeal of the Dispute.

Section 8.3 Requesting a Hearing. Any person or organization (a “**Party**”) who meets any of the following criteria is entitled to a hearing by requesting same in writing:

(a) Where the Party has the right to a hearing as the decision may impose a suspension under Section 8.2; or

(b) Where the Party desires to contest a suspension or other disciplinary action under Section 8.2 where no hearing was held, and the Party has requested a hearing in writing by notice to the suspending or disciplinary authority within seven (7) days of being notified of the suspension or discipline; or

(c) Where the Party desires to contest an administrative action or decision, made by the Board, a Section or Section President, an Association, a league or a program, that affects the Party’s eligibility to participate or resolves a Dispute and does not involve a suspension (an “**Administrative Action**”).

Section 8.4. Hearing Procedures. Any hearing invoked or convened pursuant to Section 8.2 or Section 8.3 shall be conducted pursuant to the following rules and procedures:

(a) Hearing Committee. (i) Hearings Generally. In hearings not involving the discipline of a referee, the suspending or disciplinary authority, or the party taking the Administrative Action, shall appoint a hearing committee, which is recommended to be a minimum of three (3) persons who must be reasonably disinterested and impartial. In the case of a Playing Rules violation, the Referee-in-Chief for the NY District or designee may assist the hearing committee but shall not serve as a member thereof and shall not be entitled to vote.

(ii) Hearings Involving the Suspension or Discipline of a Referee. In hearings involving the suspension or discipline of a referee, the suspending or disciplinary authority shall appoint a hearing committee, which is recommended to be a minimum of three (3) persons, who must be reasonably disinterested and impartial, and must include the Referee-in-Chief for the NY District or designee with the right to vote.

(b) Hearing Time Frames.

(i) Match Penalty Suspensions Under Playing Rules. A player or team official incurring a match penalty, pursuant to USA Hockey Playing Rule 405, shall be offered a hearing by the suspending or disciplinary authority (including any further disciplinary action) within thirty (30) days of the incident together with a decision in accordance with this Article VIII. If extenuating circumstances prevent the suspending or disciplinary authority from conducting the hearing within such 30-day period, the player or Team Official shall be automatically reinstated after such 30-day period expires, but the failure to offer a hearing during such period shall not prohibit the suspending or disciplinary authority from conducting the hearing thereafter and imposing further disciplinary action, including suspension.

(ii) Other Suspensions and Discipline. For suspensions and discipline other than for match penalties, the hearing committee shall offer to hold a hearing within thirty (30) days of (A) receipt of the demand for the

hearing, (B) notification that an appropriate investigation of the facts giving rise to the proposed suspension or discipline has been completed, or (C) notification of the Administrative Action, but generally not to exceed sixty (60) days from receipt of the demand for the hearing. Any suspension, discipline or Administrative Action pending a hearing under this provision shall remain in effect until a decision is rendered.

(c) Hearing Notice. The hearing committee shall provide at least seven (7) days written notice (which may be by email) of the hearing, together with reasonable notice of the grounds for the proposed hearing, to the Party, the person(s) or party(s) proposing the suspension, discipline or Administrative Action, and other interested party(s) who shall be included at the discretion of the hearing committee. For hearings involving Playing Rule infractions, a copy of the score sheet and/or referee's report shall be included with such notice. The Party, and each person or party proposing suspension or discipline, or who has taken the Administrative Action, are sometimes referred to herein as "parties" or a "party".

(d) Hearing Location. The hearing shall be convened in a location that is accessible to the Party and preferably within the Section of the party proposing suspension or discipline.

(e) Fair Hearing Procedures. The Party shall be afforded a fair hearing, which shall include, but not necessarily be limited to:

(i) Opportunity to Hear and Present. Reasonable notice of the grounds for the proposed suspension, discipline or Administrative Action, and the possible consequences of an adverse finding, a reasonable opportunity to hear the case against the Party and to present the Party's case and argument in accordance with the suspending authority's rules, but not necessarily the right to cross examine witnesses (which shall only be permitted if so decided by the hearing committee), provided, however, that any grounds supported by the evidence presented may be considered in reaching a decision;

(ii) See Documents. The opportunity to see scoresheets and the referee's report, if any; and

(iii) Right of Appeal. Being advised of the right to appeal and the appeal procedure when a decision is rendered.

(f) Conduct of Hearing. The hearing committee may, in its discretion, hold a formal or informal hearing (which may include a telephonic hearing), consider any evidence it believes is relevant to the issue(s) before it including from witnesses and written statements, place limits on time, evidence and documentation, and establish other hearing rules so long as each party is treated in a substantially equal manner. The rules of evidence in judicial proceedings shall not apply to the hearing.

(g) Burden of Proof. In the case of a suspension or discipline, the burden of proof shall be on the party proposing the suspension or discipline by a preponderance of the evidence (*i.e.*, more likely true than not true). In the case of an Administrative Action, the burden of proof shall be on the party challenging the Administrative Action to prove that it was made in an arbitrary or capricious manner or was not supported by the facts. In a contest of an Administrative Action, only the evidence presented to or considered by the

decision makers taking the Administrative Action shall be presented or considered in the hearing.

(h) Decision. The hearing committee will use reasonable efforts to: (i) render its decision to the parties to the hearing within five (5) business days of the close of the hearing; and (ii) prepare and deliver a written decision to the parties to the hearing within fifteen (15) business days of the close of the hearing. The written decision shall contain findings of material facts, conclusions, and the order (decision) of the hearing committee.

(i) Written Record. Any party may request, in writing and at least two (2) days prior to the hearing, that a written record of the hearing be made. Upon that request, the hearing committee shall provide for a written record, which may consist of a recording, audio or video, of the hearing at the discretion of the hearing committee. The cost of providing for a court reporter's transcript shall be paid for by the party who desires such a record.

(j) Scope of Suspension. Except as set forth in these Bylaws, any suspension or discipline invoked after the hearing by an Association, league or local program shall be in effect only for the Association, league or program governed by the disciplinary authority, subject to NYS Hockey's authority to review, affirm, extend or modify the action taken. If the suspending authority wishes to extend any suspension or discipline it ordered beyond said Association, league or program, it must notify the appropriate Section President. If the suspension or discipline is imposed by NYS Hockey (including by a Section President), the suspension or discipline shall extend to all of NYS Hockey and the NY District. If NYS Hockey wishes to extend the suspension or discipline beyond its jurisdictional, geographical territory, it shall advise the Executive Director of USA Hockey of the suspension or discipline by providing a copy of the written notice of suspension or discipline and requesting that USA Hockey, its Districts, Affiliates, and Members honor the suspension or discipline imposed. Pursuant to USA Hockey's Bylaws, the Executive Director of USA Hockey shall thereupon promptly notify each of its Districts and Affiliates of the suspension or discipline.

Section 8.5 Appeals.

(a) Right to Appeal. Except as otherwise provided in Section 8.6, any person or entity (the "Appealing Party") suspended or otherwise disciplined, or who desires to appeal an Administrative Action, may, after a hearing or a failure to have a hearing in accordance with this Article VIII, appeal an order of suspension, other disciplinary action or Administrative Action, as follows:

(i) Appeals of Playing Rule, Bylaw and Other Suspensions. Playing Rule suspensions, or suspensions for violations of Applicable Rules, or suspensions for violations of bylaws and/or rules of an Association, league or program, or for conduct unsuitable for the sport of ice hockey, shall be appealed, as applicable, to the next higher authority, that being to the responsible Section President and then to the Board. Decisions of the Board made under this Section 8.5(a)(i) are appealable to USA Hockey pursuant to the Bylaws of USA Hockey.

(ii) Appeal of Referee Suspensions or Discipline. A Referee suspension or other discipline:

(A) if imposed by the Referee-in-Chief for the NY District or the designated local supervisor of officials, Officials' Organization or group of officials, if appealed, shall be to the responsible Section President for the Section where the suspending authority is located, or if more than one Section is involved, where the incident(s) occurred giving rise to the suspension or discipline, and if further appealed, from the decision of the Section President to the Board; or

(B) if imposed by a Section President, to the Board.

Decisions of the Board made under this Section 8.5(a)(ii) are appealable to USA Hockey pursuant to the Bylaws of USA Hockey.

(iii) Appeals Not Involving Suspensions. Appeals of Administrative Actions or other disciplinary action that does not involve a suspension, shall be appealed, as applicable, first to the responsible Section President of the Section of the disciplinary authority or the party taking the Administrative Action, and then to the Board or the designated committee of the Board (collectively, for each level of appeal, the "**Appeal Authority**"). There shall be no further appeals of Administrative Actions or other disciplinary action not involving a suspension.

(b) Appeal Procedures.

(i) Notice of Appeal; Failure to Appeal. The Appealing Party must notify the disciplinary authority or party taking the Administrative Action, and the Appeal Authority, of an appeal, in writing (the "**Notice of Appeal**"), within: (A) ten (10) days from receipt (including by overnight delivery or email) of the decision of the hearing body, or (B) if the decision is mailed to the Appealing Party by first class United States Mail, postage prepaid, thirteen (13) days after the date of the mailing or the postmark, whichever is later in time, or (C) if applicable, within ten (10) days of the date of the failure to have a hearing in accordance with these Bylaws. If the Notice of Appeal is not received by the appropriate Appeal Authority within the time periods set forth above, the suspension, discipline or Administrative Action shall be final.

(ii) Reasons for Appeal; Notice. After a timely Notice of Appeal is made, the Appealing Party shall submit, at a minimum, a written statement of why the suspension, discipline or Administrative Action should be overruled or reversed (the "**Statement of Appeal**"), which shall be delivered to the appropriate Appeal Authority within thirty (30) days of (A) the date of the decision appealed from, or (B) receipt of the decision by the Appealing Party, whichever is later in time. The Statement of Appeal shall also include the written record (if it was requested by any party) and decision of the hearing body. A copy of the Statement of Appeal shall be delivered to the appropriate disciplinary authority or party taking the Administrative Action, who shall have twenty (20) days from receipt of the Statement of Appeal, to respond to the Statement of Appeal by delivering a copy of its response to the Appeal

Authority and the Appealing Party. All parties to the appeal shall provide any other information as may be requested by the Appeal Authority.

(iii) Suspension or Discipline Remains in Force and Effect. Any suspension, discipline or Administrative Action shall continue in force and effect until it expires or the Appeal Authority modifies it.

(iv) Conduct of Appeal Hearing. The Appeal Authority may hold a hearing, at its option, or consider the appeal on the written submissions of the parties to the appeal and establish other hearing rules so long as each party is treated substantially equal. Notice of a hearing, if any, shall be given to all parties.

(v) Evidence And Theories Limited To Original Hearing. Only the evidence and theories explicitly presented to the disciplinary authority or party taking the Administrative Action for its consideration prior to the rendering of any decision by that body shall be presented or considered on appeal.

(vi) Appeal Decision. The Appeal Authorities' decision shall be in writing, shall state findings of fact and the reasons for its decision, and provide the appeal procedure when a decision is rendered if a further appeal is permitted under this Article VIII and/or those of USA Hockey. For appeals decided by a Section President or by a committee of the Board, the Section President or said committee shall use every reasonable effort to decide the appeal within ten (10) days from receipt of the submissions, but not to exceed fifteen (15) days. For appeals fully submitted by all parties and received by the Board at least two weeks (2) prior to a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board, the Board shall use every reasonable effort to decide the appeal at said Board meeting and to render its decision within ten (10) days thereof, but not to exceed fifteen (15) days.

(vii) Authority To Decide Appeals. The Appeal Authority may affirm, reverse or modify (including increase or decrease the term of a suspension) any decision as it deems proper under the circumstances before it.

(c) No Further Appeals. Except for the suspension or expulsion of an Association, Affiliate, individual Member, league, program, person or organization from NYS Hockey and USA Hockey, there shall be no further appeals from the decision of NYS Hockey, and administrative remedies shall be deemed exhausted.

Section 8.6 NYS Hockey Suspensions and Expulsions

(a) Violation of Bylaws or Applicable Rules. Violation of these Bylaws or the Applicable Rules, or conduct unsuitable for the sport of ice hockey, by any Association, Affiliate, individual Member, league, program, person or organization, may subject such person or organization to suspension or expulsion from NYS Hockey and thus USA Hockey by the Board:

(i) Upon notice of such violation(s), the Board may appoint a special committee to investigate such matters and report to it with recommendations addressing the violations. If the recommendation is suspension or expulsion of the offending party, the Board shall hold a hearing

pursuant to this Article VIII to allow the offending party to present such evidence as it, he or she deems pertinent to the issues before the Board.

(ii) Following the hearing, in closed session, the Board may take action to suspend or expel the offending party from NYS Hockey and/or USA Hockey.

Section 8.7 Rules of USA Hockey. The rules and practices set forth in the preceding Sections of this Article VIII:

(a) are based upon rules and practices adopted by USA Hockey; and

(b) shall be deemed to have been updated (b) modified to maintain consistency with the Bylaws, rules and practices of USA Hockey. In the event of a conflict between the rules and practices set forth in the preceding sections of this Article VIII, and the rules and practices of USA Hockey, if such conflict affects the substantive rights of a party, the rules and practices of USA Hockey shall control.

Section 8.8 Recourse to Courts, Rules. If recourse is had to the courts of any jurisdiction on any matter and for any reason without adhering to this Article VIII, and without altering the prohibition against that recourse stated in this Article VIII, except with respect to USA Hockey (whose own Bylaws shall there apply) the following principles shall apply:

(a) Laws of New York Apply. The laws of the State of New York (except for any conflict of laws provision that may invoke another state's law) shall govern.

(b) Deference to Governing Body Expertise. The constructions, interpretations, rulings, procedures, decisions and opinions of NYS Hockey, its directors, officers and other duly authorized personnel, shall be deferred to as being the product of its experience and judgmental expertise in ice hockey and in the administration of ice hockey. In the event of a conflict in constructions, interpretations, rulings, decisions and opinions between NYS Hockey and its Associations, leagues, programs, players, managers and coaches, they shall be given precedence in the following order: USA Hockey, NYS Hockey, and then Associations, with USA Hockey being considered the highest authority and NYS Hockey the next highest authority.

(c) Other Reasonable Inferences Not Controlling. The fact that another reasonable inference or interpretation could be made will not be grounds for overruling or modifying a decision of NYS Hockey (including its duly authorized personnel).

(d) Limitation on Evidence and Theories to Original Hearing. Only the evidence and theories explicitly presented to the original hearing committee for its consideration prior to the rendering of the initial decision by that authority shall be presented or considered in court.

(e) Burden of Proof. The burden of proof shall be on the party attempting to have any decision or action of USA Hockey or NYS Hockey or its Members (including its duly authorized personnel) reversed, modified or

changed in any way, and that burden shall be the equivalent of the highest degree of proof required in any civil proceeding.

(f) Governing Bodies/Volunteer Costs. Given the fact that NYS Hockey and its Members are not-for-profit organizations administered by volunteer effort, each party that is not successful in overturning in its entirety a proceeding, ruling or other decision of USA Hockey or NYS Hockey or its Members, shall pay for any and all fees, expenses and other costs incurred thereby with respect to that matter including, but not limited to attorney's fees, court, court reporter, transcript, document and exhibit costs; fees and expenses of consultants, experts, investigators and witnesses, and in obtaining and producing materials or evidence, transportation and other *per diem* and incidental expenses of each of the foregoing and of all volunteers; and, the value of each volunteer's time, both in and out of court, as measured by that individual's customary work position.

ARTICLE IX – INDEMNIFICATION

Section 9.1 Indemnification of USA Hockey. NYS Hockey, an affiliate association of USA Hockey, shall indemnify and hold harmless USA Hockey, the Board of Directors of USA Hockey and each member thereof, the Executive Committee of USA Hockey and each member thereof, the councils and committees of USA Hockey and each member thereof, and all other elected, appointed, employed or volunteer representatives of USA Hockey from any and all claims, liability, judgments, costs, attorney's fees, charges or expenses incurred by any of the indemnified parties, arising from any act or omission taken or not taken on behalf of NYS Hockey, except to the extent that (a) USA Hockey or its afore-described representatives caused such claims, liability, judgments, costs, attorney's fees, charges or expenses by their own intentional neglect or default or (b) such acts or omissions were in contravention of the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, Playing Rules or decisions of the Board of Directors of USA Hockey. Further, NYS Hockey understands and acknowledges that USA Hockey and its afore-described representatives have assumed such assignment, function, office or capacity upon the express understanding, agreement and condition that they be so indemnified and held harmless to the extent described in this Section 9.1.

Section 9.2 Indemnification of Directors and Officers of NYS Hockey.

(a) To the fullest extent permitted by New York Law, NYS Hockey may indemnify any person who is or was made or threatened to be made a party to or is involved in any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, including any action by or in the right of NYS Hockey to procure a judgment in its favor and an action by or in the right of any other corporation of any type or kind, domestic or foreign, or any partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other entity, which any director or officer of NYS Hockey is serving, has served or has agreed to serve in any capacity at the request of NYS Hockey,

by reason of the fact that such person or such person's testator or intestate is or was or has agreed to become a director or officer of NYS Hockey, or is or was serving or has agreed to serve such other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or entity in any capacity, against judgments, fines, amounts paid or to be paid in settlement, taxes or penalties, and costs, charges and expenses, including attorney's fees, incurred in connection with such action or proceeding or any appeal therein; provided that no indemnification shall be provided to any such person if a judgment or other final adjudication adverse to the director or officer establishes that (i) his or her acts were committed in bad faith or were the result of active and deliberate dishonesty and, in either case, were material to the cause of action so adjudicated, or (ii) he or she personally gained in fact a financial profit or other advantage to which he or she was not legally entitled.

(b) NYS Hockey may, from time to time, reimburse or advance to any person referred to in Section 9.2(a) herein the funds necessary for payment of expenses (including attorneys' fees, costs and charges) incurred in connection with any action or proceeding referred to in Section 9.2(a), upon receipt of a written undertaking by or on behalf of such person to repay such amount(s) if a judgment or other final adjudication adverse to such person establishes that (i) his or her acts were committed in bad faith or were the result of active and deliberate dishonesty and, in either case, were material to the cause of action so adjudicated, or (ii) he or she personally gained in fact a financial profit or other advantage to which he or she was not legally entitled. Nothing contained in this Section 9.2(b) herein shall limit the right of NYS Hockey, from time to time, to reimburse or advance funds to any person referred to in 9.2(a).

(c) The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided by, or granted pursuant to, this Section 9.2 shall: (i) apply with respect to acts or omissions occurring prior to the adoption of this Section 9.2 to the fullest extent permitted by law, and (ii) survive the full or partial repeal or restrictive amendment hereof with respect to events occurring prior thereto.

(d) Nothing contained in this Section 9.2 shall limit the right to indemnification and advancement of expenses to which any person would be entitled by law in the absence of this Section 9.2, or shall be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which such person seeking indemnification or advancement of expenses may have or hereafter may be entitled under law, any provision of the Certificate of Incorporation or Bylaws, any agreement approved by the Board of Directors, or a resolution of directors; and the adoption of any such resolution or entering into of any such agreement approved by the Board of Directors is hereby authorized.

ARTICLE X - MISCELLANEOUS

Section 10.1 Contracts; Bank Accounts.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, the Board may authorize any officer, employee or agent to enter into any contract or to execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of NYS Hockey. Such authority may be general or confined to a specific instance. Unless authorized

by the Board pursuant to this Section 10.1(a), no officer, agent or employee shall have any power or authority to bind NYS Hockey by any contract or engagement, or to pledge its credit, or render it liable for any purpose or to any amount.

(b) From time to time and as necessary, the Board may select such federally insured banks or depositories as it shall deem proper for the funds of NYS Hockey. The Board shall determine who shall be authorized from time to time on NYS Hockey's behalf to sign checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money.

(c) Unless otherwise determined by the Board with respect to a specific matter, as a general matter, each of the President and the Treasurer, one acting without the other, is authorized to execute and deliver any agreement, contract, certificate, affidavit, pleading, letter, undertaking, release, instrument or other document for and on behalf of NYS Hockey.

Section 10.2 Surety and Bonds. In case the Board shall so require, any officer or agent of NYS Hockey shall obtain for the benefit of NYS Hockey a bond in such sum and with such surety or sureties as the Board may direct, covering the faithful performance of his or her duties to NYS Hockey and including responsibility for negligence and for the accounting for all property, funds or sureties of NYS Hockey which may come into his or her hands.

Section 10.3 Seal

The seal of NYS Hockey shall be as follows:



Section 10.4 Construction. If there is any conflict between the provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation and these Bylaws, the provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation shall govern.

Section 10.5 Notices by Electronic Mail. Whenever these Bylaws permit or require a notice or other item is to be given or delivered, such notice or

item may also be given or delivered by sending same to the recipient by electronic mail at the recipient's last known email address. Such notice will be deemed to have been received by the recipient on the date of transmission, if received by the recipient before 9 p.m., New York time, on the date of transmission; or on the next day, if received after 9 p.m. on the date of transmission.

Section 10.6 Delegates to USA Hockey Annual Congress. In years of fiscal solvency, the Board will select up to two (2) additional voting members to attend the USA Hockey Annual Congress. Upon returning, those members sent will provide the Board with reports of the meetings they attended.

Section 10.7 Amendments. These Bylaws may be adopted, amended or repealed by the Members at the Annual Meeting. Bylaws may also be adopted, amended and repealed by a two-thirds vote of those Board members entitled to vote at a duly constituted meeting of the Board. Any Bylaw adopted, amended or repealed by the Board must be presented on the agenda at the next Annual Meeting of the Membership for ratification. Any proposal that is defeated may not be placed back on the agenda for a period of two (2) years unless, by a three-quarters vote of the Board, that proposal is given approval to appear back on the agenda at the next Annual Meeting. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no amendment of Article V may be made except upon the identical motion having been approved by a two-thirds vote of the Delegates in attendance at three (3) consecutive Annual Meetings.

NEW YORK STATE

AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. MEMBERSHIP

A. Membership Application Forms

An Association and the teams comprising the same are required to complete and submit an official USA Hockey, Inc. team roster each year, accompanied by the required membership fees of USA Hockey, Inc., and the New York State Amateur Hockey Association, (“NYSAHA”). In addition, each member Association will be required to complete and send in the "GUIDE FORM". An Association will not receive the NYSAHA mailings including newsletters, voter delegate forms and other required forms unless this form is completed each year. Failure to comply with the above may lead to additional sanctions as determined by the NYSAHA Board of Directors.

B. Admission to Membership

1. New applicants are required to indicate the type of program they intend to offer by specifying a program type (adult, high school club, girls, women, or youth), a competition category (house, recreation or tournament bound), and a tier classification (I, II, III). The Board of Directors may create classifications of membership to accomplish this purpose.

2. Associations which have not been registered with NYSAHA during the annual year immediately preceding must make application through their respective Section President and be accepted for membership by majority vote of those members of the Section present at a duly constituted Section meeting and further have the action of the Section ratified by the Board of Directors.

3. New Youth, Girls, and High School Associations and their respective teams will not be eligible for Regional, Sectional or other play which leads to NYSAHA Championships for the first year (season) after acceptance by the Section and NYSAHA, unless approved by the NYSAHA Board of Directors.

4. Changes in program type will require the same approval process as a new application.

5. Adult and Senior Women’s teams will register with NYSAHA in accordance with USA Hockey guidelines and procedures.

C. Challenge to Tier III Classification

The Tier III level for Associations was created to foster the development of new Associations and to provide a level for small Associations to compete. Over time some Associations will mature to the point where in the best interests of amateur hockey they shall move up to the Tier I or Tier II level. Failing that Association’s voluntary request to move up in Tier status, either of the following two steps may be taken:

1. Any member of the NYSAHA Board of Directors may make a motion to the full NYSAHA Board of Directors to compel a Tier III Association to move from Tier III status to Tier I or Tier II status.
2. A minimum of five (5) Tier III Associations may make a joint motion to the full NYSAHA Board of Directors to compel a Tier III Association to move from Tier III status to Tier I or Tier II status.

With respect to the foregoing:

- i. The above motions must be received by the Secretary of NYSAHA no later than thirty five (35) days prior to the NYSAHA Annual Meeting; and
- ii. In order for the motion to pass, a two thirds (2/3) majority of all NYSAHA directors (not 2/3 of those present at the Annual Meeting) must vote in the affirmative at that Annual Meeting. The Board of Directors shall determine the Tier that the Association shall move to and the decision of the Board is final.
- iii. The affected Association may apply for reinstatement to the Tier III level at the Annual Meeting of it's Section two years hence.

D. New York District Team Registration

A team must register in the Section in which eighty percent (80%) or more of its players reside. If eighty percent (80%) of the players do not reside in a single Section, the team must register in the Section where it plays the highest percentage of its home games. The NYSAHA Board of Directors must approve any exception.

E. Right to Hold Tournaments

Any member of NYSAHA may hold a tournament provided it has applied for and received sanction from USA Hockey, Inc. and NYSAHA.

F. Screening

The following screening procedure governing adults age 18 and over, who have routine access to under age 18 participant members, shall be adhered to by all Associations. The following screening deadlines and procedures will be strictly enforced:

- a. The Association Screening Certification Form/Spreadsheet must be submitted to the NYSAHA Screening Committee by November 1 of each playing season. Complete instructions, policies and screening procedures are outlined on the NYSAHA website.
- b. If screening documents are not submitted and postmarked by November 1, a fine of \$100 (or such higher amount as set forth below) shall be automatically imposed.
- c. If the (late) screening documents are not submitted and postmarked by December 1 of the playing season, from December 1 until the offending Association cures such noncompliance (the "Noncompliance Period"), the offending Association and all of its teams will not be permitted (i) to use any games played during the Noncompliance Period to count towards satisfying tournament-bound eligibility requirements (such as the 20/10 or 14/10 game eligibility requirement), and (ii) to participate in Section

- Playdowns, Pre-Sectional, Sectional and State Tournaments. The Noncompliance Period will end upon the (late) screening documents being submitted as set forth above, but games played during the Noncompliance Period shall remain excluded from being counted towards tournament-bound eligibility.
- d. If the screening documents are not submitted and postmarked by January 2 of the playing season, at the next meeting thereafter of the NYSAHA Board of Directors a hearing will be held concerning any offending Association still not in compliance with its screening obligations hereunder, and such Association shall be afforded the opportunity to explain its noncompliance. Unless excused by the NYSAHA Board upon finding a compelling reason that caused such noncompliance, the offending Association shall lose its “Good Standing” status and Membership in both NYSAHA and USA Hockey. The loss of Good Standing and Membership will bar the Association and its teams from participating in any and all sanctioned NYSAHA and USA Hockey events, including all games and tournaments and all other on-ice activities, unless and until the status of the offending Association is restored as set forth below.
 - e. When an Association loses its “Good Standing” status and Membership under this provision, the Association may reapply for its Membership in NYSAHA to be “restored” at the next immediate Spring Meeting of the appropriate Section. If Membership is restored at such next occurring Spring Meeting, such restoration may also include reinstating the Association’s pre-existing tournament-bound status at its pre-existing Tier level. The Association may also apply for membership at any other meeting of the appropriate Section pursuant to the ordinary rules of NYSAHA, but any such later obtaining of Membership shall not include restoration of the Association’s prior tournament-bound status.
 - f. Fines for the late submission of screening documents will automatically be doubled if the offending Association had submitted screening documents late in the immediate prior season. The doubling of fines shall be double from the fine paid in the prior year by that offending Association. An Association that has not paid a fine related to noncompliance with screening by January 31 of the playing season, shall be subject to discipline by the NYSAHA Board, which discipline may include suspending that Association’s tournament-bound status for the following playing season or revocation of its “Good Standing” status and Membership under this provision.
 - g. Appeals of the above screening rules shall be addressed directly by the NYSAHA Board of Directors. Such appeals may be determined at a meeting of the Board of Directors or via conference call of the Board.
 - h. Anyone screened under NYSAHA rules or otherwise found to have been arrested and convicted of an offence involving alcohol, drugs, acts of violence or a sexually-related offense, absent extraordinary circumstances that indicate it should be dealt with otherwise, will not be allowed to participate with under age 18 participant members (“minors”) for a period

as provided below, pursuant to NYSAHA screening rules in NYSAHA or USA Hockey. With respect to such offense, the period of suspension or expulsion, from the date of conviction, is as follows: (i) if convicted of a felony involving the endangerment of the welfare of a minor or a sexually-related felony involving a minor, a lifetime expulsion; (ii) if convicted of a felony, a suspension of 10 years; (iii) if convicted of a misdemeanor, a suspension of 5 years; and (iv) if convicted of any offense less than a misdemeanor, a suspension of 2 years. The Board, in its discretion, may enhance the penalty based on specific aggravating circumstances and may decrease the penalty based on specific mitigating circumstances. This rule shall be applied retroactively; shall be administered by the Board (or its appeals committee) on a case by case basis; and may be applied to modify or terminate expulsions or suspensions presently being served under the prior version of this rule upon a showing of specific circumstances and cause there for.

- i. Officials are responsible for completing the required screening documentation in compliance with the NYSAHA Screening Guidelines. Confirmation forms are to be submitted to the section referee in chief prior to officiating. Officiating Screening Guidelines can be found at the NYSAHA Officiating Program Website (www.nysho.org).

2. PARTICIPANT MEMBER AND TEAM REGISTRATION:

A. General rules for all Participant Members and Teams (players, Coaches and teams)

1. The USA Hockey national office sends ice hockey registration materials to each registrar or his/her designee, in each district, which will include instructions on how they should be completed and where to send them. USA Hockey also provides the opportunity for Participants to register online using the USA Hockey website at usahockey.com. Organizations will transmit player/coach registration data electronically to USA Hockey. Procedures for electronic registration are provided to these organizations by USA Hockey. Each participant Member (player and coach) will pay the USA Hockey and NYSAHA individual membership fees at the time of registration.
2. All Participant Members shall pay the appropriate USA Hockey Registration fee as determined by USA Hockey in addition to the Annual NYSAHA fee of \$3.00. (There is no fee for the 6 and under age classification.) Both USA Hockey and NYSAHA fees are paid when the participant registers online with USA Hockey.
3. Upon receipt of the completed Participant Membership, the registering Association will receive a Rule Book, USA Hockey Guide Book, and NYSAHA Guide Book, for each fifteen (15) Participant Members registered.
4. Registration is complete only when the individual member's registration documents and all appropriate fees are received by the USA Hockey national office or the appropriate registrar and/or the online registration

process, has been completed when the Participant is claimed/registered by a USA Hockey local association/member program.

5. All teams and participants of local associations and member programs must register with USA Hockey in a manner prescribed by the district registrar and in line with the procedures set forth by USA Hockey. All national tournament bound teams shall be required to use the official USA Hockey roster registration form (1-T). Affiliates and leagues may also require the USA Hockey roster registration form (1-T) for specified teams
6. Electronic Filing: The USAH CYBERSPORT registration software is required for all programs
7. In order to compete in all NYSAHA sponsored tournaments, player roster forms must be submitted to the Associate Registrar. For tournament-bound (both natural and artificial ice) teams, the roster forms must be completed and RECEIVED by the Registrar NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31 of each year. TIME REQUIREMENTS ARE STRICTLY ENFORCED
8. For tournament-bound teams to be eligible to participate in State Tournaments, all Participant Members of the Association must be registered. A tournament-bound team is any team, which through league play-off, Sectional, or independent play will be seeking a berth in any State and USA Hockey National Tournament
9. The participant's name must appear on an approved team roster, completed and turned in to the Official District Registration Office for validation.
10. A player may not register on more than one team that is tournament bound except for High School Varsity and/or Prep School divisions. Player changes to the official team roster form (1-T) for youth Tier I, Tier II and Tier III teams and girls'/women's (except Women's A) national tournament-bound teams will not be accepted after December 31.
11. Any player from another USA Hockey Affiliate/District who wants to register and participate on a team within New York will not be permitted to register until he/she provides written documentation that he/she does not have any financial obligation, whether monetary or equipment, to any component of their previous Affiliate/District.

3. HIGH SCHOOL

The following rules are applicable to all High School Club teams, regardless of tournament-bound status:

1. Junior Varsity and Varsity teams must register with USA Hockey as High School Club Teams. The definition of a schools organization includes both Junior Varsity and Varsity teams of the school or school district.
2. All players must be enrolled in a high school for the entire season, be in grades 9 – 12, and be eligible for 4 years from the time they enter the 9th

grade. Rostered players may not be 19 years of age prior to September 1st of the current playing season. Players must tryout for the school they attend if it has a team, and cannot be rostered on more than one Varsity team during the season, whether tournament-bound or non-tournament-bound. The High School League, where applicable, shall determine the method used to roster out-of-district players.

3. Players who play on Private, Preparatory, Parochial and NYS Public School teams not designated "Club," can play up to a maximum of four games on private, preparatory, parochial, and NYS public teams not designated "club" and still be eligible to play on high school club teams.

4. All member teams of a High School League must register through their League's registrar.

4. PLAYER MOVEMENT

Players will be allowed to move from one team (association) to another team (association) at the conclusion of the State Tournament for 10 and under players and at the end of National Tournaments for players 11 and above. At the conclusion of the respective tournament the player must obtain a PLAYER/FINANCIAL release from the association that they are 5. Players will be allowed to move from one team (association) to another team (association) at the conclusion of the State Tournament for 10 and under players and at the end of National Tournaments for players 11 and above. At the conclusion of the respective tournament the player must obtain a PLAYER/FINANCIAL release from the association that they are leaving showing they have no financial and/or equipment obligation. When a player joins a new association and the association and player commit in writing, that commitment to participate is for the next complete season. Until the season ends (after respective tournament) no permission to move will be granted without extenuating circumstances. The request must be submitted to the respective Section Vice President who will MAKE THE DETERMINATION AND present it to the NYSAHA Board of Directors. Extenuating Circumstances shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- (i) The Association has signed a written release at any time during the season with respect to the player;
- (ii) The team on which the player was rostered has been disbanded, and the Association cannot offer the player a comparable team on which to play (a non-tournament bound team is not a comparable team if the player was originally rostered on a tournament bound team); or
- (iii) The player has relocated to another region such that it would be impracticable, or unreasonable, to require the player to continue to play with the current Association;

For any reason other than (i) above, extenuating circumstances must include the player having satisfied all reasonable financial obligations to the Association. A release sought under extenuating circumstances

ordinarily should not be granted after February 1 if the player was rostered on a tournament bound team during the current season.

Any player trying out in an age classification that does not lead to a national championship (as of this writing is mite (8u) and squirt (10u)) can obtain a release for the purpose of trying out at another organization, but will remain committed to his/her present organization until the conclusion of all youth/girls national tournaments.

It shall be evidence of recruitment, if after a player and Association have executed the commitment, the player is contacted by another

Association officer, coach, or component person. Any written and signed complaint regarding recruitment and/or movement shall be directed to the respective Section President, who will investigate and make a full report to the NYSAHA Board of Directors, who will take actions as deemed necessary.

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Association officer, coach, or component person. Any written and signed complaint regarding recruitment and/or movement shall be directed to the respective Section President, who will investigate and make a full report to the NYSAHA Board of Directors, who will take actions as deemed necessary.

5. TEAM/PARTICIPANT MEMBER REGISTRATION

A. Tournament-bound team Player Roster forms must be filled out in full and returned to the Associate Registrar.

B. In order to compete in all NYSAHA sponsored tournaments, player roster forms must be submitted to the Associate Registrar. For tournament –bound (both natural and artificial ice) teams, the form must be completed and received by the Registrar NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31 of each year, except for Adult Teams, which have until February 10 of each year.

C. 8 AND UNDER /COMPLIANCE (Beginning with the 2012-2013 Season) ALL PLAYERS, 8 AND UNDER, SHALL PARTICIPATE ON TEAMS REGISTERED IN THE 8 AND UNDER CLASSIFICATION. ANY AND ALL EXCEPTIONS FROM AREAS WITH LIMITED PLAYER POOLS MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1ST TO, AND APPROVED BY THE NYSAHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

D. PARTICIPANT MEMBER REGISTRATION:

The USA Hockey national office sends ice hockey registration materials to each registrar or his/her designee, in each district, which will include instructions on how they should be completed and where to send them. USA Hockey also provides the opportunity for Participants to register online using the USA Hockey website at usahockey.com. Organizations will transmit player/coach registration data electronically to USA Hockey. Procedures for electronic registration are provided to these organizations by USA Hockey. Each participant Member (player and coach) will pay the USA Hockey and NYSAHA individual membership fees at the time of registration. Registration information along with the appropriate USA Hockey and NYSAHA fees must be forwarded to the Official District Registration Office in a timely manner. Registration is complete only when the individual member's registration documents and all appropriate fees are received by the USA Hockey national office or the appropriate registrar and/or the online registration process, if used, has been completed when the Participant is claimed/registered by a USA Hockey local association/member program. The participant's name must appear on an approved team roster and must be completed and turned in to the Official District Registration Office for validation.

- E.** The district registrar or his/her designee shall send registration materials to the USA Hockey office, along with the appropriate fees if not electronically registered. When received, USA Hockey staff will enter the player/coach information into the USA Hockey computer database. The player/coach will receive a subscription to USA Hockey Magazine, and insurance coverage as provided by USA Hockey.
- F.** Electronic Filing. Online registration is strongly recommended for all programs. USAH Cybersport registration software is required for all programs.
- G.** Any player from another USA Hockey Affiliate/District who wants to register and participate on a team within New York will not be permitted to register until he/she provides written documentation that he/she does not have any financial obligation, whether monetary or equipment, to any component of their previous Affiliate/District.

6. REFEREE REGISTRATION

- A.** Applications may be obtained from the Referee-in-Chief, Mike Shapey, 97 Virginia Avenue, Plainview, NY 11803; (516) 933-3463; or Area Supervisors.
- B.** Each candidate for Level 1, 2, 3, or 4, must pass an open book rules examination and attend a USA Hockey Officiating Seminar each season. Level 2 and 3 candidates must pass a closed book rules exam annually.

Level 4 candidates must also pass a closed book rules exam annually in addition to an annual on-ice skating exam.

- C. Upon completion of all requirements, the official will receive a registration card, sweater crest and officiating manual. It is mandatory that the registration card be carried while officiating any USA Hockey game. In addition, it must be presented following the game, upon request.
- D. The USA Hockey Officiating Program Registration Fees are as follows:

AFFILIATE LEVEL (NON-SKATING)	\$20.00
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	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
USA Hockey	\$35.00	\$55.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
NYSAHA	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
TOTAL	\$45.00	\$65.00	\$85.00	\$85.00

- E. NYSAHA reserves the right to impose additional fees. Should this right be exercised an official may not officiate in NYSAHA until such fees are paid. An official's registration shall expire on November 30 of each year. To be eligible to work end of season tournaments, an official must be completely registered by December 31.

7. COACHES

- A. A. All coaches and assistant coaches for all teams must have completed the Program Level and Age Specific Online Module of the USA Hockey Coaching Education Program for their respective age classification by December 31 of each year, if not previously attained. Failure to comply may result in ineligibility of the team for play and forfeiture of games and other penalty as the NYSAHA Board of Directors may deem appropriate. **Temporary exemptions may only be granted by the New York District Coach in Chief. NO requests for temporary credentials will be considered unless the coach can provide evidence of current registration and screening compliance.** The final objective is for all coaches to complete and continue Coaching Education Program courses appropriate for the levels they will instruct at.
- B. No coaching changes will be permitted from January 1 to January 31 of each year unless approved by the respective Section President. After January 31 all requests for coaching changes must be approved by the NYSAHA Board of Directors or Executive Committee.
- C. All coaches (heads and assistants) as well as instructors of USA Hockey programs shall be registered for the current season (before the start of the season) in order to be eligible to coach/instruct in any regular season activities (practices, clinics, games, tournaments, try-outs, etc.) of NYSAHA, District, Regional Playoff, National Championships or in the USA Hockey Player

- D. There will be an annual fee as determined by USA Hockey, to register the coaches (heads and assistants) and instructors. If a coach or instructor has paid a registration fee for the current year as a player, he/she shall not be required to pay an additional fee as a coach or instructor for said registration.
- E. All ice hockey coaches as well as instructors of USA Hockey programs shall be registered for the current season (before the start of the season) in order to be eligible to coach/instruct in any regular-season activities (practices, clinics, games, tournaments, try-outs, etc.), state, district, regional playoff, national championships or in the USA Hockey Player Development Programs. There will be an annual fee to register the coaches (head and assistants) and instructors. Coaches who also play on a USA Hockey registered team are required to pay this registration fee only once per year. Coaches may register as participants online at usahockey.com or through a local association/member program (refer to Section I Participant Registration). Junior coaches shall register with and through their teams with the junior registrar.

F. **PLEASE NOTE:**

Note 1: All USA Hockey Coaching Education Program Instructors and National Player Development Camp coaches will be exempt from the annual participant registration fee, but must complete the participant registration process.

Note 2: The head coach and all assistant coaches of each disabled hockey team must complete the required CEP registration and proper level of certification. Those volunteers or employees who assist with helping disabled hockey teams (i.e. interpreters, pushers, on-ice mentors, etc.) must be properly registered with USA Hockey but are not required to attend a CEP clinic and otherwise comply with these rules and regulations.

G. All ice hockey coaches and instructors of registered USA Hockey youth/high school (except for those teams participating not in regular scheduled competition), disabled, girls/women's 19 & under and below programs must wear an ice hockey helmet during all on-ice session, including practices, controlled scrimmages and coach and referee clinics (seminars). **This rule will also apply to coaches of teams not normally subject to this rule while on the ice at any of the events previously mentioned in this section.** The helmet must be properly worn with the chin strap properly attached. Failure to comply with this policy will result in the following discipline:

1st Offense: Written warning

2nd Offense: 2 Game Suspension

3rd (or subsequent) Offense: Immediate Suspension pending a hearing as per USA Hockey Bylaw 10, C

**(Suspension or Disciplinary Hearings/Domestic Competition
(Non Playing Rules))**

8. PLAYING RULES - MODIFICATIONS TO USA HOCKEY OFFICIAL PLAYING RULES

- A. In order to play a "game" in New York State, NYSAHA teams must use USA Hockey, Inc. registered officials.
- B. When a match penalty is assessed to a NYSAHA team member, the offender shall immediately be suspended from participating playing, coaching, officiating (on or off ice) in any USA Hockey event until the infraction has been dealt with by the proper authorities. The coach of such team shall report the incident to the Section President within 48 hours. Failure to do so MAY result in IMMEDIATE suspension of the coach upon the Section President becoming aware of the situation. A mandatory hearing shall be held by the proper authorities and a decision made relative to any further disciplinary action within 30 days of the incident. If extenuating circumstances prevent the proper authorities from conducting the mandatory hearing, the offender shall automatically be reinstated after 30 days. If an Association/league conducts an internal hearing, the Association/league president or designee must notify the Section President, in writing, of the results of said hearing within 72 hours.
- C. Any official within the New York District assessing a match penalty must forward a written report, along with a copy of the scoresheet, to his/her Local Supervisor of Officials within 48 hours. The Local Supervisor will immediately provide the information to the Section President. Please note that the Local Supervisor will provide each official with a "New York District Official Incident Report". This is the only form that may be used when assessing a match penalty. Failure to correctly report the above mentioned penalties will result in the suspension of the official's certification.
- D. NOTE: WHEN A MATCH PENALTY IS ASSESSED FOR AN ALLEGED PHYSICAL ATTACK/ASSAULT ON AN OFFICIAL, THE DISTRICT REFEREE-IN-CHIEF MUST BE NOTIFIED BY TELEPHONE, AND A COPY OF THE INCIDENT REPORT MUST BE FORWARDED, BOTH WITHIN 48 HOURS.
- E. A match penalty shall be assessed for ethnic and/or racial slurs. This does not include Junior "A" and "B".

9. OPEN COMPETITION

No Association can prohibit play, without due cause, between its teams and USA Hockey registered teams of equal classification. Such due cause must be made a matter of record and presented to the Section President for decision and action. Any Association that believes it is not allowed open competition can file a complaint with the Section President of the home Section of the Association that is banning such open competition. Such a complaint will be considered and resolved within 30 days of written complaint. Continued failure to comply with open competition may subject an Association to suspension from NYSAHA.

10. AWARDS

A. PETER RUSH AWARD

Peter Rush was originally involved with youth hockey in the Buffalo, New York area. In the early 1960s, he was an integral part of the expansion and growth of the Buffalo Shamrocks Athletic Club, an original member of the New York State Amateur Hockey Association. He was one of our early USA Hockey Directors from New York and was ultimately elected as a National Director. As time went on, Peter's involvement with USA Hockey (then known as AHAUS) grew and he was recognized for his efforts by being selected as the first National Championship chairman overseeing all National tournaments. Peter, along with Bob Allen and several others, was instrumental in the initial growth of youth hockey throughout New York State. Peter passed away in the late 1980's after a long illness. In 1989 the New York State Amateur Hockey Association established "The Peter Rush Award" in his honor and is dedicated to his long and strong commitment to youth hockey.

This award is presented annually to a person who has displayed a selfless long-term dedication and commitment to the growth of youth hockey. The recipient must be from the Section in which the Annual Meeting of the membership is held.

Past Award Winners

1989	Tom Korpilinski - West	2001	Bob Karman -East
1990	Chris Kirgan - East	2002	Joe Baudo – West
1991	Bob Allen – North	2003	Linda O’Neill - Central
1992	Paul Furman - Central	2004	Dave Rider – North
1993	Charlie Millner - East	2005	Bill Chamberlin-West
1994	Charlie & Dolly Dickson-West	2006	Mark Chinitz-East
1995	Nick Marsit-Central	2007	Kim White-North
1996	Bud Sherburne - North	2008	Pete Sears & Ed Gosek- Central
1997	Peter Preteroti - West	2009	Sandy Irwin – East
1998	Bill Hall – East	2010	David Braunstein – West
1999	Larry McCauley – North	2011	Gary Lebrun - Central
2000	Doug Ackley -Central		

B. TOM KORPOLINSKI AWARD

Tom Korpilinski started his hockey career as countless others did. In 1966 his six (6) year old son said "I want to play hockey", so he took him to a clinic in Virgil, Ontario where the Niagara Falls league was renting ice. There was only one coach on the ice for 50 to 60 little guys, some who could barely stand on skates. Although never having played organized hockey, Tom skated most of his life and did play a little pond hockey, so he asked this coach if he wanted some help. The next week he started with the youngsters and never looked back. Tom instantly became a coach, going through programs with the Ontario Minor Hockey Association and with USA hockey. He also did some

refereeing and ultimately became a Director of the local association. When the city of Niagara Falls opened a rink in 1971, Tom became President of the local league and also helped form a travel league in the Western New York area along with Peter Rush and many others.

Later, he was elected as the West Section Vice President and then New York State Tournament Director. In 1981 he accepted the position of New York State District Registrar, a position held until he retired from hockey in 2000.

Tom Korpilinski’s hockey career spanned 33 years, a time he has always claimed to be the best years of his life where he was able meet countless volunteers, coaches, administrators, parents and players along the way.

In 2000, the New York State Amateur Hockey Association initiated the Tom Korpilinski Award recognizing an individual who has served at the “grass roots” level within the District and exudes the qualities and level of commitment to the sport that Tom so humbly possessed.

Past Award Winners

2000	Tom Korpilinski - West
2001	Harry Curley-Central
2002	Mary Sulli-West
2003	Robert Bastian - North
2004	Joyce Burzdinski - Central
2005	Bob Westphal - West
2006	Richard Lowis - East
2007	Bob Allen m-m North
2008	Bob Miller-Central
2009	Linda Zielezinski - West
2010	Sherb & Amy House Steve and Dale Ann Wolter - North
2011	Kurt Kemp - Central

C. SANDY IRWIN VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Sandy Irwin exemplified the definition, spirit, and intent of the word “volunteer”. Throughout her involvement in hockey from the local to state level she constantly performed acts of kindness, freely giving of her talent, time and effort for the simple pleasure of serving others and making the game better. She did so with complete humility, passion, and compassion. The Sandy Irwin Volunteer of the Year Award is given yearly to the member of the NYSAHA that strives to demonstrate the same qualities and personal characteristics that Sandy possessed.

Past Award Winners

2011	Sandy Irwin - East
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D. BOB ALLEN SCHOLARSHIP

Each year at the Annual Meeting of the New York State Amateur Hockey Association, the Bob Allen Scholarship is awarded to four High School or Prep School Seniors going on to college. The scholarships are awarded based on the individuals' participation at school, with their community, and involvement in youth sports. Each Scholarship is for \$1000 and is given directly to the winners upon verification of enrollment at college.

In the year 2000, the New York State Amateur Hockey Association named their scholarship in honor of Bob Allen. Bob was president of the New York State Amateur Hockey Association for 25 years from 1954 to 1979. He was past secretary and vice president of USA Hockey (then AHAUS) and was bestowed with Director Emeritus status by both of these organizations. He was a charter member of the Lake Placid sports council and the Lake Placid Pee-Wee Hockey Association. Bob had a great passion for the sport of Ice Hockey and always "enjoyed the people in hockey as much as he enjoyed the game of hockey".

In 2004, the U.S. Women's National Team locker room was named in honor of Bob, paying tribute to the man who spent most of his life working for hockey at the regional and national level. The locker room is located between the 1980 and U.S. rinks, and is reserved for use by the U.S. Women's National Team, which trains in Lake Placid.

In 2005, Bob was recognized for his 40 years of service to USA Hockey. Also in 2005, USA Hockey named the Women's Hockey Player of the Year award the "Bob Allen Women's Hockey Player of the Year Award". He was chairman of the gold medal winning U.S. Women's Olympic Ice Hockey Team in 1998, and is considered the "Godfather of US Women's Ice Hockey". Bob was also member of the Lake Placid Olympic Organizing Committee, chairman of Ice Hockey and planning and engineering committees for the 1980 Olympics.

E. PAUL FURMAN STATE TROPHY

Paul Furman's hockey career began approximately 40 years ago; on the day he took his son, Paul Jr., up to the Cullinan ice rink to register him in the Oswego Minor Hockey Association. He was asked "can you skate?" and he answered "yes, a little". He was then asked if he would help out on the ice. Paul told them "yes, but I don't know anything about hockey". He was then told, "don't worry, the kids will teach you" and over the years they did!

Since that day, Paul Furman, the husband, father and grandfather has been a dedicated, hard working member of the hockey community in New York. Over that time Paul gave unselfishly of his time and energies to not only the hockey community of Oswego, New York, but to the entire Hockey Community of New York State. From his early days as a coach, then through numerous administrative duties at the local and State levels he always stayed close to not only his local organization but to the hockey community as a whole. Paul has gone from the father who knew little about hockey to become one of the most highly respected members of the New York Hockey family.

For over 23 years Paul was responsible for the organization and supervision of thousands of tournaments in the New York District that take teams from local qualifying tournaments to States (USA Hockey Regional) and on to the National Tournaments. A full time year round commitment, at Tournament time you would find Paul on the phone or at the rinks checking to ensure that the events are run properly and that each and every individual has a fun enjoyable experience.

NYSAHA is privileged to honor Paul Furman with the State Championship Trophy to be awarded to the winner at each level.

F. HAT TRICK, PLAYMAKER AND ZERO CLUB AWARDS

USA Hockey awards an emblem to a player, Junior or below classes, scoring three goals in a game or being credited with three assists in a game or in the case of a Goalie shutting out the opponent. For a goaltender to win a zero club award, he/she must play the entire game in goal. A player shall receive only one such award a season. The player must be registered on a USA Hockey registered team. The game must be in league competition, or a sanctioned tournament between two USA Hockey registered teams. The game must be officiated by a USA Hockey registered referee. Applications for the award must be made through a league official submitting the request to the District Registrar.

11. TOURNAMENT-BOUND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

A. Requirements Applicable To All Teams And Players

1. Team Registration Requirements

(a) An Association's participation classification will be continued from the previous year or years unless a written request for change is submitted by the Association to the Section President, thirty (30) days prior to the Spring Section Meeting immediately preceding the NYSAHA Annual Meeting. The change in classification must then be approved by the Section at that Spring Meeting.

(b) All non tournament-bound **YOUTH AND GIRLS Associations must have a** registered USA Hockey Cross Ice Skill Development Program. **BEGINNING WITH THE 2010-2011 SEASON IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT ALL 8U AND BELOW AGE CLASSIFICATIONS BE STRICTLY CROSS ICE PROGRAMS. BEGINNING WITH THE 2012-2013 SEASON THE 8U AND BELOW AGE CLASSIFICATIONS WILL BE CROSS ICE ONLY WITH NO EXCEPTIONS. THEREAFTER ASSOCIATIONS THAT DO NOT HAVE A REGISTERED USA HOCKEY/ NYSAHA 8U AND BELOW Cross Ice Skill Development Program may be declared ineligible for Sectional or State competition. In order for all local Associations to be considered registered in the Cross Ice Skill Development Program, Associations must register Cross Ice Skill Development Program teams prior to December 31 of each year. In addition, coaches listed on team rosters must have Cross Ice Skill Development Program certification.**

2. Opportunity And Obligation To Compete

(a) All registered teams must have the opportunity to compete in their respective classification in State Tournaments.

(b) A tournament-bound team in an Association must participate in the same AGE classification **AGAINST TEAMS OUTSIDE ITS OWN ORGANIZATION**;

3. Tournament-Bound Obligation

A tournament-bound team is obligated to play in the Sectional and State Tournaments, **unless the team is hosting the national tournament. If the designated host elects to participate in the State tournament and wins, the runner up will be designated to represent the NYSAHA in the national championship.** An Association that does not honor that commitment may be banned from all sanctioned tournaments for the next year. Intent: A team which qualifies for a State tournament must compete in that tournament. Also a team that commits itself to play in a Sectional tournament must play in that tournament.

4. Player Registration Requirements

A player may not be registered and/or play with more than one (1) tournament-bound team regardless of classification, and not with any other ice federation, except for High School Club players who may be on one other tournament-bound roster. In addition to the above, no player may be rostered onto a tournament-bound team after the earlier of (i) the commencement of the applicable Section tournament or playdown, and (ii) December of the applicable year. Except for midget teams who have until December 31st with the approval of the respective section president. An additional exception shall be made for an 18 U Midget Tournament Bound rostered player that fits within and follows the Guide lines of the USA Hockey Youth/Junior Council Pilot Project II, The player may be rostered on and play for a Junior Team from the time their Midget Season is dormant until February 15. (Dormant is defined as no midget team activity during the time period.) At that time the player must return to their Midget team.

5. Player Movement

(a) Any team containing a player who has moved to that team in violation of the NYSAHA Player Movement and Recruitment Rule shall not be permitted to participate in NYSAHA sanctioned or approved tournaments, including but not limited to playdowns, international, invitational and NYSAHA championship tournaments.

(b) Up until November 15 of each year, any member who knows, or should know, that its eligibility may be questioned under this rule, may submit its roster to the Section President at that time and he/she shall rule thereon and the Section President shall submit his/her findings to the NYSAHA Board of Directors, which shall make a decision in writing with regard thereto and communicate the same to the member by December 1 of each year. The sole remedy for members disputing the findings of the Board is arbitration under the NYSAHA By-Laws.

(c) The Section President may, when he or she is made aware of a violation, in writing, inform any member of its ineligibility under the rules. Such writing shall be mailed, emailed or sent to either the coach or manager listed on the roster or to an officer of the parent association and such dates as of the corporation only shall be determined as date of mailing by the corporation or date of transmission. This ruling may be disputed to the NYSAHA Board of Directors, whose ruling thereon shall be final, subject only to arbitration as provided for in the by-laws.

(d) Any member who resorts to court action, or contravention of arbitration, shall be ineligible for NYSAHA sanctioned tournaments.

6. (a) Girls/Women's team may play its games against USA Hockey registered or International Ice Federation teams of the same competitive level.

(b) Any restrictions in this Guide Book pertaining to what constitutes a qualifying game shall only apply to the Youth, Girls and High School Club categories. Compliance with the USA Hockey Rules and Regulation are the only criteria used to determine the validity of a qualifying game (and score sheet) for Women's Adult and/or Men's Adult teams and players.

(c) Where the registered team is a member of a recognized league of USA Hockey members, AND THE LEAGUE SCHEDULE LEADS DIRECTLY TO A POSITION IN THE RESPECTIVE STATE TOURNAMENT, the team must play its entire league schedule.

(d) For score sheets to count in meeting the 20/10, 14/10 and 10/8 rule, the Player Roster form (1-T) must be certified by the District Registrar or his/her designee prior to that game being played. In addition, score sheets used to verify the 20/10, 14/10 and 10/8 rule, must contain only names found on the Player Roster form (1-T) for that team.

(e) For a game played in New York to count as a qualifying game for tournament eligibility, it must have had a minimum number of minutes of game (stop) time as follows: (i) for squirt, and girls 12 and under games, 30 minutes; (ii) for girls 14 and under and peewee games, 36 minutes; (iii) for bantam, midget, high school and girls 16, and 19 and under games, 45 minutes. All games played in USA Hockey sanctioned invitational tournaments and in other Districts and IIHF are exempt from this rule.

(f) In any event, each team must have competed as a team unit with at least sixty percent (60%) of its registered roster in a minimum of twenty (20) games of that season and each player in at least ten (10) games.

(g) The team minimum of twenty (20) games and player minimum of ten (10) must be completed on or before the weekend two (2) weeks prior to the respective State Tournament. Midget Tier III requirements are ten (10) games per team and eight (8) games per player. For Associations that play on natural ice the game requirements shall be fifteen (15) games per team and eight (8) games per player. For Girls/Women Associations fourteen (14) games per team and ten (10) games per player is required.

(h) When the starting date of the Sectional tournament and/or playdown arrives, the only games that can be counted towards a team or player's 20/10, 14/10, 10/8 or games played rules, are the games that can and are actually played in the Sectional tournament or playdown. Any other games played during this time period do not and cannot be counted as qualifying games for meeting the games played requirements. In addition, any suspensions incurred in the course of the state playoff schedule shall be served during regularly scheduled games of the championship playoff schedule. In no case, may such suspension(s) be served in a game occurring outside the championship playoff schedule, by scheduling a game not included in the state playdown configuration and having that player sit out that game.

(i) Note: The goal posts shall not be anchored or pinned for any and all Youth 10 & Under and Girls 10 & Under and below games.

7. Definition of a Hockey Game

(a) A game is a match played against another team, which is registered with a member organization at the IIHF of the same competitive level and officiated by registered officials. A game shall consist of at least three (3) periods except where the game is interrupted by some unforeseen event after two (2) periods have been completed. If running time is used, the minutes shall be increased by fifty percent (50%).

(b) Of the twenty (20) games minimum requirement for Youth hockey, at least fifteen (15) games must be played against USA Hockey or Hockey Canada IIHF registered teams. For High School Club, of the twenty (20) games minimum requirement, the twenty (20) games must be against USA Hockey registered High School Club teams.

8. Required Documents for Section Playdowns, Pre-Sectional, Sectional and State Tournaments

Each Section Shall Establish A Credentials Committee That Will Certify Each Team That Advances From Their Respective Section To The State Tournament. A Certification Form, Credential Sheet And Certified Roster, Shall Be Completed And Forwarded To The State Tournament Site Director 7 Days Prior To The Start Of The Respective State Tournament.

The following documents are required for participating in all Section Playdowns, Pre-Sectional, Sectional and/or State Tournaments:

Each team is required to furnish the Credentials Committee the following items:

(a) A verification and affirmation that a review of each player's birth certificate has been completed by a district registrar or his/her designee. When no verification and affirmation is provided, a copy of government-issued birth certificate, Verification of Birth or copy of a passport identification page for each rostered player, is required.

(b) USA Hockey certified player roster form (1-T)

(c) USA Hockey waiver and release completed for each registered participant and team manager. (Not required for participants who have registered online at www.usahockey.com)

(d) Sanctioned game score sheets to verify compliance with the Youth and High School Club 20/10, Girls/Women 14/10 and Midget Tier III teams 10/8 minimum required number of games for tournament-bound eligibility rule for each team and rostered player. Exception: Scoresheet checks are not required, and should not be performed at Pre-Sectional Tournaments.

(e) A current USA Hockey "Consent To Treat" form for each rostered participant and manager

(f) USA Hockey individual membership registration (IMR) form for each rostered participant. These forms are not required when the team's certified player roster form (1-T) has been printed through the USA Hockey registration software

(g) A coaching credential for each coach at the level mandated by the district (New York) and USA Hockey.

(h) A current and completed Code of Conduct for each rostered participant, coach(es) and team manager

(i) Non-U.S. citizens must meet proof of legal residency requirements and transfer from home country ice hockey federation (if required) as stated in USA Hockey Rules & Regulations III.C

(j) Credentials Verification Report (Form 1-C)

(k) For national tournaments only, a copy of the team roster registration certification (form 2-C) signed by the appropriate registrar or his/her designee

(l) Other documents pertinent to team activities and player eligibility. A copy of the team player roster registration form (1-T) for each team shall be available from the Tournament Committee upon request from any of the participating teams. Should the Tournament Committee become aware of, and subsequently determine a player(s) to be ineligible before, during or after the tournament, said player(s) shall be ruled ineligible to participate in any remaining games and the team using the ineligible player(s) shall be required to forfeit any games in which the player(s) participated by the Tournament Disciplinary Committee. Also, if it is proven that the coach or manager was Aware of the situation; they shall be subject to suspension.

(m) National tournament-bound Girls Teams with Non-US Citizens are also subject to certain roster limitations as dictated by USA Hockey Rules and Regulations. Please check with the New York District Hockey Registrar, Tom Branden, if more information about Non-U.S. players is required or requested at Home & Fax; 716-685-2171, e-mail; tcbranden@verizon.net.

9. In NYSAHA all Tier III teams must follow all Tier I and Tier II rules in the USA Hockey Guide unless there is a specific exception in the NYSAHA Guide.

B. Requirements Applicable To High School Club Teams And Players

1. High School Coordinator

The President and Board of Directors of NYSAHA shall appoint a New York State High School Coordinator for a period of two (2) years. The Section Vice President in conjunction with the High School Leagues in his Section shall annually submit a list of candidates for High School Section Coordinators(s) to the NYSAHA High School Coordinator.

2. Applicable Requirements

Except for the following provisions of this section 9. B, eligibility requirements for Sectional and State Tournaments shall be the same as for Youth hockey.

3. High School Divisions

For all High School Club tournament-bound teams in State Tournaments, High School Club will be divided into two Divisions, based upon the school district size from which the team draws. Pool/out-of-district players are not permitted, with the exception of goaltenders approved by the High School Coordinators. A combined team is valid for only one year, and this rule must be satisfied each year that a combined team is sought.

4. Large School Division

The Large School division shall consist of teams drawing from one (1) High School District whose school district High School population is 801 or greater in the Central, North and West Sections, and 1301 or greater in the East Section. In the East Section only, if a large school cannot field a team of at least 15 players, including a goaltender, without any cuts or a Junior Varsity team, then that School may combine for that season with a geographically adjoining School to form one tournament-bound team. All Private, Preparatory, and Parochial Schools must play in the Large School Division.

5. Small School Division

The Small School division will consist of teams drawn from one or more High School districts, whose combined school High School population is 800 or fewer in the Central, North and West Sections and 1300 or fewer in the East Section. Every School represented in a Small School division team must, in the West Section be within 20 miles of every other School represented on the team and in the other Sections be within 50 miles of every other School represented on the team.

6. Calculating District Population

High School district population is computed as total students in grades 9 through 11, inclusive, as reported in the BEDS forms annually.

7. League Play

Where the registered team is a member of a recognized league of NYSAHA, the team must play its entire league schedule. Independent schools, which do not play in a league, must meet the 20-10 eligibility rule against USA Hockey registered High School Club teams and all players must attend that high school.

8. Proof of School Affiliation

All tournament-bound teams must send proof of their player's school affiliation to their Section High School Coordinator by December 31; failure to do so will result in loss of State Tournament eligibility. Proof of school can be a copy of the player's report card (grades may be blacked out), class schedule, school identification card or a letter listing players, signed by a school official with a raised seal certifying all players listed

attend the school. Section Coordinators will then forward the credentials to the High School Coordinator.

9. Determination of Tournament-Bound Status

Any team registered High School Club, whether independent, a member of a League, or a member of an Association and not on probation, will be allowed to register tournament-bound if they choose to do so, provided they meet all the above eligibility requirements. Any High School team not permitted to register as Tournament-Bound by their league or Association, shall notify the Section High School Coordinator, who with the Section President will conduct a hearing to investigate the claim and make a determination. Such determination may be appealed to the NYSAHA Board of Directors.

10. School District Enrollment Data

All High School Club Association Presidents of tournament-bound teams shall provide school district enrollment figures to the Section Coordinator by August 1 of each year. If the data can be electronically retrieved, then no deadline date is necessary.

11. Enforcement

The Section Vice Presidents and High School Section Coordinators shall be responsible for the enforcement of this rule.

C. Requirements Applicable To Girls/Women Teams And Players

For the purposes of competing at State and National tournaments, Girl's youth teams, and players (12 and Under, 14 and Under, 16 and Under, and 19 and Under) will use the following guidelines together with the provisions of 9. A above.

1. Classification

a) Girls teams **must** declare their intention to compete at the Tier 1 or Tier 2 tournament bound level in writing to the Section President, or their designee, **prior to the fall section meeting. -Within an association** only one team **per** age classification can be tournament bound regardless of their Tier Status. **All team declarations must receive Section approval.**

b) **Teams** forming after the **FALL** meeting are still required to notify the Section President, **or their designee**, of their intent to go tournament bound. **This notification must occur prior to December 1st and may be subject to approval by the NYSAHA Board of Directors.**

c) The NYSAHA Board of Directors reserves the right to deny **respective** Tier status to teams that will adversely affect the development of Girls hockey across the state.

2. National Tournaments

Girl's team classifications will be independent of their Association's current Tier status within NYSAHA. Associations may have teams at both Tier 1 and Tier 2. However, if multiple teams exist at any one age classification **at the Tier 1 and Tier 2 levels**, only one of those **age classification** teams either Tier 1 or Tier 2 may **be declared** tournament-bound **for that association** regardless of Tier.

3. **Classification Independent of Youth Classification**

Only one team either Tier 1 or Tier 2 at the particular age classification per Association will be eligible for the National tournament. However, regardless of classification, teams have until December 31 to withdraw from consideration for States or Nationals by notifying in writing the NYSAHA Girls/Women Coordinator, Section President, and NYSAHA Tournament Director.

12. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND FORMAT

***NOTE: WITH THE ELIMINATION OF THE USA HOCKEY 12 U NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS IN THE 2012 – 2013 SEASON NYSAHA WILL ELIMINATE THE YOUTH 10 U STATE TOURNAMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION DURING THE 2012 – 2013 SEASON

A. APPLICATION TO HOST

1. Host Association

Any Association that desires to host a State Tournament shall submit its request to the NYSAHA Tournament Director.

2. Ice Time Availability

Sufficient ice time availability must be guaranteed by an Association when placing a bid on a Sectional, State or Regional Tournament. If ice time is not available for a Sectional and/or Playdown in any classification, the Vice President in the Section, at his discretion, shall determine team entries in the State Tournament.

3. Entry Fees

(a) The State Tournament team entry fee for all eight teams and/or nine teams, two division, Round Robin tournaments can be less than but cannot exceed the following rates:

Youth 10 & Under and Girls 12 or Under: **\$800.00.**

Youth 12 & Under and Girls 14, 16, and 19 or Under and Women’s Senior: \$900.00.

Youth 14 & Under \$1000.00.

Youth 16, and 18 & Under, High School Club and Men’s Senior \$1100.00.

(b) For all regular games in a one division, Round Robin State Tournament, a per game team entry fee can be charged but said fee cannot exceed the following rates:

Youth 10 & Under and Girls 12 or Under: **\$228.00**

Youth 12 & Under and Girls 14, 16, and 19 or Under, Women’s Senior: **\$256.00.**

Youth 14, & Under **\$285.00.**

Youth 16 and 18 & Under and High School Club and Men’s Senior **\$314.00.**

(c) Note: With the exception of the three team and/or seven team one division Round Robin State Tournaments, a championship game shall be played. A team entry fee cannot be charged for this championship game. (An Additional day

would be required just to play the championship game in a three team and/or seven team one Division Round Robin tournaments.)

4. Pairings

(a) Sectional pairings for the Divisional Round Robin play of State Tournaments shall avoid two (2) teams from the same Section meeting in the first round of play in State Tournaments. However, where three (3) or more teams represent the same Section this rule does not apply.

(b) All Pre-Sectional, Sectional and State/District Championship Tournaments must use one of the game schedules listed in this Guide Book. All Pre-Sectional, Sectional and State/ District Tournaments with fewer than eight teams entered shall be a One Division Round Robin tournament. A championship game shall be played in all State/District one division tournaments except when the tournament consists of three teams or seven teams. For Pre-Sectional and/or Sectional five or six team one division, Round Robin, tournaments there is, by request of the appropriate Section President, an option to play two less games on Friday, in the five team tournament and three less games on Friday in the six teams tournament by playing two more games and three more games, respectively, on Sunday afternoon. The line up and the seeding in the schedule will remain the same except for the number of games that will be played on Friday and Sunday. The Team from the host Association shall be team "A" in all three team and seven team one division Round Robin Tournaments. The schedules in this Guide Book shall not/will not be changed to accommodate a team or teams that may have another activity scheduled or planned on the same days that a Pre-Sectional, Sectional or State/District tournament is scheduled. Once established, team seeding in any of the above Tournaments will not be changed to accommodate other activities of any of the participating teams.

5. Adjustment Of Tournament Size

When there are not enough teams registered, in a given tournament classification to make up an eight team State Tournament, each Section shall only be allowed to send a maximum of two teams to that tournament. The only exception to this rule is in the case of the host team not qualifying and wanting to play in the tournament. The host shall automatically become team "A" in any such tournament. The host cannot charge the teams an additional entry fee for the extra games required by them playing in the tournament.

6. Tournament Schedules

Tournament schedules for Sectional Tournaments shall be submitted to the NYSAHA Tournament Director three (3) weeks prior to the start of the tournament. For all State/Regional Tournaments, the submission date is no later than January 31 for final approval.

7. An Eight (8) team format in the State Tournament shall be adjusted to a Three (3) team or a Seven (7) team Tournament in the following manner:

a) The home team seed shall be designated team "A", and subsequent teams shall be re-designated in descending alphabetical order.

- b) The seed that was the host team before it became team “A” shall be deleted.
- c) The team(s) that caused the Tournament to be adjusted from an Eight team Tournament to a Three or Seven team Tournament shall be deleted.
- d) The positions held by the deleted teams shall be re-designated in descending alphabetical order so as to continue the re-designation process set forth in paragraph 1 above.
- e) All Three team Tournaments shall consist of letters A, B and C and shall be in alphabetical order. All Seven team Tournaments shall also be in alphabetical order and consist of letters A, B, C, D, E, F and G.

Examples of re-designating a planned Eight team Tournament to a Seven or Three team Tournament:

<u>Eight Team Tournament</u>		<u>Seven Team Tournament</u>	
Team A. East	1	Team A. Host Team	
Team B. North	2	Team B. East	1
Team C. West	1	Team C. North	2
Team D. Central	2 (doesn't exist)	Team D. West	1
Team E. North	1	Team E. North	1
Team F. West	2	Team F. West	2
Team G. Central	1 (will be Host)	Team G. East	2
Team H. East	2		

Three Team Tournament

- Team A. Host Team
- Team B. West 1
- Team C. West 2

B. YOUTH TIER REPRESENTATION IN STATE AND NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

1. Youth Tier I (8 Team)

Proposed Sectional representation shall be as follows for State Tournaments:

	Squirt	PeeWee	Bantam	Mid-16	Mid-18
Central	1	1	1	1	1
East	2	2	2	2	2
North	1	1	1	1	1
West	2	2	2	2	2
At-Large*	2	2	2	2	2

2. Youth Tier II (8 Team)*

Proposed Sectional representation shall be as follows for State Tournaments:

	Squirt	PeeWee	Bantam	Mid-16	Mid-18
Central	2	2	2	2	2
East	2	2	2	2	2
North	2	2	2	2	2
West	2	2	2	2	2

*The host Association will fill the at-large berth if it does not otherwise qualify in the Tier I Center Tournament. In the Tier II Tournament, if the host team does not otherwise qualify in their Section as the #1 or #2 team, they will enter the tournament as the host team, and the tournament will become a nine (9) team tournament.

3. Youth Tournament Seeding

Girls State Tournaments shall be decided by the NYSAHA Tournament Director and the Section Presidents after team registration figures are finalized. In Youth Tier I State Tournaments, the host Association’s team will fill the last open seed if it does not otherwise qualify for the State Tournaments. In the Tier II and Tier III Tournaments, if the host team does not otherwise qualify in their section as the #1 or #2 team, they will enter the Tournament as the host Association’s team, and the Tournament would become a nine (9) team Tournament. However, if one or more of the four Sections does not register a minimum of four teams in a specific age group, then the Section could/would lose a seed in the Tournament and that seed would be given to the host Association’s team so the Tournament could remain an eight team Tournament.

4. Obligation Of State Champion To Compete

The State Champion, when applicable, will represent NYSAHA in the USA Hockey National Tournament.

C. PAIRINGS AND SCHEDULES FOR STATE TOURNAMENTS

See Appendix 1.

13. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

A. TOURNAMENT ORGANIZATION

1. Jurisdiction

NYSAHA Officers, in all matters pertaining to tournament play, shall have the power to adjust matters at any time in the best interest of the tournament and ice hockey.

2. Tournament Chairperson

The host Association shall appoint a Tournament Chairperson to formulate the tournament format, rules and regulations subject to the approval of the NYSAHA Tournament Director. The Tournament

Chairperson cannot be the coach, assistant coach, manager or other team official of the host team.

3. Credentials Committee: A Committee shall be appointed by the host Association. The credentials required for Sectional and State Tournaments are to be made identical to the credentials required at the National Tournaments. Each player is required to sign in before his/her first game. Each team is required to furnish the Credentials Committee with a copy of its original player roster form as a match to the copy that will be sent to the Tournament Chairperson by the NYSAHA Tournament Director.
4. Assignment Of Officials
The Tournament Director will be sure that the Referee-in-Chief and his Supervisors have properly assigned referees and linesmen to each tournament game.
5. Game Officials
 - (a) It is the sole responsibility of the host Association to supply off ice officials for each game played in a Pre-Sectional, Sectional, Playdown and/or State/Regional Tournament. The off ice officials shall be of adult age (18 years or older). The required off ice officials are as follows: Scorekeeper, Game Timekeeper, Announcer and two (2) Penalty Box Attendants. Note: In all games played in the line of progression leading towards a State/District tournament, the scorekeeper must record the actual time on the clock when a goal is scored or a penalty is assessed.
 - (b) Goal judges shall not be used for any games.
6. Player Discipline Committee
 - (a) The Player Discipline Committee shall be composed of three (3) people and be appointed prior to the first game. Its members shall be the Tournament Chairperson and two others. No two members shall come from the same Community/Association. The Referee-in-Chief or his/her appointee shall not be eligible to serve on this Committee. The Committee shall be responsible for deciding any action (suspensions) or otherwise to be taken against a player or team official receiving a match or game misconduct penalty. The Committee shall have the power to waive or increase the one game suspension imposed by Rule 404C Game Misconducts.
 - (b) The Discipline Committee is obligated to hold a hearing for a player or team official receiving one or more of the above-named penalties. This hearing shall take place as soon as possible after the conclusion of the game in which the penalty was called. However, no hearing for a game misconduct is required or allowed for a player (Midget age classification or below, including High School) who incurs five penalties in the same game or a game misconduct for a Head Coach whose team (Midget age classification and below, including High School) incurs fifteen or more penalties during one game. In both cases the player(s) and/or Head Coach will sit out the

next game. These rules also apply to Women Senior in the State Tournament.

(c) No player or team official shall be suspended from participating in the remaining games unless he/she has been provided the opportunity to appear before the Committee to relate his/her version of the incident.

(d) Any discrepancy will be brought to the attention of the Tournament Chairperson, who will take it to the Discipline Committee for a ruling.

(e) All disciplinary action taken by the Discipline Committee shall be reported to:

(i) The home Association of the team(s) involved for any further action at their discretion,

(ii) The Player Discipline Committee of the National Championship accompanied by its recommendation if it involved the Regional winner,

(iii) NYSAHA Tournament Director,

(iv) NYSAHA Referee-in-Chief, and

(v) The offender's Section President.

(f) The National Championship Player Discipline Committee shall be sole authority in determining the eligibility of the individual(s) for the National Championships.

7. Awards

(a) Each host Association will provide a Tournament Souvenir i.e. (Patch, Pin or Hat) for every player who participates. Host Associations will design their own tournament patch, which must be a minimum of 4" in diameter. This may be used as a player pass and memento of the tournament.

(b) Host Associations will provide a runner-up trophy for the second place team. Additionally, the host Association will provide individual awards for the first place and runner up teams Awards selected should be appropriate for the high level of accomplishment for which they are being awarded.

(c) NYSAHA will provide the NYSAHA Championship patch for each individual member of the winning team. This will be a standard NYSAHA designed patch, which will be purchased through the NYSAHA Tournament Director. The championship patches will be mailed to the Tournament Chairperson.

(d) NYSAHA will provide a NYSAHA Championship Banner and Paul Furman Championship trophy for the championship team and a runner up team trophy. The banners and trophy will be mailed to the Chairpersons.

(e) Duplicate Banners may be requested from the NYSAHA Tournament Director, in writing, from the Championship Team's Association. All requests shall be on Association stationery and signed by its President. The requesting Association will be responsible for all costs to reproduce and ship the duplicate Banner..

8. With the best interests of its participants in mind, NYSAHA prohibits the sale or consumption of alcohol on the premises during the tournament competition.

B. TOURNAMENT RULES AND PROCEDURES

1. Playing Rules

All rules will apply to all classifications of State Tournaments. Any flexibility in rules with regard to State Tournaments must be decided by the Tournament Chairperson and approved by the NYSAHA Tournament Director in consultation with the Section President. The rules cannot be altered when the tournament has begun. No protests shall be permitted on the playing rules.

2. Rule Interpretation

(a) Inquiries regarding the interpretation of State tournament Rules and Regulations or Procedures must be placed through the NYSAHA Tournament Director.

(b) Inquiries regarding the interpretation of Game Rules must be directed to the Supervisor of Officials responsible in the Section in which the games are being played.

3. Rule Review

The Tournament Director will meet, if requested, or have a representative meet with each Tournament Committee and participants preceding the tournament to review rules and regulations.

4. Game Time Protocol

Game start time and warm up time.

Once the official tournament schedule has been published no game or warm up time may start prior to its scheduled starting time for any reason. Warm up time shall consist of 5 minutes.

Players on ice for warm up and/or start of game

Players shall not be allowed on the ice or bench area for warm up or the start of a game until the on ice officials are on the ice. Players must remain off the ice or bench area until an on ice official waves them on. Any violation of this rule shall result in a bench minor penalty to the offending team.

Time on clock between periods (no ice resurfacing)

There shall be 2 minutes on the clock between periods when there is no ice resurfacing.

5. Association Participation In Section Competition

Only one team from each age classification may represent an Association as a participant in a State Tournament. For High School Club hockey only, one team per school may participate in a NYSAHA State Tournament.

6. Section Competition For Entrants Into State Tournaments

Each section shall employ either a playdown or a Sectional Tournament to determine the participants and seeding of said participants from the section for the respective State Tournament. These playdowns or Sectional Tournaments are to end no less than two weekends, twelve (12) days prior to the State Tournament, with the exception of High School, which will be no less than one (1) weekend prior to the State Tournament.

7. A copy of each team's playing roster shall be available from the Credentials Committee upon request from any of the participating teams.

Any challenge of a player's eligibility shall be made before his/her team plays its first game, otherwise no protest will be accepted or allowed. Should the Credentials Committee determine a player to be ineligible before, during or after the tournament, said player or players shall be ruled out of any remaining games, and the team using the ineligible player(s) shall forfeit any games in which the player(s) participated. Also, if it is proved that the coach and/or manager were aware of the situation, they shall be subject to suspension.

8. Tournament Rosters

The Sectional Tournament Chairperson is responsible for sending the rosters of the qualifying teams to the State Tournament Director immediately upon the completion of the Sectional Tournament. The NYSAHA Tournament Director shall supply the Sectional Tournament Chairperson with proper information to do so. The Sectional Tournament Chairperson is also responsible for notifying the NYSAHA Tournament Director, by phone, of the results of the Sectional Tournament.

9. Only those people whose names are on the USA Hockey Player Roster Form shall be allowed on or near the player's bench during Pre-Sectional, Sectional, and State Tournaments.

10. Seeding And Elimination Games

(a) Whenever there are only two (2) teams vying for a berth or berths, in either a State tournament or a USA Hockey National tournament, a two (2) game home and home series shall be played to determine the seeding and/or entrant in said tournaments. A full fifteen (15) minute mini-game, (and not sudden death), shall be played right after the second game if the two teams are tied in points. If there is no winner of the mini-game, a shoot-out, as outlined in the NYSAHA Guide Book, shall take place to determine the winner. Neutral on-ice officials, assigned by the Section Referee Supervisor, are to be used for these games.

(b) A complete credentials check done either jointly or by a neutral party must be done before the start of the first game. Note: A Discipline Committee (consisting of three members) must be set up before the first game, and all matters requiring a Discipline Committee hearing must be held at the conclusion of the game in which the infraction occurred. The two game home and home series in this paragraph may be replaced by a single game if the two Associations involved agree to a single game determination, including the time and place where such single game will be played, and if the Section President approves of the single game as being fair and unbiased to both teams.

11. Method of Determining Champion

For all State tournaments, standard Round Robin play will be used. The standings shall be determined on the basis of two (2) points for a win and one (1) point for a tie.

12. Time of Periods For State Hockey Tournaments

***NOTE: WITH THE ELIMINATION OF THE USA HOCKEY 12 U NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS IN THE 2012 – 2013 SEASON NYSAHA WILL ELIMINATE THE YOUTH 10 U STATE TOURNAMENTS DURING THE 2012 – 2013 SEASON

Note: The goal posts shall not be anchored or pinned for any and all Youth 10 & Under and Girls 10 & Under and below games.

(All stop time in minutes)

Class	Time of Periods 1,2,3	Time of OT (Championship Game Only)	Minor Penalties	Major Penalties	Misconduct
Squirt	12	6	1 ½	5	10
PeeWee	15	10	2	5	10
Bantam	16	10	2	5	10
Midget	17	10	2	5	10
H.S. Club	17	10	2	5	10
Girls 12 & Under	12	6	1 ½	3	6
Girls 14, & 16 Under	15	10	2	5	10
Girls 19 & Under	15	10	2	5	10
Junior “A”, “B” and above	20	10	2	5	10
Junior “C”	17	10	2	5	10

13. Ice Resurfacing

The ice shall be resurfaced before the start of each game for the 10 & Under Youth, and the 12 & Under Girls tournaments. It shall also be resurfaced after the second period in the semi-finals and championship games for the above-named tournaments. The ice shall be resurfaced before the start of each game and after the second period in all games involving 12 & Under (PeeWee) and older Youth teams, and 14 and older girls teams. This pertains to all Pre-Sectional, Sectional and State Tournament games.

14. Uniform Colors

Unless otherwise agreed by teams and the Tournament Director, the home team shall wear light/white jerseys and the visiting team shall wear dark color jerseys in all games. If the home team in each game has not been established by the Tournament Chairperson, it shall be determined by the toss of a coin. The team traveling the furthest distance shall call.

15. Equipment

All players must conform with USA Hockey regulations.

16. Game And Rest Schedules

With the exception of holidays, game schedules shall not start before Friday, nor end later than Sunday afternoon. No game shall be scheduled to start after 9:00 P.M. on any night. Teams shall not be required to play more than two (2) games per day. There shall be a minimum of four (4) hours between games played on the same day, and twelve (12) hours on games played on consecutive days. Time is measured from the end of one game to the beginning of the next.

17. Forfeits

Any team that forfeits a game in any NYSAHA sanctioned tournament, forfeits all games in that tournament. Forfeits shall be deemed 1-0 victories for the non-offending team.

18. Coaches' Communication: For games leading up to and including State tournament games, the use of head phones or other similar devices to communicate to people on the players bench is prohibited unless the conferees are both carded coaches and are listed on the USA Hockey Player Roster Form.

19. The NYSAHA Tournament Director and, by his delegation, the Tournament Chairperson, shall have the authority to exclude and/or limit the presence at or the use of any artificial noise-making devices, except for those required to control the play of the game.

20. Tie Breaking Rules to Determine Standings Position For All

Youth,Girls/Women, and High School Club Pre-Sectional, Sectional and State Tournaments.

If two or more teams have an equal number of points, their position in the standings shall be determined by the following tie-breaking format. If one tie-breaker establishes a position for one or more of the teams, each team is placed in the applicable position. Once a team is placed, the remaining teams shall start the tie-breaking process over again starting at step 1. a. If all teams tied have not played head to head against each other then go to B.

The tie-breaker formulas are follows:

A. *The results of the games played head to head between the teams tied* in the following order.

1. Standings-Most points.

2. Most wins.

3. Differential-Subtracting goals scored against from goals scored in these games, the positions being determined in the order of the greatest surplus. For Girls/Women's games only, the maximum goal differential is 8 goals.

4. Quotient-Dividing the goals scored in these games by the goals scored against, the position being determined in the order of the greatest quotient. A quotient involving dividing by zero (0) has a higher standing than a quotient from dividing by any other number other than zero. Where two or more teams have no goals against and the quotient tie-breaker is required, the team shall be ranked high to low in descending order of "goals for".

B. If after applying the formulas of A 1, 2, 3, or 4, the tie still exists, the results of all the games played by the teams tied in the following order:

a. Most wins.

b. Differential-Subtracting goals scored against from goals scored in these games, the positions being determined in the order of the greatest surplus.

c. Quotient-Dividing the goals scored in these games by the goals scored against, the position being determined in the order of the quotient. A quotient involving dividing by zero (0) has a higher standing than a quotient from dividing by any other number other than zero. Where two or more teams have no goals against and the quotient tie-breaker is required, the team shall be ranked high to low in descending order of "goals for".

d. Most periods won- In games played by each tied team, points will be awarded for each regulation period won (2 points) and for each regulation period tied (1 point). Position shall be in the order of highest point total.

Note: The shootout procedures will be used to break a tie after #1 and #2 have been exhausted and a tie still exists to determine who will advance to the Semi-Final games or to the Championship game. No overtime periods shall be played in the regular Round Robin games. Overtime will only be played, if needed, in the Semi-Final and/or Championship games.

C. Semi-Final: If a game is tied following regulation play in the Semi-Final games, one 5 minute sudden death overtime period shall be played. At the completion of the third period, the tied teams shall receive a three (3) minutes rest period. The teams will remain on the ice. The teams will not change ends. If the score is tied at the end of the 5 minute sudden death overtime period, there shall be a shoot-out. The winner of the shoot out will be credited with one additional goal in the final score.

D. Shoot-Out: When the overtime period is over and no one has scored a goal, the shoot-out procedure shall take place and shall be conducted as follows: A shoot out is defined as a player attempting to score a goal and the opposing goalkeeper attempting to stop the shooter from scoring a goal. The referee shall call the two captains to the referee's crease to flip a coin to determine which team takes the first shot. The winner of the coin toss will have the choice whether his/her team will shoot first or second. (The Captain of the team who traveled to farthest to the tournament site will call the coin toss). All goalkeepers

and players from both teams listed on the official game sheet shall be eligible to participate in the shoot-out. However, any player whose penalty had not been completed when the overtime period ended or who receives a penalty during the shoot-out procedures is not eligible to be one of the players selected to participate in any portion of the shoot out procedure(s).

The shoot-out procedure shall begin with five different individual shooters from each team taking alternate shots. The players do not need to be named beforehand. The goalkeepers from each team may be changed after each shot. The players of both teams will take the shots alternately until a decisive goal is scored. The remaining shots will not be taken. If after the shoot-out, the shoot-out score is still tied, there will be a sudden death shoot-out.

Sudden Death Shoot-Out:

The sudden death shoot-out will be conducted as follows: A sudden death shoot-out is defined as each team attempting a shot. Should one team be successful and the other team not, the successful team shall win the shoot-out. Teams will select their shooters to participate in sudden death shootout, whether or not they shot in the previous round. All goalkeepers and players from both teams listed on the official game sheet shall be eligible to participate in the shoot-out.

However, any player whose penalty had not been completed when the overtime period ended or who receives a penalty during the shoot-out procedures is not eligible to be one of the players selected to participate in any portion of the shoot out procedure(s). Players in a sudden death shoot-out shall not be allowed to take another shot until four additional shooters have completed their attempts. The goalkeepers from each team may be changed after each shot. The official scorekeeper shall record all shots taken indicating the players, goalkeepers and goals scored.

E. Championship game: If a game is tied following regulation play in the Championship game, sudden death overtime period(s) shall be played until a Champion has been determined. At the completion of the third period, the tied teams shall receive a three (3) minute rest period. The teams will remain on the ice and will not change ends. The time of the overtime period will coincide with the chart set out in Section 11B, paragraph 11 of this Guide. Squirt – 6 minutes, Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget and High School Club – 10 minutes. The ice will be resurfaced after every 2 overtime periods.

Examples listed will be adjusted accordingly

Examples of the Tie-Breaking Rules

To start a tie-Breaking process the teams tied must have the same number of points earned in the regular Round Robin games.

Example #1:

This example has three teams tied, with four points each, by winning two of their three games played in the Round Robin portion of the tournament.

Team A, Team B and Team C are involved in this three-way tie.

Each of the three teams had a total of four points acquired in their preliminary games.

Each team had two wins in their preliminary games.

Each of the three teams lost a game to one of the other teams, involved in the three-way tie, in their preliminary games.

Each team beat Team D in their preliminary games and each received two (2) points each for doing so.

1. **a. and b.** Each team had 2 points and one win in these games played Head to Head.

Team (A) beat Team (B) 7 to 4 thus earning 2 points for the win. 2 points
 Team (A) lost to Team (C) 2 to 3 thus earning zero points for the loss. 0 points
2 pts total

Team (B) beat Team (C) 3 to 1 thus earning 2 points for the win. 2 points
 Team (B) lost to Team (A) 7 to 4 thus earning zero points for the loss. 0 points
2 pts total

Team (C) beat team (A) 3 to 2 thus earning 2 points for the win. 2 points
 Team (C) lost to Team (B) 1 to 3 thus earning zero points for the loss. 0 points
2 pts total

c. Differential-Subtracting goals scored against from goals scored in the above games.

<u>Goals for / Against:</u>		<u>Goals for/ Against:</u>		<u>Goals for</u>
<u>Against:</u>				
Team (A)-(B)	7	4	Team (B)-(A)	4 7
3	2			Team (C)-(A)
Team (A)-(C)	2	3	Team (B)-(C)	3 1
1	3			Team (C)-(B)
TOTALS: (A)	9 7	(B)	7 8	(C) 4 5

Team (A) has plus 9 goals and minus 7 goals to equal plus 2 goals for Team (A).
 Team (B) has plus 7 goals and minus 8 goals to equal minus 1 goal for Team (B).

Team (C) has plus 4 goals and minus 5 goals to equal minus 1 goal for Team (C).

Team (A) with the plus two (2) goals is in first place after this step and is the winner of the Division. Because Teams (B) and (C) both have a minus one (1) goal differential you have to go back to Step 1 and start the process all over again but only between Team (B) and team (C) and only using the game played between teams (B) and (C).

In this example **team (B) would be placed second** because they earned two (2) Points in their Head to Head game against Team (C). Team (C) would finish

third and Team (D) would finish fourth.

Note: *The scores of the games played against Team D **would not come** into the equations until you have exhausted all of the items in Step 1. If still tied after that you would go to step 2. and start the process over again using all of the game the teams played in the Round Robin.*

Example #2:

Two teams, (A) and (D), are tied with four points each after the Round Robin games.

*To break the tie you only use the one game the teams played **Head to Head** to break the tie.*

In this example, the game the teams played Head to Head ended in a one to one tie.

Step 1.

a. Most Points-They both earned one point in the game because it ended in a tie.

b. Most wins -Zero for each team.

c. Differential-They both scored one goal so the neither team had a surplus or a minus.

d. Quotient-Dividing goals scored into goals against. They both come out at zero (0).

e. Most periods won-They earned three (3) points each because they both scored their only goal in the third period so they earned one point for each of the three periods.

f. Quickest first goal in the game. Team (A) scored at 10:10 of the third period. Team (D) scored at 5:15 of the third period. Therefore Team (A) is the winner of the tiebreaker because they scored first. (In this example the actual time on the clock was used, like it is supposed to be, under the new system of recording the time of goals for all tournament games).

Note: *Had their game ended up in a zero (0) to zero (0) tie, using the same scenario as above and after going through all of the steps in Step 1., then they would have started the process all over again only this time they would use all of the games both teams played.*

21. Home Team For Championship Game

The on-site Tournament Chairperson shall flip a coin to determine the home team for the championship game. The coach from the team that has traveled the farthest distance to the tournament site shall call the flip. The winner of the flip is the home team.

22. Daylight Savings Time:

On the Sunday that Daylight Savings time starts all games, both in the morning and in the afternoon/evening, shall automatically be scheduled to start ONE HOUR LATER than the times listed in the Guide Book.

23. Combination Schedule for Midget Tier I 16 & Under and 18 & Under State tournaments.

In order to schedule and play a full eight teams schedule at the Tier I Midget 16U and/or 18U classification at least two of the four Sections in the State must have at least four teams registered and another Section of the State must have at least one team registered in that classification.

Otherwise the two Classification will be combined into one eight teams, with two separate Divisions, schedule and made up of four teams at the 16U level and four teams at the 18U level.

If the Host Association qualifies a team to play in either of the tournament Divisions it will not get a "Host Team" seed in the other tournament Division. The Host Association will only receive a "Host Team" seed, in one of the tournaments Divisions, if both of the Host's teams fail to qualify for either tournament. When that happens the Host Association shall chose what team it will be and it shall be seeded as team "A" in the tournament Division it chose to play in.

EXAMPLE FOR GIRLS & WOMEN ONLY

<u>Team A2</u>	<u>Team B1</u>	<u>Team A + 2 points</u>	<u>Team C2</u>	<u>Team A5</u>	<u>Team C + 0 points</u>
Team A5	Team C2	Team A + 2 points	Team C4	Team B2	Team C + 2 points
Team A3	Team D7	Team A + 0 points	Team C5	Team D3	Team C + 2 points
		Team A + 4 points			Team C + 4 points

Team B1	Team A2	Team B + 0 points	Team D7	Team A3	Team D + 2 points
Team B2	Team C4	Team B + 0 points	Team D3	Team B2	Team D + 2 points
Team B2	Team D3	Team B + 0 points	Team D3	Team C5	Team D + 0 points
		Team B + 0 points			Team D + 4 points

These teams are tied with four points each after the round robin. They are A, C, + D.
 Note: Use only the games played head to head by the teams tied for 1.a, 1.b & 1.c.

1.a	A vs C	A + 2 points	C vs A	C + 0 points	D vs A	D + 2 points
	A vs D	A + 0 points	C vs D	C + 2 points	D vs C	D + 0 points
		A + 2 points		C + 2 points		D + 2 points

1.b	A5	C2	C2	A5	D7	A3
	A3	D7	C5	D3	D3	C5
	8 for 9 against - 1		7 for 8 against - 1		10 for 8 against + 2	

Teams A & C are still tied at minus 1 goal each, therefore ALL three teams continue to 1.c.

1.c	Team A divide goals scored for (8) by goals scored against (9). 8 / 9
	Team C divide goals scored for (7) by goals scored against (8). 7 / 8
	Team D divide goals scored for (10) by goals scored against (8). 10 / 8

The tie has been broken simultaneously for all three teams tied and the order of finish is:
 1st Place – Team D 1.250 quotient
 2nd Place – Team A .888 quotient
 3rd Place – Team C .875 quotient

APPENDIX 1

PAIRINGS AND SCHEDULES FOR STATE TOURNAMENTS

PAIRINGS STATE <u>TIER I</u> TOURNAMENTS 2011 – 2012			
Division 1		Division 2	
A. East	1	E. Central	1
B. At Large	1	F. East	2
C. North	1	G. At Large	2
D. West	2	H. West	1

PAIRINGS STATE <u>TIER I</u> TOURNAMENTS 2011 – 2012			
Division 1		Division 2	
A. North	1	E. At Large	2
B. East	2	F. East	1
C. West	1	G. West	2
D. At Large	1	H. Central	1

PAIRINGS
STATE **TIER II**
TOURNAMENTS
2011 – 2012

Division 1		Division 2	
A. West	2	E. West	1
B. Central	1	F. East	2
C. North	2	G. North	1
D. East	1	H. Central	2

PAIRINGS
STATE **TIER II**
TOURNAMENTS
2011 – 2012

Division 1		Division 2	
A. East	1	E. East	2
B. West	2	F. Central	1
C. North	1	G. North	2
D. Central	2	H. West	1

For Tier II only:

When the host team fails to qualify, the tournament will become a nine-team tournament and the host team shall be team A in Division I. The other teams in Division I will be teams B, C, D and E. Division II shall become teams F, G, H, and I.

Note: Tier III and Girls/Women's Pairings use the same schedule as the Tier II Center with Section allocations being determined at the January NYSAHA Board Meeting.

THREE TEAM PLAYING SCHEDULE FOR ALL PRE-SECTIONAL, SECTIONAL AND STATE TOURNAMENTS				
SATURDAY				
	Home vs. Visitor	10 & Under Youth 12 & Under Girls	12 & Under Youth 14, 16 & 19 & Under Girls Women's Senior	14, 16, and 18 & Under Youth High School Club
Game #1	A vs B	8:00-9:15 AM	8:00-9:50 AM	8:00-10:00 AM
Game #2	C vs A	1:30-2:45 PM	2:00-3:50 PM	2:00-4:00 PM
Game #3	B vs C	7:00-8:15 PM	8:00-9:50 PM	8:00-10:00 PM

The team with the highest point total wins the tournament. (2 points win, 1 point tie, 0 points loss.) For all youth 10 and under and girls 12 & under tournaments the ice is to be resurfaced before each game and also after the second period in all other tournaments.

DIVISION I - (A) Host Association's Team, (B), (C)

FOUR TEAM PLAYING SCHEDULE FOR ALL PRE-SECTIONAL, SECTIONAL AND STATE TOURNAMENTS				
SATURDAY				
	Home vs. Visitor	10 & Under Youth 12 & Under Girls	12 & Under Youth 14, 16 & 19 & Under Girls Women's Senior	14, 16, and 18 & Under Youth High School Club
Game #1	A vs B	10:00-11:15AM	8:00-9:40 AM	8:00-10:00 AM
Game #2	C vs D	11:30-12:45 PM	9:50-11:40AM	10:00-12:00 PM
Game #3	A vs C	5:00-6:15 PM	4:00-5:40 PM	4:00-6:00 PM
Game #4	B vs D	6:30-7:45 PM	5:50-7:40 PM	6:00-8:00 PM
SUNDAY				
Game #5	D vs A	8:00-9:15 AM	8:00-9:40 AM	8:00-10:00 AM
Game #6	B vs C	9:30-10:45 AM	9:50 AM-11:40 AM	10:00-12:00 PM
Game #7	See Note	3:00-5:00 PM	4:00-6:00 PM	4:00-6:00 PM

Note: For game #7 the two teams with the highest point totals play for championship. (2 points win, 1 point tie, 0 points loss.) (Championship games shall be played in state tournaments only).

For all youth ten and under and girls 12 & under tournaments the ice is to be resurfaced before each game and also after the second period in the championship game. In all other tournaments the ice is to be resurfaced before the start of each game and after the second period in each game.

DIVISION I – (A), (B), (C), (D)

FIVE TEAM PLAYING SCHEDULE FOR ALL PRE-SECTIONAL, SECTIONAL AND STATE TOURNAMENTS

FRIDAY

	Home vs. Visitor	10 & Under Youth 12 & Under Girls	12 & Under Youth 14, 16 & 19 & Under Girls Women's Senior	14, 16, and 18 & Under Youth High School Club
Game #1	A vs B	12:00-1:15 PM	11:00-12:40 PM	11:00-1:00 PM
Game #2	C vs D	1:30-2:45 PM	12:50-2:40 PM	1:00-3:00 PM
Game #3	B vs E	5:30-6:45 PM	5:00-6:50 PM	5:00-7:00 PM
Game #4	C vs A	7:30-8:15 PM	6:50-8:40 PM	7:00-9:00 PM

SATURDAY

Game #5	E vs D	10:00-11:15 AM	9:00-10:40 AM	9:00-11:00 AM
Game #6	B vs C	11:30-12:45 PM	10:50-12:40 PM	11:00-1:00 PM
Game #7	D vs A	4:00-5:15 PM	3:00-4:40 PM	3:00 – 5:00 PM
Game #8	E vs C	5:30-6:45 PM	4:50-6:40 PM	5:00-7:00 PM

SUNDAY

Game #9	A vs E	8:00-9:15 AM	8:00-9:40 AM	8:00-10:00 AM
Game #10	D vs B	9:30-10:45 AM	9:50-11:40 AM	10:00-12:00 PM
Game #11	See Note	3:00-5:00 PM	4:00-6:00 PM	4:00-6:00 PM

Note: For game #11 the two teams with highest point totals play for championship. (2 pts win, 1pt.tie, 0 pts loss). (Championship games shall be played in state tournaments only).

For all youth ten and under and girls 12 & under tournaments the ice is to be resurfaced before each game and also after the second period in the championship game. In all other tournaments the ice is to be resurfaced before the start of each game and after the second period in each game.

DIVISION I -(A), (B),(C), (D), (E)

SIX TEAM PLAYING SCHEDULE FOR ALL PRE-SECTIONAL, SECTIONAL AND STATE TOURNAMENTS

FRIDAY

	Home vs. Visitor	10 & Under Youth 12 & Under Girls	12 & Under Youth 14, 16 & 19 & Under Girls Women's Senior	14, 16, and 18 & Under Youth High School Club
Game #1	A vs B	10:00-11:15AM	8:00-9:40 AM	8:00-10:00 AM
Game #2	C vs E	11:30-12:45 PM	9:50-11:40AM	10:00-12:00 PM
Game #3	F vs D	1:00-2:15 PM	11:40-1:30 PM	12:00-2:00 PM
Game #4	E vs A	5:00-6:15 PM	4:00-5:40 PM	4:00-6:00 PM
Game #5	B vs F	6:30-7:45 PM	5:50-7:30 PM	6:00-8:00 PM
Game #6	D vs C	8:00-9:15 PM	7:40-9:30 PM	8:00-10:00 PM

SATURDAY

Game #7	E vs B	10:00-11:15 AM	8:00-9:40 AM	8:00-10:00 AM
Game #8	A vs D	11:30-12:45 PM	9:50-11:30AM	10:00-12:00 PM
Game #9	C vs F	1:00-2:15 PM	11:40-1:30 PM	12:00-2:00 PM
Game #10	D vs E	5:00-6:15 PM	4:00-5:40 PM	4:00-6:00 PM
Game #11	F vs A	6:30-7:45 PM	5:50-7:30 PM	6:00-8:00 PM
Game #12	B vs C	8:00-9:15 PM	7:40-9:30 PM	8:00-10:00 PM

SUNDAY

Game #13	E vs F	8:00-9:15 AM	8:00-9:40AM	8:00-10:00AM
Game #14	D vs B	9:30-10:45 PM	9:50-11:30AM	10:00AM-12:00PM
Game #15	A vs C	11:00-12:15 PM	11:40AM-1:30PM	12:00-2:00PM
Game #16	See Note	4:30-6:30 PM	6:00-8:00PM	6:00-8:00PM

Note: For game #16 the two teams with highest point totals play for championship. (2 pts win, 1pt.tie, 0 pts loss).- (Championship games shall be played in state tournaments only).

For all youth ten and under and girls 12 & under tournaments the ice is to be resurfaced before each game and also after the second period in the championship game. In all other tournaments the ice is to be resurfaced before the start of each game and after the second period in each game.

DIVISION I – (A), (B),(C), (D), (E), (F)

SEVEN TEAM PLAYING SCHEDULE FOR ALL PRE-SECTIONAL, SECTIONAL AND STATE TOURNAMENTS

FRIDAY

	Home vs. Visitor	10 & Under Youth 12 & Under Girls	12 & Under Youth 14, 16 & 19 & Under Girls Women's Senior	14, 16, and 18 & Under Youth High School Club
Game #1	D vs A	9:00 AM	7:00 AM	7:00 AM
Game #2	E vs F	10:30 AM	8:50 AM	9:00 AM
Game #3	B vs G	12:00 PM	10:40 AM	11:00 AM
Game #4	C vs A	2:30 PM	1:00 PM	1:00 PM
Game #5	F vs D	4:00 PM	2:50 PM	3:00 PM
Game #6	E vs B	5:30 PM	4:40 PM	5:00 PM
Game #7	C vs G	8:00 PM	7:00 PM	7:00 PM

SATURDAY

Game #8	A vs E	8:00 AM	7:00 AM	7:00 AM
Game #9	G vs D	9:30 AM	8:50 AM	9:00 AM
Game #10	F vs C	11:00 AM	10:40 AM	11:00 AM
Game #11	A vs B	1:30 PM	1:00 PM	1:00 PM
Game #12	E vs D	3:00 PM	2:50 PM	3:00 PM
Game #13	F vs G	4:30 PM	4:40 PM	5:00 PM
Game #14	B vs C	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	7:00 PM

SUNDAY

Game #15	G vs A	7:00 AM	7:00 AM	7:00 AM
Game #16	B vs F	8:30 AM	8:50 AM	9:00 AM
Game #17	D vs C	10:00 AM	10:40 AM	11:00 AM
Game #18	G vs E	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	1:00 PM
Game #19	A vs F	2:00 PM	2:50 PM	3:00 PM
Game #20	D vs B	3:30 PM	4:40 PM	5:00 PM
Game #21	C vs E	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	7:00 PM

The team with the highest point total wins the tournament. (2 Points win, 1 point tie and 0 points loss.)

The ice is to be resurfaced before the start of each game in the Youth 10 & Under and Girls 12 & Under Divisions. The ice is to be resurfaced before each game and after the second period, in each game, for the rest of the divisions.

DIVISION I - (A) Host Association's Team, (B), (C), (D), (E), (F), (G)

**EIGHT TEAM PLAYING SCHEDULE FOR ALL YOUTH 10 & UNDER, 12 & UNDER
AND ALL GIRLS/WOMEN'S PRE-SECTIONAL, SECTIONAL AND STATE
TOURNAMENTS**

FRIDAY

	Home vs. Visitor	10 & Under Youth 12 & Under Girls	12 & Under Youth 14, 16 & 19 & Under Girls Women's Senior
Game #1	A vs B	4:00 – 5:15 PM	2:00-3:40 PM
Game #2	C vs D	5:30 – 6:45 PM	3:50 – 5:30 PM
Game #3	E vs F	7:00 – 8:15 PM	5:50 – 7:30 PM
Game #4	G vs H	8:30 – 9:45 PM	7:40 – 9:20 PM

SATURDAY

Game #5	A vs C	8:00 – 9:15 AM	7:00 – 8:40 AM
Game #6	B vs D	9:30 – 10:45 AM	8:50 – 10:30 AM
Game #7	E vs G	11:00 – 12:15 PM	10:50 – 12:30 PM
Game #8	F vs H	12:30 – 1:45 PM	12:40 – 2:20 PM
Game #9	D vs A	3:00 – 4:15 PM	2:50- 4:30 PM
Game #10	B vs C	4:30 – 5:45 PM	4:40 – 6:20 PM
Game #11	H vs E	6:00 – 7:15 PM	6:30 – 8:10 PM
Game #12	G vs F	7:30 – 8:45 PM	8:20 – 10:00 PM

SUNDAY

Game #13	1 st Div. #I vs 2 nd Div. #II	9:00 – 10:45 AM	10:00AM – 12:00PM
Game #14	1 st Div. #II vs 2 nd Div. #I	11:00 – 12:45 PM	12:00PM – 2:00PM
Game #15	Winner of #13 vs Winner #14	5:00 – 7:00 PM	6:00PM – 8:00PM

For all Youth 10 & Under and Girls 12 & Under Tournaments, the ice is to be resurfaced before each game and also after the second period in games 13, 14 and 15. In all other tournaments, the ice is to be resurfaced before each game and after the second period in each game.

DIVISION I – (A), (B), (C), (D) DIVISION II – (E), (F), (G), (H)

**EIGHT TEAM PLAYING SCHEDULE FOR ALL PRE-SECTIONAL,
SECTIONAL AND STATE TOURNAMENTS**

14 & Under, 16 & Under, 18 & Under and

High School Club

FRIDAY

	HOME		VISITOR	
Game #1	A	vs	B	9:00 – 11:00
Game #2	C	vs	D	11:00 – 1:00
Game #3	E	vs	F	1:00 – 3:00
Game #4	G	vs	H	3:00 – 5:00
Game #5	A	vs	C	5:00 – 7:00
Game #6	B	vs	D	7:00 – 9:00

SATURDAY

Game #7	E	vs	G	8:00 – 10:00
Game #8	F	vs	H	10:00-12:00
Game #9	D	vs	A	12:00- 2:00
Game #10	B	vs	C	2:00 – 4:00
Game #11	H	vs	E	4:00 – 6:00
Game #12	G	vs	F	6:00 – 8:00

SUNDAY

Game #13	1st Div. I	vs	2nd Div II	9:00 – 11:00
Game #14	1st Div. II	vs	2nd Div. I	11:00 – 1:00
Game #15	Winner #13	vs	Winner #14	5:00 – 7:00

The ice is to be resurfaced before each game and after the second period in all games.

DIVISION I – (A), (B), (C), (D) DIVISION II – (E), (F), (G), (H)

NINE TEAM PLAYING SCHEDULE FOR ALL PRE-SECTIONAL, SECTIONAL AND STATE TOURNAMENTS

FRIDAY

	Home vs. Visitor	10 & Under Youth 12 & Under Girls	12 & Under Youth 14, 16 & 19 & Under Girls Women's Senior	14, 16, and 18 & Under Youth High School Club
Game #1	A vs B	8:00-9:15 AM	7:00-8:40 AM	6:00-8:00 AM
Game #2	F vs G	9:30-10:45 AM	8:50-10:30 AM	8:00-10:00 AM
Game #3	D vs E	11:00-12:15 PM	10:50-12:30 PM	10:00-12:00 PM
Game #4	H vs I	12:30-1:45 PM	12:40-2:20 PM	12:00-2:00 PM
Game #5	B vs C	2:00-3:15 PM	2:30-4:10 PM	2:00-4:00 PM
Game #6	D vs A	4:30-5:45 PM	4:40-6:20 PM	4:00-6:00 PM
Game #7	F vs H	6:00-7:15 PM	6:30-8:10 PM	6:00-8:00 PM
Game #8	C vs E	7:30-8:45 PM	8:20-10:00 PM	8:00-10:00 PM

SATURDAY

Game #9	G vs I	8:00-9:15 AM	7:00-8:40 AM	6:00-8:00 AM
Game #10	B vs D	9:30-10:45 AM	8:50-10:30 AM	8:00-10:00 AM
Game #11	E vs A	11:00-12:15 PM	10:50-12:30 PM	10:00-12:00 PM
Game #12	I vs F	1:30-2:45 PM	1:00-2:40 PM	12:00-2:00 PM
Game #13	C vs D	3:00-4:15 PM	2:50-4:30 PM	2:00-4:00 PM
Game #14	E vs B	5:30-6:45 PM	4:40-6:20 PM	4:00-6:00 PM
Game #15	G vs H	7:00-8:15 PM	6:30-8:10 PM	6:00-8:00 PM
Game #16	A vs C	8:30-9:45 PM	8:30-10:10 PM	8:00-10:00 PM

SUNDAY

Game #17	1 st Div. #I vs 2 nd Div. #II	10:00 – 11:45 AM	10:00 – 12:00 PM	10:00-12:00 PM
Game #18	1 st Div. #II vs 2 nd Div. #I	12:00 – 1:45 PM	12:00 – 2:00 PM	12:00-2:00 PM
Game #19	Winner of #17 vs Winner #18	6:00 – 7:45 PM	6:00 – 8:00 PM	6:00-8:00 PM

For all Youth 10 & Under and Girls 12 & Under tournaments, the ice is to be resurfaced before each game and also after the second period in games 17, 18 and 19. In all other tournaments, the ice is to be resurfaced before each game and after the second period in each game.

DIVISION I – (A), (B), (C), (D), (E) DIVISION II – (F), (G), (H), (I)

TEN TEAM PLAYING SCHEDULE FOR ALL YOUTH 10 & UNDER, 12 & UNDER AND ALL GIRLS/WOMEN'S PRE-SECTIONAL, SECTIONAL AND STATE TOURNAMENTS			
FRIDAY			
	Home vs. Visitor	10 & Under Youth 12 & Under Girls	12 & Under Youth 14, 16 & 19 & Under Girls Women's Senior
Game #1	F vs G	7:00 AM	6:00 AM
Game #2	A vs B	8:30 AM	7:40 AM
Game #3	C vs D	10:00 AM	9:20 AM
Game #4	H vs I	11:30 AM	11:00 AM
Game #5	G vs J	1:00 PM	12:40 PM
Game #6	B vs E	2:30 PM	2:20 PM
Game #7	C vs A	4:00 PM	4:00 PM
Game #8	H vs F	5:30 PM	5:40 PM
Game #9	J vs I	7:00 PM	7:20 PM
Game #10	E vs D	8:30 PM	9:00 PM
SATURDAY			
Game #11	B vs C	7:00 AM	6:00 AM
Game #12	G vs H	8:30 AM	7:40 AM
Game #13	I vs F	10:00 AM	9:20 AM
Game #14	D vs A	11:30 AM	11:00 AM
Game #15	E vs C	1:00 PM	12:40 PM
Game #16	J vs H	2:30 PM	2:20 PM
Game #17	I vs G	4:00 PM	4:00 PM
Game #18	D vs B	5:30 PM	5:40 PM
Game #19	A vs E	7:00 PM	7:20 PM
Game #20	F vs J	8:30 PM	9:00 PM
SUNDAY			
Game #21	1 st Div. #I vs 2 nd Div. #II	10:00 AM	10:00 AM
Game #22	1 st Div. #II vs 2 nd Div. #I	11:45 AM	12:00 PM
Game #23	Winner of #21 vs Winner #22	5:30 PM	6:00 PM

For youth 10 & Under and Girls 12 & Under tournaments, the ice is to be resurfaced before each game and also after the second period in games #21, 22 and 23. The ice is to be resurfaced before the start of each game and after the second period in each game for all the other tournaments.

DIVISION I – (A), (B), (C), (D), (E) DIVISION II – (F), (G), (H), (I), (J)

TEN TEAM PLAYING SCHEDULE FOR ALL PRE-SECTIONAL, SECTIONAL AND STATE TOURNAMENTS				
14 & Under, 16 & Under, 18 & Under and High School Club				
THURSDAY				
	HOME	vs	VISITOR	
Game #1	F	vs	G	1:00– 3:00PM
Game #2	H	vs	I	3:00 - 5:00PM
Game #3	A	vs	B	5:00– 7:00 PM
Game #4	C	vs	D	7:00 – 9:00PM
FRIDAY				
Game #5	G	vs	J	6:00– 8:00AM
Game #6	H	vs	F	8:00– 10:00AM
Game #7	B	vs	E	10:00– 2:00PM
Game #8	C	vs	A	12:00-2:00PM
Game #9	J	vs	I	2:00 – 4:00PM
Game #10	E	vs	D	4:00 – 6:00PM
Game #11	G	vs	H	6:00 – 8:00PM
Game #12	B	vs	C	8:00– 10:00PM
SATURDAY				
Game #13	I	vs	F	6:00 – 8:00AM
Game #14	D	vs	A	8:00– 10:00AM
Game #15	E	vs	C	10:00– 2:00AM
Game #16	J	vs	H	12:00– 2:00PM
Game #17	I	vs	G	2:00 – 4:00PM
Game #18	D	vs	B	4:00 – 6:00PM
Game #19	F	vs	J	6:00 – 8:00PM
Game #20	A	vs	E	8:00– 10:00PM
SUNDAY				
Game #21	1 st Div. #I	vs	2 nd Div. #II	10:00-12:00PM
Game #22	1 st Div. #II	vs	2 nd Div. #I	12:00-2:00PM
Game #23	Winner of #21 vs Winner #22	vs	Winner #22	6:00-8:00PM

DIVISION I –(A), (B), (C), (D), (E) DIVISION II – (F), (G), (H), (I), (J)

F.

**NEW YORK STATE
AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC.
NEW YORK STATE POLICIES**

SEXUAL ABUSE POLICY

In accordance with USA Hockey policy, it is the policy of NYSAHA that there shall be no sexual abuse of any minor participant involved in any of its sanctioned programs, its training camps, hockey clinics, referee clinics, Regional and National Tournaments or other USA Hockey events by an employee, volunteer or independent contractor. Sexual abuse of a minor participant occurs when an employee, volunteer or independent contractor touches a minor participant for the purpose of causing the sexual arousal or gratification of either the minor participant or the employee, volunteer or independent contractor. Sexual abuse of a minor participant also occurs when a minor player touches an employee, volunteer or independent contractor for the sexual arousal or sexual gratification of either the minor participant or the employee, volunteer or Independent contractor, if the touching occurs at the request or with the consent of the employee, volunteer or independent contractor.

Neither consent of the player to the sexual contact, mistake as to the participant's age, nor the fact that the sexual contact did not take place at a hockey function are defenses to a complaint of sexual abuse. Upon proof of violation of this policy, the violator will be permanently banned or suspended from New York State Amateur Hockey, Inc., its sanctioned programs and/or the programs of its affiliate associations.

SCREENING POLICY

It is the policy of New York State Amateur Hockey that it will not authorize or sanction in its programs that it directly controls, any volunteer or employee who has routine access to children (anyone under the age of majority) who refuses to consent to be screened by New York State Amateur Hockey (NYSAHA) before he/she is allowed to have routine access to children in NYSAHA programs. Further, it is the policy of NYSAHA that it will require its affiliates to adopt this policy as a condition of its affiliation with NYSAHA.

A person may be disqualified and prohibited from serving as an employee or volunteer of NYSAHA if the person has:

- 1. Been convicted (including crimes of the record of which has been expunged and pleas of "no contest") of a crime of child abuse, sexual abuse of a minor, physical abuse, causing a child's death, neglect of a child, murder, manslaughter, felony assault, any assault against a minor, kidnapping, arson, criminal sexual conduct, prostitution related crimes or controlled substance crimes;*
- 2. Being adjudged liable for civil penalties or damages involving sexual or physical abuse of children;*
- 3. Being subject to any court order involving any sexual abuse or physical abuse of a minor; including but not limited to domestic order of protection;*
- 4. Had their parental rights terminated;*
- 5. A history with another organization (volunteer, employment, etc.) of complaints of sexual or physical abuse of minors;*
- 6. Resigned, been terminated or been asked to resign from a position, whether paid or unpaid, due to complaint(s) of sexual or physical abuse of minors; or*
- 7. Has a history of other behavior that indicates they may be a danger to children in NYSAHA.*

PHYSICAL ABUSE POLICY

It is the policy of New York State Amateur Hockey Association (NYSAHA) that there shall be no physical abuse of any participant involved in any of its sanctioned programs, its training camps, hockey clinics, coaches clinics, referee clinics, Regional and National Tournaments or other NYSAHA events by an employee, volunteer or independent contractor. Physical abuse means physical contact with a participant that intentionally causes the participant to sustain bodily harm or personal injury. Physical abuse also includes physical contact with a participant that intentionally creates a threat of immediate bodily harm or personal injury.

Physical abuse does not include physical contact that is reasonably designed to coach, teach or demonstrate a hockey skill. Permitted physical conduct may include, but is not necessarily limited to, shooting pucks at a goaltender, demonstrating checking and other hockey skills, and communicating with or directing participants, during the course of a game or practice, by touching them in a non-threatening, non-sexual manner.

NO HAZING POLICY

It is the policy of USA Hockey and New York State Amateur Hockey Association, Inc. that there shall be no hazing of any participant involved in any sanctioned program, training camp, hockey clinic, coaching clinic, referee clinic, regional and national tournament or associated events conducted by their employees, volunteers, participants or independent contractors.

Hazing is defined as conduct that is insulting, intimidating, humiliating, offensive, or physically harmful, and includes the activity known as “locker boxing” or “helmet and gloves” that is popular with children and young adults and often produces head trauma and serious injury.

Any player, team official, executive member of a team, club or association having been party to or having had knowledge of hazing, without reporting it to the respective Section President or taking clear affirmative action to assure that it is not repeated, shall be subject to suspension from playing or holding office with any team, club or association affiliated with USA Hockey and New York State Amateur Hockey Association, Inc.

CONSUMPTION/USE/ABUSE OF MOOD ALTERING SUBSTANCES POLICY

It is the considered judgment of the Board of Directors of NYSAHA that consumption/use/abuse of mood altering substances is detrimental to a healthy state of mind, body, and spirit in an athletic participant. This is especially true for those participants aspiring to develop their talents in the furtherance of their playing, or coaching, or officiating careers in the sport of ice hockey. Therefore, with the best interests of its participants in mind, NYSAHA prohibit use by any participant of mood altering substances during active participation in its programs, and, upon discovery of any violation, shall take action to remove the participant from participation in its programs for a reasonable period of time. Further, NYSAHA hereby recommend that each and all of its teams, associations, programs and affiliates adopt reasonable regulations concerning the prohibition of consumption/use/abuse of mood altering substances, and a reasonable enforcement procedure thereafter, in order to maintain the health of our athlete participants, the integrity of our programs, and the eligibility of all

of our competitors for national, international, and collegiate competition. For purposes of this policy, the words “mood altering substances” shall include the following:

1. Intoxicating beverages, including, but not limited to, alcohol.
2. Non-prescription or prescribed controlled substances.
3. Prescription or prescribed controlled substances when used to an excess in violation of doctors orders, or to produce the state of intoxication in the participant. Further, a participant shall include players, coaches, referees, and all persons involved in the conduct of an ice or inline hockey contest.

Locker Room Supervision Policy

Adopted June 2010 USAH Annual Congress

USA Hockey is concerned with locker room activities between minor players; minor players and adult players; adults being alone with individual minor players in locker rooms; and with nonofficial or non-related adults having unsupervised access to minor participants at sanctioned team events.

It is the policy of USA Hockey and USA Hockey In-Line that all Affiliates, Districts, leagues, and local hockey programs have at least one responsible adult present directly monitoring the locker room during all team events to assure that only participants, (coaches and players), approved team personnel and family members are permitted in the locker room and to supervise the conduct in the locker room.

Any individual meetings with a minor participant and a coach in a locker room shall require a responsible adult be with the coach. Further, responsible adults must personally monitor the locker room environment at all times while participants are present and also make sure the locker room is appropriately secured during times when minor participants are on the ice.

Teams, leagues and local hockey associations shall also comply with the USA Hockey Coed locker room policy set out.

ADMINISTRATIVE MENTORING

Adopted June 2011, USAH Annual Congress

Develop a network of mentors within a Section who are well-versed in the proper administration of a League/Association. A network of experienced volunteer mentors available to both hand-hold new administrations and offer the ability for a neutral intervention when needed.

Issue:

The potential for harm and exposure to risk from a novice or inadequately prepared/trained League/Association administration is broad and real. Improper management of paperwork and administrative responsibilities opens the League/Association to issues such as:

- players/coaches without insurance because of registrar failures;

- unsanctioned games because of registrar failures;
- players exposed to unacceptable coaches because proper screening isn't done;
- Leagues/Associations unable to be represented at Section and NYSAHA meetings because the proper delegate paperwork isn't done;
- Players/teams unable to participate in States because paperwork is flawed or non-existent;
- Due process and discipline is inconsistent or non-existent leading to glaring inconsistencies from League to League.

The current standard regarding the administration of a League/Association is to presume competence and resolve issues as they present themselves. Reactionary. Unfortunately a problem or incident must occur and then higher powers called in on an emergency basis to resolve at the Section, State or even National level.

Beyond disciplinary intervention there is very little room to resolve administrative issues in a neutral, friendly and constructive manner. There are Leagues/Associations that we may be aware are not properly equipped to competently administer the rules of USAH and NYSAHA. On the Section level we can suggest and offer direct assistance. However there is no means to propel the administration to accept. If they refuse, out of pride or another example of ignorance, there is no leverage short of offending the person and potentially alienating a volunteer by demanding their attention.

Coaches are not only required to be trained, but Leagues/Associations are compelled to carry an ACE coordinator. Registrars are given a session at the NYSAHA Annual meeting (if their League or they can afford to attend), and then have to depend on the generosity and availability of their Section Registrar. Beyond a couple of workshops at the NYSAHA Annual meeting, and being handed a guide book at a Section meeting training isn't in place for the administrators of Leagues.

NYSAHA Recommendation Administrative Mentoring

Rather than take a reactionary cross-your-fingers approach become proactive and constructive. Eliminate problems by narrowing the possibility of problems. Develop within the Section/State a pool of volunteer veteran administrators familiar with the rules, regulations and expectations of USAH and the NYSAHA.

- When a League/Association experiences a turnover of administration they'd be coupled with a mentor.
- The mentor would be in place for a year taking the role of big brother/big sister.
- Taking the time after the NYSAHA Annual meeting to meet one-on-one with at least the new administrator.
- Doing an overview of the guidebook.

- Presenting a single page time line of important League/Registrar deadlines.
- The mentor would send out a reminder prior to the deadlines and reinforce that he/she is there to answer questions or explain policy/procedure.
- A list of FAQs developed by the NYSAHA/Section based on the more common mistakes/problems. Identify the problem and build a question to encompass it. Such as: Why do I have to make sure players/coaches are insured?

A mentor would be a more personal connection .If mentors were reasonably regionally based they could have an “intro-get acquainted” meeting soon after the NYSAHA meeting with all parties in their region at one time in one location. Thanks to the age of technology group emails could be utilized for most other bullets.

POLICIES

(Initially Adopted by the Board of Directors on
April 30, 2011; Effective as of June 5, 2011)

I. MATTERS COMMON TO ALL BOARD POLICIES

1.1 Introduction. The policies described in sections II through IV hereof have been adopted by the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of the New York State Amateur Hockey Association, Inc. (“NYS Hockey”) with a view to ensuring that the activities of NYS Hockey are conducted in accordance with the highest ethical standards and in compliance with applicable federal and state law and the policies of USA Hockey Inc.

1.2 Potential Conflict with Law. If there is any inconsistency between the requirements of these policies and those of applicable federal or state law, the latter will control.

1.3 Questions. If any director, officer, employee or appointed coordinator (collectively, “Representatives”) of NYS Hockey has any questions concerning these policies, such Representative should direct such questions to the President and the Secretary of NYS Hockey.

1.4 Deemed Acceptance of Policies. By virtue of his or her association with NYS Hockey, each Representative shall be deemed to have received and be bound by these policies, together with the written policies of USA Hockey and NYS Hockey as set forth in their respective guidebooks (collectively, the “Policies”). Without derogating from the generality of the

foregoing, each incoming (re-elected, appointed or otherwise) officer and director of NYS Hockey will be required to submit to the Secretary of NYS Hockey a certificate, substantially in the form annexed hereto, in which he or she: (a) acknowledges having reviewed the Policies and (b) agrees to comply with them, as the same may be amended or supplemented from time to time.

1.5 Definitions. The terms “NYS Hockey”, “Board”, and “Representatives”, as defined in this section I, shall have the same meanings when used elsewhere in these policies.

1.6 Amendments. The Board reserves the right to amend or supplement these policies at any time and from time to time.

II. CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

2.1 Introduction and Purpose.

(a) Conflicts of interest have the potential to cause legal problems as well as embarrassment for NYS Hockey. While transactions involving conflicts of interest may not be prohibited, they must be fully disclosed to and considered by the Board of NYS Hockey prior to being implemented.

(b) This conflict of interest policy is designed to help Representatives of NYS Hockey identify situations that present potential conflicts of interest and to provide NYS Hockey with a procedure that, if observed, will allow a transaction to be treated as valid and binding even though a Representative has or may have a conflict of interest with respect to the transaction. Certain terms used in this policy are defined in Section 2.4.

2.2 Conflict of Interest Defined. For purposes of this policy, the following circumstances shall be deemed to create conflicts of interest:

(a) Outside Interests.

(i) A contract or transaction between NYS Hockey and a Representative or a close relative of such Representative.

(ii) A contract or transaction between NYS Hockey and an entity in which a Representative or close relative has a material financial interest or of which such person is a director, officer, agent, partner, associate, trustee, personal representative, receiver, guardian, custodian, conservator or other legal representative.

(iii) If a representative holds a responsible position in an entity with a matter pending before NYS Hockey, or has direct involvement in the matter in question.

(iv) If a representative is a close relative of an individual with a matter pending before NYS Hockey, or is a close relative of an individual who holds a responsible position in an entity with a matter pending before NYS Hockey.

(b) Gifts, Gratuities and Entertainment. A Representative accepting gifts, entertainment or other favors from any individual or entity who or which:

(i) does, or is seeking to do, business with NYS Hockey;

or

(ii) has received, is receiving, or is seeking to receive a grant, or to secure other financial considerations from NYS Hockey;

under circumstances where it might be inferred that such action was intended to influence or possibly would influence such Representative in the performance of his or her duties.

These provisions do not preclude the acceptance of items of normal or insignificant value or entertainment of nominal or insignificant value that are not related to any particular transactions or activity of NYS Hockey.

2.3 Procedures.

(a) Before Board action on a proposed contract or transaction involving a Conflict of Interest is taken, all facts material to the Conflict of Interest shall be disclosed to the Board.

(b) A person who has a Conflict of Interest shall not participate in the Board's discussion of the matter except to disclose material facts and to respond to questions. Such person shall not attempt to exert his or her personal influence with respect to the matter, either at or outside the meeting.

(c) A person who has a Conflict of Interest may not vote on the matter in question.

(d) Following full discussion of the possible conflict of interest, the Board shall determine whether or not a conflict of interest exists and, if so, the Board shall vote to authorize the contract or transaction or take any other action it deems necessary to address the conflict and protect the best interests of NYS Hockey.

2.4 Definitions. For purposes of this policy, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) A "close relative" of a person is a spouse, domestic partner, parent, child, or spouse of a child, brother, sister, or spouse of a brother or sister, of the person in question.

(b) A "contract or transaction" is any agreement or relationship involving the sale or purchase of goods, services or rights of any kind, the providing or receipt of a loan or grant, or the establishment of any other type of economic relationship with NYS Hockey. The making of a gift to NYS Hockey is not a contract or transaction.

(c) A "material financial interest" of a person in an entity is a financial interest of any kind that, in view of all the circumstances, is substantial enough that it would, or reasonably could, affect the person's judgment with respect to transactions to which the entity is a party.

(d) A "responsible position" in an entity includes (i) the ownership, directly or indirectly, of at least 20% of the ownership interests of the entity, or (ii) the position as an officer, director or manager of the entity, or

holds a control position therein such that he or she has a right to directly or indirectly direct the management and policies of the entity.

III. DOCUMENT RETENTION POLICY

3.1 Purpose. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that necessary records of NYS Hockey are adequately protected and maintained. This policy is also for the purpose of aiding Representatives in understanding their obligations to retain NYS Hockey's records in the event of actual or threatened litigation, governmental investigations or subpoenas.

3.2 Documents Covered by Policy. This policy relates to all of NYS Hockey's significant records and documents including, without limitation, the following categories of records and documents:

(a) Accounting and Administrative Records: Financial statements, ledgers, audit records, tax returns, invoices and expense records, cash receipts and purchase orders. All documents created or received in connection with a donation that is made to NYS Hockey, including grant applications. Records and documents evidencing compliance with any state or federal regulation (including annual publication requirements, attorney general filings and tax related requirements).

(b) Meeting Records; Rules and Policies: Certificate of Incorporation, bylaws, meeting minutes, NYS Hockey's application for approval for federal tax exemption (Form 1023), rules, regulations and policies adopted by Board and Board policies and resolutions.

(c) Employment Records: State unemployment tax records, earnings records, garnishment records, payroll tax returns, W-2 forms and W-4 forms.

(d) Bank Records: Bank deposits, check copies, stop payment orders, bank statements, check signature authorizations and bank reconciliations.

(e) Legal Records: Records relating to claims, court documents and records, deposition records, litigation files and records relevant to pending or threatened litigation or administrative proceedings and Board disciplinary hearings.

(f) Contracts: Contracts or agreements with any: (i) director or officer or close relative of such director or officer or (ii) or any other party if, in the latter case, the contract or agreement in question is for a term of one year or more or involves liability or potential liability to NYS Hockey in an amount of \$25,000 or more.

3.3 Administration. The Board is in charge of the administration of the policy and is responsible for the following functions:

(a) ensuring that Representatives are properly educated as to, and understand and follow, the policy;

(b) providing oversight on actual retention and destruction of records;

- (c) periodically following up with counsel to ensure proper retention periods are in place;
- (d) ensuring the proper storage of records; and
- (e) suspending the destruction of records in the event of any actual or threatened litigation, governmental investigation or subpoena.

3.4 Document Retention. All the documents and records described in Section 3.2 shall be retained for a minimum of seven (7) years.

3.5 Cessation of Record Destruction or Deletion. If: (a) a lawsuit is filed or threatened or (b) a legal document request has been made upon NYS Hockey or (c) NYS Hockey receives notice of a governmental investigation, all destruction and deletion of records must cease immediately. Representatives are obligated to inform their supervisors or other senior officers as soon as they become aware of any circumstances that would or might require such cessation.

IV. WHISLEBLOWER POLICY

4.1 Introduction. NYS Hockey requires all Representatives to observe high standards of business and personal ethics in the conduct of their duties and responsibilities. Such Representatives must practice honesty and integrity in fulfilling their responsibilities and comply with all applicable laws and regulations. Set forth below is NYS Hockey's policy with respect to the reporting by Representatives of good-faith concerns about the legality or propriety of NYS Hockey's actions or plans.

4.2 Reporting Responsibility. It is the responsibility of all Representatives to report violations or suspected violations in accordance with this policy.

4.3 Confidentiality. NYS Hockey will treat all communications under this policy in a confidential manner, except to the extent necessary (a) to conduct a complete and fair investigation, or (b) for review of NYS Hockey's operations by the Board, its independent public accountants and legal counsel.

4.4 Retaliation. NYS Hockey will not permit any negative or adverse actions to be taken against any individual: (a) for making a good-faith report pursuant to this policy even if the report is mistaken, or (b) who assists in the investigation of a reported violation. Retaliation in any form will not be tolerated. Any act of alleged retaliation should be reported immediately and will be promptly investigated. Any Representative who retaliates against someone who has reported a violation in good faith is subject to discipline. This policy is intended to encourage and enable Representatives and others to raise serious concerns within NYS Hockey prior to seeking resolution outside the organization.

4.5 How to Report Concerns or Complaints.

(a) Representatives may communicate suspected ethics violations, violations of applicable law, or other wrongdoing or alleged retaliation by contacting the President of NYS Hockey. However, if you are not comfortable dealing with the President of NYS Hockey or are not satisfied with his or her response, you are encouraged to contact any Board member whom you are comfortable approaching. If you wish to remain anonymous, it is not necessary that you give your name or position in any notification.

(b) Whether or not you identify yourself, for a proper investigation to be conducted, please provide NYS Hockey with as much information as you can, sufficient to do a proper investigation, including where and when the incident occurred, names and titles of the individuals involved, and as much other detail as you can provide.

FORM OF CERTIFICATE

**NEW YORK STATE AMATEUR HOCKEY
ASSOCIATION, INC.**

Certificate of Director/Officer

The undersigned, a member of the Board of Directors or an Officer of New York State Amateur Hockey Association, Inc. ("NYS Hockey"), hereby certifies to, and covenants with, NYS Hockey as follows:

1. The undersigned has carefully reviewed the corporate policies of NYS Hockey in effect as of the date hereof. Such policies consist of: (i) a Conflict of Interest Policy; (ii) a Document Retention Policy; and (iii) a Whistleblower Policy, all of which are annexed as an appendix to this Certificate, together with the written policies of USA Hockey and NYS Hockey as set forth in their respective guidebooks (collectively, the "Policies").

2. The undersigned agrees to abide by and comply with the Policies, as the same may be amended or supplemented from time to time.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has signed and delivered this Certificate as of the date set forth below.

Signature

Name (Please Print)

Position Held

Date

For a complete listing of USAH policies visit

www.usahockey.com

G. NEW YORK STATE INFORMATION 2011-12

**I. NYSAHA INC. State Tournaments
(USA HOCKEY REGION #2 FINALS)**

		<u>M A R C H 4 – 6, 2012</u>		
Youth	Tier I	Squirt 10 U	Buffalo Regals	West
Youth	Tier II	Squirt 10 U	Niagara Jr. Purple Eagles	West
Youth	Tier III	Squirt 10 U	Onondaga Youth	Central
Youth	Tier III	Pewee 12 U	Genesee/Batavia	West
Youth	Tier III	Bantam 14 U	Norfolk/Norwood	North
High School		HS Club	TBD	
High School		HS Club	TBD	

M A R C H 9 – 11, 2012

Youth	Tier I	PeeWee 12 U	Suffolk PAL	East
Youth	Tier I	Bantam 14 U	West Seneca Youth	West
Youth	Tier II	PeeWee 12 U	Oswego Miner Hockey	Central
Youth	Tier II	Bantam 14 U	Clinton Youth Hockey	Central
Girls	Tier II	12U	Saranac Lake PeeWee	North
Girls	Tier II	14U	Adirondack Youth	North
Girls	Tier II	16U	Amherst	West
Girls	Tier II	19U	Potsdam Jr. Hockey	North
Sr. Women		Sr. A		
Sr. women		Sr. B	Malone Minor Hockey	North
Sr. Women		Sr. C	Malone Minor Hockey	North

Sr. Women

30 & Over

M A R C H 16 – 18, 2012

Youth	Tier I West	Midget 16U	Amherst	
Youth	Tier I	Midget 18U	Troy/Albany Youth	North
Youth	Tier II	Midget 16U	Massena Minor Hockey	North
Youth	Tier II	Midget 18U	Cheektowaga Rec	West
Youth	Tier III	Midget 16U	Alexandria Bay	North
Youth	Tier III	Midget 18U	Valley Youth Hockey	Central
Girls	Tier I	12U	Buffalo Bisons	West
Girls	Tier I	14U	Buffalo Bisons	West
Girls	Tier I	16U	Buffalo Bisons	West
Girls	Tier I	19U	Ogdensburg	North

II. 2011 NYSAHA STATE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

Tier	Division	Champion	Score	Runner Up	Score
Tier I	Squirt	Syracuse Nationals	3	Westchester	2
	PeeWee	Westchester Express	8	Amherst	4
	Bantam	Long Island Gulls	3	Amherst	1
	Midget Minor	Buffalo Regals	3	LI Royals	1
	Midget Major	Buffalo Regals	4	Troy-Albany	1
Tier II	Squirt	Adirondack	2	Clarence	1
	PeeWee	Massena	3	Clarence	2
	Bantam	Westchester	4	Niagara JPE	1
	Midget Minor	Massena	5	LI Rebels	4
	Midget Major	Clifton Park	3	Cheektowaga	2
Tier III	Squirt	Aviator Hockey	3	Tri-Town	2
	PeeWee	Millbrook	5	Chazy	2
	Bantam	Batavia	9	Norfolk- Norwood	2
	Midget Minor	Alexandria Bay	7	Saranac Lake	2
	Midget Major	Canandaigua	10	Aviator	0
High School	Large School	Connetquot/Sayville	4	Kings Park/Commack	2
Girl's Tier I	12U	Syracuse	3+	Buffalo Bisons	3
	14U	Buffalo Bisons	4	Rochester	2
	16U	Rochester Edge	4	Niagara JPE	0
	19U	Buffalo Bisons	4	NSA	3
Girl's Tier II	12U	Massena	3	Hamburg	0
	14U	Rome	3 OT	Potsdam	2
	16U	Perinton Edge	2 OT	Amherst	1
	19U	Potsdam	6	Perinton Edge	3
Women's	Senior A	Minnesota Blue J's	3	NY All-Stars and Rochester	0
	Senior B	Minnesota Blue J Hawks	6	Anaheim Lady Ducks	3
	Senior C	Mission	7	San Jose Lady Sharks	0
	Over 30	Team Connecticut	1	Chicago Stars	0

III. TYPICAL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULES

TYPICAL GAME SCHEDULES		
6 TEAM TWO DIVISION ROUND ROBIN		
DIVISION I		DIVISION II
	A	D
	B	E
	C	F
Friday	Game 1	A vs B
	Game 2	D vs E
Saturday	Game 3	C vs A
	Game 4	F vs D
	Game 5	B vs C
	Game 6	E vs F
Sunday	Game 7	1 st Div. I vs 2 nd Div. II
	Game 8	1 st Div. II vs 2 nd Div. I
Exhibition Game (Other than tournament classification) (Optional in Sectionals)		
Game 9 – Winner of Game 7 vs Winner of Game 8		
Winner and Runner-up		
No Third Place		

TYPICAL GAME SCHEDULES

7 TEAM TWO DIVISION ROUND ROBIN

DIVISION I

A
B
C
D

DIVISION II

E
F
G

Friday

Game 1

A vs B

Game 2

C vs D

Game 3

E vs F

Saturday

Game 4

A vs D

Game 5

B vs C

Game 6

E vs G

Game 7

A vs C

Game 8

B vs D

Game 9

F vs G

Sunday

Game 10

1st Div. I vs 2nd Div. II

Game 11

1st Div. II vs 2nd Div. I

Exhibition Game (Other than this class) (Optional in Sectionals)

Game 12 – Winner of Game 10 vs Winner of Game 11

Winner and Runner-up

No Third Place

TYPICAL GAME SCHEDULES
8TEAM TWO DIVISION ROUND ROBIN

DIVISION I

A
B
C
D

DIVISION II

E
F
G
H

Friday	Game 1	A vs B
	Game 2	C vs D
	Game 3	E vs F
	Game 4	G vs H

Saturday	Game 5	A vs C
	Game 6	B vs D
	Game 7	E vs G
	Game 8	F vs H
	Game 9	A vs D
	Game 10	B vs C
	Game 11	E vs H
	Game 12	F vs G

Sunday	Game 13	1 st Div. I vs 2 nd Div. II
	Game 14	1 st Div. II vs 2 nd Div. I

Exhibition Game (Other than this class) (Optional in Sectionals)

Game 15 – Winner of Game 13 vs Winner of Game 14

Winner and Runner-up
No Third Place

TYPICAL GAME SCHEDULES

9 TEAM TWO DIVISION ROUND ROBIN

DIVISION I

A
B
C
D
E

DIVISION II

F
G
H
I

Friday	Game 1	A vs B
	Game 2	F vs G
	Game 3	D vs E
	Game 4	H vs I
	Game 5	B vs C
	Game 6	D vs A
	Game 7	F vs H
	Game 8	C vs E
Saturday	Game 9	G vs I
	Game 10	B vs D
	Game 11	E vs A
	Game 12	I vs F
	Game 13	C vs D
	Game 14	E vs B
	Game 15	G vs H
	Game 16	A vs C
Sunday	Game 17	1 st Division 1 vs 2 nd Division 2
	Game 18	1 st Division 2 vs 2 nd Division 1
	Game 19	Winner of game 17 vs Winner of game 18

TYPICAL GAME SCHEDULES

9 TEAM THREE DIVISION ROUND ROBIN

DIVISION I A B C	DIVISION II D E F	DIVISION III G H I
Friday	Game 1	A vs B
	Game 2	D vs E
	Game 3	G vs H
Saturday	Game 4	A vs C
	Game 5	D vs F
	Game 6	G vs I
	Game 7	B vs C
	Game 8	E vs F
	Game 9	H vs I
Sunday	Game 10	*Winner Div. I vs Winner Div. II
	Game 11	*Winner Div. I vs Winner Div. III
	Game 12	Winner Div. II vs Winner Div. III
*Exhibition Game (Other than this class) (Optional in Sectionals)		
Winner and Runner-up No Third Place		

TYPICAL GAME SCHEDULES

12 TEAM THREE DIVISION ROUND ROBIN

Winner of each division and one wild card advance to semis. Wild card is 4th highest in overall points.

DIVISION I	DIVISION II	DIVISION III
A	E	I
B	F	J
C	G	K
D	H	L

Friday	Game 1	A vs B
	Game 2	C vs D
	Game 3	E vs F
	Game 4	G vs H
	Game 5	I vs J
	Game 6	K vs L

Saturday	Game 7	B vs C
	Game 8	A vs D
	Game 9	E vs H
	Game 10	F vs G
	Game 11	I vs L
	Game 12	J vs K
	Game 13	A vs C
	Game 14	B vs D
	Game 15	E vs G
	Game 16	F vs H
	Game 17	I vs K
	Game 18	J vs L

Sunday	Game 19	Winner Div. I vs Winner Div. II
	Game 20	Winner Div. III vs "Wild Card"
	Game 21	Winner Game 19 vs Winner Game 20

Winner and Runner-up
No Third Place

IV. NEW YORK STATE EMPIRE STATE GAMES MEN'S SCHOLASTIC ICE HOCKEY

Ice Hockey in the New York State Empire State Games consists of Men and Women's Scholastic Divisions as well as a Women's Open Division. The Men and Women's Scholastic Divisions are held in different cities throughout New York State each summer (July or August). Applications and information on the selection process for Men's Scholastic are available by contacting the Regional Chairperson.

General Eligibility: Scholastic Division Ice Hockey male applicants are amateur athletes who are 17 years of age or younger as of August 31 of the year in which the Summer ESG are taking place. Applicants may be required to produce a birth certificate and/or valid NYS Drivers License or Non-driver ID as proof of age. For other information regarding eligibility and residency requirements, visit the ESG internet page at www.empirestategames.org/summer/tryouts/eligibility.asp

EMPIRE STATE GAMES CHAIRPEOPLE AND REGIONS – BY COUNTY

DIRECTOR, MEN'S SCHOLASTIC: Bill Hall, 86 Forge Ln., Coram, NY 11727; (631) 848-1706; bhall46@hotmail.com

APPLICATION PROCESS FOR MEN'S SCHOLASTIC DIVISION:

ADIRONDACK REGION Chairperson: Lee Bormann, 548 Custer Rd., Delmar, NY 12054, 518-209-6852, Sienacoach@nycap.rr.com
COUNTIES: Albany, Clinton, Columbia, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Green, Hamilton, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schoharie, Schenectady, St. Lawrence, Warren and Washington.

CENTRAL NEW YORK REGION Chairperson: Steve Cibelli, 8212 Perch Drive, Liverpool, NY 13090, 315-622-1450, email - sfcibo@gmail.com
COUNTIES: Broome, Cayuga, Chemung, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, Otsego, Schuyler, Tioga and Tompkins.

HUDSON VALLEY REGION Chairperson: Steve Santini, ss2arena@aol.com
COUNTIES: Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester.

LONG ISLAND REGION Chairperson: Marc Sambach, 26 Landing Ave., Smithtown, NY 11787; (631) 361-5321; mesambach@optonline.net
COUNTIES: Nassau and Suffolk.

NEW YORK CITY REGION Chairperson: George Hinz,

COUNTIES: Bronx, Kings (Brooklyn), New York (Manhattan), Queens and Richmond (Staten Island).

WESTERN NEW YORK REGION Chairperson: Tom Branden, 120 Forestview Dr., Depew, NY 14043; (716) 685-2171, tcbranden@verizon.net
COUNTIES: Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, Wyoming and Yates.

COORDINATOR OF OFFICIALS: Mike Shapey, 35 FAIRFIELD WAY. SUITE 15
COMMACK, NY 11725; (516) 835-1200.

V. NEW YORK STATE EMPIRE STATE GAMES WOMEN'S SCHOLASTIC ICE HOCKEY

Ice Hockey in the New York State Empire State Games consists of Men and Women's Scholastic Divisions as well as a Women's Open Division. The Men and Women's Scholastic Divisions are held in different cities throughout New York State each summer (July or August). The Women's Open Division is held in Lake Placid in February of each year.

General Eligibility: Scholastic Division Ice Hockey male applicants are amateur athletes who are 17 years of age or younger as of August 31 of the year in which the Summer ESG are taking place. Applicants may be required to produce a birth certificate and/or valid NYS Drivers License or Non-driver ID as proof of age. For other information regarding eligibility and residency requirements, visit the ESG internet page at www.empirestategames.org/summer/tryouts/eligibility.asp

STATE CHAIR FOR WOMEN'S SCHOLASTIC AND OPEN DIVISION: Nancy Legacy, 551 County Route 25, Malone, NY 12953; (518) 483-2852; northice816@yahoo.com.

COORDINATOR OF OFFICIALS: Mike Shapey, 35 FAIRFIELD WAY, SUITE 15 COMMACK, NY 11725; (516) 835-1200.

ELIGIBILITY FOR WOMEN'S SCHOLASTIC DIVISION: Athletes are eligible for the Scholastic Division of the Empire State Games for only three (3) years after entering the 9th Grade for the first time. Participants must tryout in the Region in which they reside and may only tryout in one region. Athletes must obtain applications and tryout information from the Empire State Games website, www.empirestategames.org. Athletes must fill out all information on the front and back of the entry form, and mail it to the address indicated on the website. All candidates **must** attend and actively participate in the tryout process.

ELIGIBILITY FOR WOMEN'S OPEN DIVISION: Applications and tryout information can be obtained from the Empire State Games website, www.empirestategames.org. Athletes must fill out all information on the front and back of the entry form and mail it to the address indicated for the athlete's region of residency or bring it to the tryout as indicated on the website.

Female athletes must be a senior in High School or older and a permanent resident of New York State *or* a full-time student at a New York State school as of September 30, 2006. The athlete's region of residency is the county in which the athlete's permanent mailing address is located or the county where the athlete attends school.

Photo ID (government or school issued) and proof of NYS residency will be required at the tryout and at final registration in Lake Placid. Athletes may apply to try out in their region of residency or in the region where they attend school, *but not both*. All candidates **must** attend and actively participate in the tryout process. Unless otherwise noted, players need only attend one tryout date listed for their region.

VI. NEW YORK STATE AMATEUR HOCKEY
ASSOCIATION, INC.
PLAYER /FINANCIAL RELEASE FORM
Revised 5/23/2010

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE:

1. Player/Parent requesting release must have form filled out and submitted it to and approved by his/her current Association President prior to skating in tryouts, practices or games for new Association.
2. If Part 2 is **approved**, it must be presented at all tryouts and prior to committing to the new association.
3. If Part 2 is **disapproved**, player may not skate at tryouts of the new Association until the obligations, financial or otherwise are met or the appeal process has been undertaken.
4. If player/parent wish to appeal **disapproval** in Part 2, they may do so by forwarding the Player/Financial Release Form to their Section President along with letter of appeal.
5. If Section President upholds original Association's ruling, player/parent may then appeal to the NYSAHA Board of Directors thru the State President.
6. **ANY PLAYER TRYING OUT IN AN AGE CLASSIFICATION THAT DOES NOT LEAD TO A NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP (AS OF THIS WRITING IS MITE (8U) AND SQUIRT (10U) CAN OBTAIN THIS RELEASE FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRYING OUT AT ANOTHER ORGANIZATION, BUT WILL REMAIN COMMITTED TO HIS/HER PRESENT ORGANIZATION UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF ALL YOUTH/GIRLS NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS.**

PART 1 – To be completed by requesting Player/Parent.

Date of Release Request: _____

Player's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Home Address: _____ Phone: _____

PART 2 – To be completed by the Association President where the player is currently registered, or most recently registered. Part 2 **must** be completed in a timely manner, not to exceed 10 days. On behalf of, and at the direction of the Board of Directors of the _____ Association, I, _____ President, do hereby **APPROVE/DISAPPROVE** (circle choice) the above named player to tryout, register, and play with another Association. The named player **HAS/HAS NOT** (circle choice) met all obligations, financial or otherwise with our Association.

President's Signature

Date

**VII. NEW YORK STATE AMATEUR HOCKEY
ASSOCIATION, INC.
PLAYER/ASSOCIATION COMMITMENT FORM**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE:

1. Player/Parent and Association must complete all parts of this form prior to participating with the association, with the exception of tryouts.
2. Both the Player/Parent and the Association shall keep signed copies.
3. After this form is signed by both the Player/Parent and Association, no movement to another association will be allowed until the conclusion of the appropriate State or National Tournaments unless there are extenuating circumstances. A request to be released after this form is signed by all parties and prior to the conclusion of the appropriate State or National Tournaments must be submitted to and approved by the appropriate Section President.

PART 1 – To be completed by Player/Parent.

Player's Name: _____
Date of Birth: _____
Home Address: _____
Phone: _____

I/we agree that the above named player will be registered and participate on the _____ team of the _____ (name of association) for the _____ season.

Signature of Player or Parent (If under 18 years of age) Date

PART 2 – To be completed by the Association's Team Coach.

I, _____, Coach, hereby agree that the above named player will be registered, and participate on my _____ team for the _____ season.

Coach's Signature

Date

PART 3 – To be completed by the Association President.

On behalf of, and at the direction of the Board of Directors of the _____ Association, I, _____, President, do hereby agree that the above named player will be registered, and participate on our _____ team for the _____ season.

President's Signature

Date

**NEW YORK STATE
AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC.
USA HOCKEY INFORMATION**

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Hockey Referees throughout the United States*



II.

MISSION STATEMENT USA HOCKEY

USA Hockey, Inc., is the internationally recognized governing body responsible for administration and development of ice hockey in the United States. Its function is to coordinate the country's Amateur Hockey program. Under this broad concept USA Hockey:

- ✓ Register players, coaches, officials and teams.
- ✓ Works with rink operators on problems concerning their amateur hockey programs.
- ✓ Conducts Regional and National Championships in the various age classifications.
- ✓ Promotes uniformity in playing rules and their interpretation.
- ✓ Assists and supports State and District Association in the conduct of their programs.
- ✓ Provides a "clearing house" for information on problems and their solutions in each team and player classification.
- ✓ Presents Hat Trick, Zero, and Playmaker Awards to qualified players.
- ✓ Sponsors and conducts programs and clinics for referees.
- ✓ Sponsors and conducts programs and clinics for coaches.
- ✓ Makes available an insurance program with the highest possible benefits at the lowest possible cost.
- ✓ Distributes rule books.
- ✓ Issues monthly bulletins presenting items of interest in the various programs.
- ✓ Published an "annual guide"...including rules and regulations of the association, officers, last year's records and champions, etc.
- ✓ Gives recognition to volunteer workers through a "Citation Award".
- ✓ Is the exclusive member of the International Ice Hockey Federation and the United States Olympic Committee.
- ✓ Organizes and trains the U.S. National and Olympic hockey teams for competition in the World Championships and Olympics.
- ✓ Participates in the International Ice Hockey Federation to assist in administrating hockey activities through the world.
- ✓ Sanctions players who wish to play in foreign countries.
- ✓ Coordinates playing relations with Hockey Canada.
- ✓ Coordinates activities of mutual interest with Professional Hockey.
- ✓ Studies and reviews protective equipment.

*Be a part of this program dedicated to the enhancement of
hockey...by joining USA Hockey*

For additional information visit

www.usahockey.com

**III. TEAM AND PLAYER CLASSIFICATIONS
2011-2012**

See the USA Hockey National Guide Book for complete team classification information.

YOUTH TEAMS

DATE OF BIRTH	AGE CATEGORY	AGE DIVISION
1993	18 Years	Midget 18 & Under
1994	17 Years	Midget 18 & Under
1995	16 Years	Midget 16 & Under
1996	15 Years	Midget 16 & Under
1997	14 Years	Bantam 14 & Under
1998	13 Years	Bantam 14 & Under
1999	12 Years	PeeWee 12 & Under
2000	11 Years	PeeWee 12 & Under
2001	10 Years	Squirt 10 & Under
2002	9 Years	Squirt 10 & Under
2003 & Younger	8 & Under	Mite 8 & Under

GIRLS TEAMS

DATE OF BIRTH	AGE CATEGORY	AGE DIVISION
1992	19 Years	19 & Under
1993	18 Years	19 & Under
1994	17 Years	19 & Under
1995	16 Years	16 & Under
1996	15 Years	16 & Under
1997	14 Years	14 & Under
1998	13 Years	14 & Under
1999	12 Years	12 & Under
2000	11 Years	12 & Under
2001	10 Years	10 & Under
2002	9 Years	10 & Under
2003 & Younger	8 & Under	8 & Under

No USAH registration fee for 2005 and younger (6 & Under)

IV. USA HOCKEY INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT APPLICATION 2011/12



USA HOCKEY INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT APPLICATION

Tournament # _____

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY)

Please read USA Hockey Rules and Regulations, Article X "Games, Exhibition Games, Invitational Tournaments and Sanctioned Events" and any applicable Affiliate rules before completing this form.

Tournament Title: _____

Dates: _____ Sponsoring Organization: _____

Tournament Website (if available): _____

Tournament Director Name: _____

Fax: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Location: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Check All That Apply:		<input type="checkbox"/> Women
<input type="checkbox"/> Adult	<input type="checkbox"/> Midget 18U	<input type="checkbox"/> Girls 19U
<input type="checkbox"/> College	<input type="checkbox"/> Midget 16U	<input type="checkbox"/> Girls 16U
<input type="checkbox"/> Junior	<input type="checkbox"/> Bantam 14U	<input type="checkbox"/> Girls 14U
<input type="checkbox"/> High School	<input type="checkbox"/> Pee Wee 12U	<input type="checkbox"/> Girls 12U
<input type="checkbox"/> Sled	<input type="checkbox"/> Squirt 10U	<input type="checkbox"/> Girls 10U
<input type="checkbox"/> Disabled	<input type="checkbox"/> Mite 8U	<input type="checkbox"/> Girls 8U

Each tournament is required to verify that all participating teams are properly registered with USA Hockey or their country's federation.

A USA Hockey Official Team Registration/Roster Form (1-T) approved by the district or associate registrar shall be proof of proper registration and individual player age. Invitational tournaments shall not require player birth certificates for review.

Travel Permits are required for any team from an affiliate requiring Travel Permits, and are required for all Canadian teams. An International Competition Travel Form is required for all other foreign teams.

Check One:	*USA Hockey Fee	**Affiliate Fee
<input type="checkbox"/> USA Hockey member teams only	\$50.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Canadian or other foreign teams <i>(International Travel Permit required for teams from outside North America)</i>	\$75.00	_____
<i>*Fee payable to USA Hockey ** Check with your District/Associate Registrar</i>		

Some tournaments may be considered as "Special Events" and may require an additional fee.

AFFILIATE USE ONLY — IF REQUIRED
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved
Date: _____
Signature: _____
Title: _____
Affiliate: _____
Phone: _____

USA HOCKEY USE ONLY
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved
Date: _____
Signature: _____ <small>USA Hockey District Registrar or his/her designee</small>
USA Hockey District: _____
Phone: _____

THIS APPLICATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT ALL RULES AND PROCEDURES OF THE TOURNAMENT.

Send completed form, payment and rules to your District or Associate Registrar.

V.

**USA HOCKEY
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
SITES AND DATES 2012**

I. TIER I

Pee Wee	12 & Under	Buffalo, NY	3/28/12-4/1/12
Bantam	14 & Under	Buffalo, NY	3/28/12-4/1/12
Midget Minor	16 & Under	Buffalo, NY	3/28/12-4/1/12
Midget Major	18 & Under	Buffalo, NY	3/28/12-4/1/12

II. TIER II

Pee Wee	12 & Under	Reston, Va	3/28/12-4/1/12
Bantam	14 & Under	Wayne, NJ	3/28/12-4/1/12
Midget Minor	16 & Under	Green Bay, Wis.	3/28/12-4/1/12
Midget Major	18 & Under	Lansing Mich.	3/28/12-4/1/12

III. GIRLS/WOMEN'S

Tier I 12, 14, 16, and 19U	Marlborough, Mass.	3/28/12-4/1/12
Tier II 12, 14, 16, and 19U	Irving, Tx	3/28/12-4/1/12
Women's Senior A, B, C & 30 & over	Marlborough, Mass.	3/30/12- 4/1/12

IV. HIGH SCHOOL CLUB

Boy's HS Varsity	Kearns, Utah	3/21/12-3/25/12
Boy's HD Prep	Kearns, Utah	3/21/12-3/25/12
Girl's HS Varsity	Kearns, Utah	3/21/12-3/25/12
Girl's HS Prep	Kearns, Utah	3/21/12-3/25/12

V. JUNIOR

Junior A Tier III
Junior B Tier III

VI. DISABLED

USA Hockey Disabled Festival	Eules, Tx	4/13/12- 4/15/12
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VII. ADULT

Adult 30 & Over/40 & Over Non-Checking		4/12/12-4/15/12
Adult Elite Checking & Non-Checking		

See www.usahockey.com for complete listing



VI. DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS LIABILITY INSURANCE

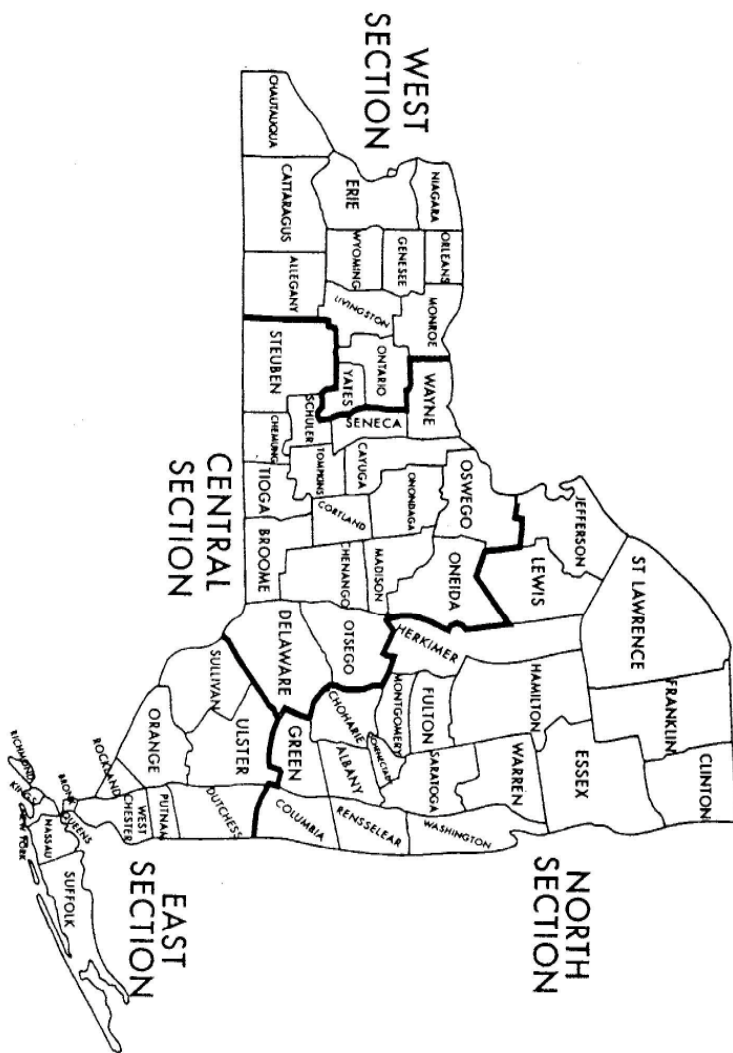
In today's uncertain climate of ever increasing errors and omissions, liability claims and threats of lawsuits against management of non-profit organizations, USA Hockey members can now purchase coverage to protect themselves from lawsuits.

COVERAGE FEATURES:

- ❖ Discrimination (age, sex or race)
- ❖ Acts beyond granted authority
- ❖ Wrongful dismissal, rejection or suspension of league personnel or players
- ❖ Failure to deliver services
- ❖ Libel, slander or defamation of character
- ❖ Lack of supervision
- ❖ Crime Insurance

For further information on insurance matters please consult the New York State District Risk Manager, Tony Ciavaglia at (716) 839-4063.

NEW YORK STATE AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION SECTION MAP



Abe Stark Rink – Surf Ave., Coney Island	(718) 946-3135
Achilles Rink – Union College, Schenectady	(518) 388-6134
Albany Academy Field House – Albany	(518) 465-1461
Albany County Facility – Albany Shaker Rd, Albany	(518) 452-7396
Alexandria Bay Municipal Arena , Alexandria Bay	(315) 482-9360
Allen Park Ice Rink – Jamestown	(716) 483-0614
Allyn Arena – Jordan St., Skaneateles	(315) 685-7757
Amherst Pepsi Center – Williamsville	(716) 688-6963
Audobon Rink - Williamsville	(716) 631-7132
Batavia City Rink - Batavia	(585) 343-8180
Beaver Dam Winter Sports Club – Locust Valley	(516) 671-1923
BCC Ice Center – 153 Ketchum Rd., Conklin	(607) 778-5443
B.I.G. Arena – Delaware Ave., Delmar	(518) 439-2211
Blackflies Hockey Rink – Irving Rd., Scotia	(518) 393-3762
Brewster Ice Irena – Fields Lane, Brewster	(845) 279-2229
Brighton Arena – 251 Brompton Rd, Tonawanda	(716) 693-3505
Broome County Arena – Binghamton	(607) 778-1527
Bud Bakewell Arena - Riverside Park, Buffalo	(716) 877-9306
Cantiague Park – West John St., Hicksville	(516) 571-5601
Canton Recreation Pavilion – Outer Lincoln, Canton	(315) 386-3992
Casey Park Arena – N. Division St, Auburn	(315) 253-4247
Cass Park – 701 Taughannock Blvd., Ithaca	(607) 273-1090
Cazenovia Park Rink – Cazenovia/ Abbott Rd, Buffalo	(716) 825-9305
Cheektowaga Recreation Center – 2600 Harlem Rd.	(716) 897-7218
Cheel Arena – Clarkson University	(315) 268-7750
Cicero Twin Ice Arena – 5575 Meltzer Court	(315) 752-7465
Clayton Recreation Park – East Line Rd, Clayton	(315) 686-4310
Clearfield Recreation Park – Williamsville	(716) 689-1418
Clifton-Fine Arena – Star Lake	(315) 848-2579
Clifton Park Arena – Clifton Commons, Clifton Park	(518) 383-5440
Clinton Arena – Kirkland Ave, Clinton	(315) 853-5617
Clove Lake War Memorial – Staten Island	(718) 720-1014
Coach USA Center , Elmira	(607) 734-7824
Corinth Rink – River St., Corinth	
Crete Center – Cumberland Corners, Plattsburgh	(518) 563-4431
Crisafulli (Fort) – E. Ninth St., Oswego	(315) 343-4054
Dann Memorial, Nichols School , Buffalo	(716) 875-8212
Depew Ice Pavilion – Gold St., Depew	(716) 685-4910
Dix Hills Park Ice Rink – Vanderbilt Pkwy, Dix Hills	(631) 462-5883
Donald Martin Civic Center – Pine St., Waddington	(315) 388-4601
Ebersole Ice Rink – Lake St, White Plains	(914) 422-1390
Edward J. Murray Memorial , Yonkers	(914) 779-5249
Elmira College Domes (Murray Athletic Center)	(607) 739-8768
Empire Sports Arena – Rochester	(585) 760-7825
Evarts Rink – Jay St, Katonah	(914) 232-3618

Flushing Worlds Fair Rink – Flushing Meadows	(718) 699-4215
Forest Park Pavilion – Lowville	(315) 376-8333
Frear Park Ice Facility – Park Blvd & Lavin Ct., Troy	(518) 266-0023
Freeport Recreation Center – Merrick Rd., Freeport	(516) 377-2313
Fulton Community Center – West Broadway, Fulton	(315) 598-7264
Genesee Valley Rink – Rochester	(585) 586-0080
Geneva Recreation Center , Geneva	(315) 789-5005
Glens Falls Recreation – Fire Rd, Glens Falls	(518) 743-0901
Grippen Park Ice – Endicott	(607) 748-6323
Greater Canandaigua Civic Center – Canandaigua	(585) 394-9499
Haldane Memorial Building – Maple Ave., Pulaski	(315) 298-3015
Hamburg Town Rink – Lake View Rd., Hamburg	(716) 649-8771
Harvey School – Rt. 22, Katonah	(914) 232-3618
Hockey Outlet – North Tonawanda	(716) 695-1055
Holiday Twin Rinks – 3465 Broadway, Cheektowaga	(716) 685-3660
Holleder Rink – West Point Military Academy	(914) 938-4481
Hommocks Park Ice Rink – Mamaroneck	(914) 834-3164
Huntington Winter Club – Huntington	(631) 421-3889
Hyde Park Ice Pavilion – Robbins Dr., Niagara Falls	(716) 278-8366
Ice Hutch Rink – 600 Garden Ave., Mount Vernon	(914) 699-6787
Iceland – Hillside Ave, New Hyde Park	(516) 746-1100
Ice Time Sports Complex – Newburgh	(914) 567-0005
Iceworks – Underhill Rd., Syosset	(516) 496-2277
Kennedy Arena – Rome	(315) 339-7768
Kiwanis Ice Arena - Saugerties	(845) 246-2465
Knickerbacker Arena – 8th Ave. & 103rd St., Troy	(518) 235-7761
Lafayette/No. Buffalo Arena – 156 Tacoma, N. Buffalo	(716) 875-1966
Lake City Stars Arena – Sharron Ave., Plattsburgh	(518) 561-7672
Lakeshore Hockey Arena – 123 Ling Rd., Rochester	(585) 865-2800
Leisure Rinks – Weiss Rd., Orchard Park	(716) 675-8992
Lewis County Rink – Fairgrounds	(315) 376-3270
Lincoln Arena – Parker & Decatur Blvd., Kenmore	(716) 833-7757
Long Beach Arena – W. Bay Dr., Long Beach	(516) 431-6500
Louisville Community Center – Arena Dr., Louisville	(315) 769-8206
Lynah Rink – Cornell University, Ithaca	(607) 255-3793
Lysander Radisson Rink – Baldwinsville	(315) 635-1555
Massena Arena – 185 Harte Haven Plaza, Massena	(315) 769-3161
Maxcy Hall – Potsdam State College	(607) 255-3793
McCann Ice Arena – Poughkeepsie	(914) 454-5800
Meachem Rink – W. Seneca Tpk., Syracuse	(315) 492-0179
Mid Hudson Civic Center – Market St., Poughkeepsie	(914) 454-5800
Nassau Memorial Coliseum – Uniondale	(516) 794-9100
Nasser Civic Center – Corning	(607) 936-3764
Newbridge Road Park – Bellmore	(516) 783-6181
New Hartford Recreation Center	(315) 724-0600
New Roc City – 19 LeCount Place, New Rochelle	(914) 637-7575
New York State Fair Coliseum – Syracuse	(315) 487-6422

Niagara University Ice Complex	(716) 286-8784
Norfolk Community Center – Clinton St., Norfolk	(315) 384-3200
North Buffalo Ice Rink – Shoreham Blvd., Buffalo	(716) 873-8481
Ogdensburg Golden Dome – State St., Ogdensburg	(315) 393-5320
Olympic Center (ORDA) – Main St., Lake Placid	(518) 523-1655
Palisades Mall – West Nyack	(914) 353-4855
Park St. Rink – Ogdensburg	
Parkwood Ice Rink – 65 Arrandale Ave, Great Neck	(516) 487-2976
Pine St. Arena - Potsdam	(315) 265-5653
Playland – Rye	(914) 967-7206
Polar Cap Ice Rink – Kattelville Rd., Binghamton	(607) 648-9888
Port Washington Skating Academy – Pt Washington	(516) 484-6800
Riverbank State Park, 679 Riverside Dr., NY NY	(212) 694-3642
Riverside Ice Rink – Niagara St., Buffalo	(716) 877-9306
Rouses Point Rink – Rouses Point	(518) 297-6776
Royal Rink – Evans St., Batavia	(585) 344-3991
Rye Country Day Rink – Cedar St., Rye	(914) 967-5876
St. Lawrence Arena – St. Lawrence Center Mall	(315) 764-0684
Salmon River Central School – Fort Covington	(518) 358-2867
Saranac Lake Civic Center , Saranac Lake	(518) 891-3800
Saratoga Springs – Weibel Ave., Saratoga Springs	(518) 583-3744
Schenectady County Recreation Facility – Scotia	(518) 384-0538
Scott’s Memorial Rink – 52 Macadam Road, Chazy	(518) 846-7825
Scottsville Ice Arena – Scottsville-Chili Rd, Scottsville	(585) 889-1817
Shove Park – Slawson Dr., Camillus	(315) 487-5085
Skating Institute of Rochester , Rochester	(585) 325-2216
Sky Rink at Chelsea Piers – NYC	(212) 336-6100
Sports Centre at Monroe Community College	
2700 Brighton Henrietta Road. Rochester	(585) 424-4625
Sports Plus – Lake Grove	(631) 737-5481
Starr Rink – Colgate University	(315) 824-1000
State Street Arena – Malone	(518) 483-0680
Staten Island Skating Pavilion, Staten Island	(718) 948-4800
Steele Hall – SUNY Fredonia	(716) 673-3233
SUNY Brockport Ice Arena , Brockport	(585) 395-2244
SUNY Cortland Alumni Arena – Cortland	(607) 753-4961
SUNY Morrisville – Madison Rd., Morrisville	(315) 684-6425
SUNY Plattsburgh Field House , Plattsburgh	(518) 564-3060
Superior Ice Rink – Indian Head Rd., Kings Park	(631) 269-3900
The Rink – Ithaca	(607) 277-7465
The Rinx – Terry Rd., Hauppauge	(631) 436-6020
Thomas Creek Arena – Lyndon Rd., Fairport	(585) 223-3940
Timothy J. Burvid – Abbot Rd., Buffalo	(716) 825-9305
Town of Amherst – Amherst Manor Rd., Williamsville	(716) 631-7132
Town of West Seneca Rink – Union Rd., W. Seneca	(716) 675-1831
Trinity Pawling Tirrell Rink, Rt. 22, Pawling	(845) 855-3100
Tri-Town Community Center – Rt. 11, Brasher Falls	(315) 389-4576

Tupper Lake Memorial Civic Center – Tupper Lake (518) 359-2531
Utica Memorial Auditorium – Oriskany St. West, Utica(315) 738-0164
Veterans Memorial Ice Rink – Watervliet (518) 270-3824
Waddington Arena – Maple St., Waddington
Watertown Ice Arena – Watertown (315) 785-7836
Watervliet Rink – 2nd Ave, Watervliet (518) 270-3824
Webster Community Rink – Publishers Pkwy, Webster(585) 787-3530
Westchester Skating Academy,Elmsford (914) 347-8232
West Seneca Recreation Center , W. Seneca (716) 675-1836
Whitestown Community Center – Whitesboro (315) 736-6047
Wilson Ice Arena – SUNY Geneseo (585) 245-5339



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NYSAHA STATE TOURNAMENT

INTENT FORM 2013

Youth Tier I	Youth Tier II	Youth Tier III
____ 12 & Under	____ 12 & Under	____ 12 & Under
____ 14 & Under	____ 14 & Under	____ 14 & Under
____ 16 & Under	____ 16 & Under	____ 16 & Under
____ 18 & Under	____ 18 & Under	____ 18 & Under

Girls Tier I	Girls Tier II	____ HS Club
____ 12 & Under	____ 12 & Under	____ HS OPEN
____ 14 & Under	____ 14 & Under	____ Adult Senior
____ 16 & Under	____ 16 & Under	____ Women's Sr
____ 19 & Under	____ 19 & Under	

Host
Association _____
Tournament _____
Chairperson* _____
Email _____
Address _____
Mailing _____
Address _____
Phone Number _____

Please confirm this name. Changes lead to confusion with information either lost or misdirected.

THIS IS AN INTENT FORM ONLY*
IT IS NOT AN APPLICATION*

An application will be mailed to interested parties.
All Intent Forms must be **RECEIVED** by May 12, 2012.

Send this form to:
MARK LAMARR
10 MAXWELL RD
GARDEN CITY, NY 11530

NOTE: Sufficient ice-time **MUST** be available if a tournament is bid.