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**NEW YORK STATE
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MISSION STATEMENT**



The mission of the New York State Amateur Hockey Association is to promote the growth of ice hockey and to provide the best possible experience for all participants in New York State by encouraging, developing advancing and administering the sport.

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.

We respect each individual and recognize our responsibility to create opportunities for all personnel to achieve their maximum potential while achieving our mission

Enjoyment and recreational benefits are the major focus for youth hockey as administered by the New York State Amateur Hockey Association

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AMENDED AND RESTATED BY-LAWS
OF
NEW YORK STATE AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, INC.

**Adopted by the Board of Directors
on March 5, 2011 and
Ratified by the Members
on June 5, 2011**

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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 State 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 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 Obligations and Duration of Membership.

(a) Each Member agrees that: (i) its principal base of operation is within the boundaries of the State of New York; (ii) it will observe and abide by the Membership Obligations (as defined

below); and (iii) its operations shall be limited to its Classification and Level (as defined under the NYS Hockey Membership Obligations) as confirmed by the Board. As a condition of Membership, each Member must duly execute an *Association Membership Agreement* (the "Membership Agreement"), in the form appended hereto, and deliver the Membership Agreement to the Board Secretary no later September 1 of each year; provided, however, that a previously signed Membership Agreement for a Member from a prior year shall be automatically renewed for successive one year terms as provided in the Membership Agreement. "Membership Obligations" shall collectively mean the Purposes, Policies, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, Playing Rules, Applicable Rules, and the decisions of the respective Board of Directors of NYS Hockey and of USA Hockey, as the foregoing may be revised from time to time in the respective NYS Hockey and of USA Hockey Guidebooks, websites and associated media.

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

(c) 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 Membership Obligations or for conduct detrimental to the good of amateur hockey or the objectives and purposes of NYS Hockey or USA Hockey.

2. The attached form of the *New York State Amateur Hockey Association, Inc. Association Membership Agreement* is hereby approved.

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

THIS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT is being entered into as of _____, 20____, by and between New York State Amateur Hockey Association, Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York ("**NYS Hockey**"), and:

(Name of Association)

(Address)

(Town, State and Zip Code)

a _____ (corporation, LLC, etc.) organized under the laws of the State of _____ (the "**Association**").

RECITALS

A. Whereas, NYS Hockey is the sole Affiliate of USA Hockey, Inc. ("**USA Hockey**") for the New York District encompassing the State of New York, and thereby is also the duly authorized representative of the International Ice Hockey Federation ("**IIHF**"), with exclusive jurisdiction over the conduct of the play of the sport of ice hockey as sanctioned by USA Hockey and the IIHF within the New York District; and

B. Whereas, the Association wishes to be a Member of NYS Hockey and thereby associate itself with NYS Hockey and USA Hockey in the interest of developing and administering the sport of amateur ice hockey primarily in the State of New York, subject and pursuant to the Purposes, Policies, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, Playing Rules, Applicable Rules, and the decisions of the respective Board of Directors of NYS Hockey (the "**Board**") and of USA Hockey, as the foregoing may be revised from time to time in the respective NYS Hockey and of USA Hockey Guidebooks, websites and associated media (collectively, the "**Membership Obligations**");

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and undertakings contained in this Agreement, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, and subject to and on the terms and conditions set forth herein, NYS Hockey and the Association agree as follows:

ARTICLE I
MEMBERSHIP IN NYS HOCKEY

1.1 In requesting and maintaining membership in NYS Hockey, the Association agrees that: (i) its principal base of operation is within the boundaries of the State of New York; (ii) it will observe and abide by the Membership Obligations; and (iii) its operations shall be limited to its Classification and Level (as defined under the NYS Hockey Membership Obligations) as confirmed by the Board. Based upon the foregoing, NYS Hockey hereby grants to the Association, subject to the limitations contained in this Agreement and in compliance with the Membership Obligations, the right to promote USA Hockey and NYS Hockey-sanctioned ice hockey including formation of a team or teams actively engaged in ice hockey and related amateur ice hockey activities. This grant of authority specifically includes the right to:

A. Engage in the sport of ice hockey as an association and Member of NYS Hockey, including the right to form teams eligible to compete in a USA Hockey sanctioned event;

B. Exercise and comply with the rights, benefits, duties and obligations of an association and Member of NYS Hockey as set forth in the Membership Obligations;

C. Assess and charge a reasonable membership fee to join the Association, in addition to the NYS Hockey and USA Hockey fees;

D. Operate fund-raising programs to support the Association's functions, including special charges on paid gate to USA Hockey-sanctioned tournaments, games or events sponsored by the Association; and

E. Perform and/or provide certain other authorized services or functions to promote and regulate the play of the sport of amateur ice hockey as an association and Member of NYS Hockey.

1.2 NYS Hockey hereby agrees that it will accept and recognize those individuals and teams within the Association's membership and

operations, which hold and continue such membership and are in good standing with the Association and with NYS Hockey. NYS Hockey agrees to cooperate with and assist the Association in the administration of the play of the sport of amateur ice hockey within the Association's Level and Classification, when such cooperation and assistance is deemed necessary and/or advisable by the Association and NYS Hockey. NYS Hockey agrees that the Association is entitled to participate with any other NYS Hockey association and their teams within the New York District, and in the other Districts of USA Hockey so long as same is in compliance with the Membership Obligations.

1.3 This Agreement establishes certain obligations of, and grants certain rights to, the Association. The Association acknowledges that it is and shall remain a separate entity from NYS Hockey, with complete authority to conduct its affairs and programs, subject only to the express obligations and restrictions contained in the Membership Obligations and in this Agreement.

ARTICLE II OBLIGATIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION

2.1 The Association hereby agrees to the following and to adopt same as its official policy:

A. Preeminence of NYS Hockey and USA Hockey. The Association and its component parts and persons shall abide by and act in accord with the Membership Obligations and this Agreement, which shall take precedence over and supersede all other governing documents and/or decisions of the Association. The Association shall assist in the administration and enforcement of the Membership Obligations with respect to its members, teams and other component parts and persons.

B. Indemnity. The Association shall indemnify and hold harmless NYS Hockey, its Board, committees and each member thereof, and all other elected, appointed, employed or volunteer representatives of NYS Hockey, from and against any and all claims, liability, judgments, costs, attorneys' fees, charges and expenses whatsoever, arising directly or indirectly from or relating to the acts and omissions of the Association, except to the extent that: (i) NYS Hockey or its aforesaid representatives caused such claims, liability, judgments, costs, attorneys' fees, charges or expenses by their own intentional neglect or default, or (ii) such acts or omissions were the direct result of compliance with the Membership Obligations. Further, the Association understands and acknowledges that NYS Hockey and its aforesaid representatives have agreed to perform their duties and services upon the express understanding, agreement and

condition that they be so indemnified and held harmless to the extent described in this provision.

2.2 NYS Hockey shall reasonably cooperate with the Association in any litigation and provide reasonable support in connection therewith, including but not limited to advice and testimony upon reasonable request; provided, however, that such cooperation shall not require NYS Hockey to incur any out-of-pocket expense not reimbursed by the Association.

ARTICLE III POINTS OF EMPHASIS FOR COMPLIANCE BY THE ASSOCIATION

The Association hereby understands and agrees that it must comply with the Membership Obligations and that its organization, structure, policies, bylaws and/or operations must reflect and shall not violate the same. In particular, the Association shall comply with the following:

3.1 Membership. All Registered Participant Members of the Association, as that term is defined by USA Hockey (meaning, in general, registered members of USA Hockey), must remain registered with USA Hockey for the Association to remain in good standing with NYS Hockey.

3.2 Sanctioned Play. The Association must comply with the requirements of USA Hockey and NYS Hockey that it only engage in "sanctioned" events, including but not limited to individual games and tournaments. Some guidelines regarding what constitutes sanctioned and non-sanctioned events include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Associations **excepting disabled hockey** must adhere to the American Development Model ("**ADM**") and the Cross-Ice Hockey ("**Cross-Ice**") player development programs (see the USA Hockey and NYS Hockey Guidebooks and websites for additional information)
- All players, coaches and on-ice officials of the Association must be members of USA Hockey and NYS Hockey
- **All teams of the Association** must be exclusively registered only with USA Hockey and NYS Hockey (except special hockey teams may also register with the American Special Hockey Association)
- For a game, tournament, practice or similar event to be sanctioned, all participants of the Association and any opponent, including all players, coaches and on-ice officials, must be members of USA Hockey, and all teams must be sanctioned by NYS Hockey or the applicable USA Hockey affiliate; **or for**

Canadian teams, sanctioned by Hockey Canada. Should the Association seek any exception to the foregoing, such exception must be specifically granted by the USA Hockey District Registrar for the New York District

- The Association (including but not limited to all of its teams) may participate only in sanctioned events, and failure to do so may result in the denial of USA Hockey insurance coverage for any claims arising from such non-sanctioned event, putting the Association, its teams, players or participants at risk of not having insurance coverage for an injury suffered therefrom and potentially exposing the Association to liability therefor; in addition, the Association, its teams and responsible administrators and/or coaches may be subject to sanctions imposed by USA Hockey and/or NYS Hockey
- Associations are prohibited from maintaining teams that are not sanctioned as summarized above and as provided in the Membership Obligations.

3.3 Review. Each year, the Association shall use its diligent efforts to review with each of its Registered Participant Members, amateur athletes, coaches, trainers, managers, other participants and members, administrators and officials (collectively, "**Participants**"), his or her responsibilities with respect to the NYS Hockey Membership Obligations, and monitor their compliance with those responsibilities, giving particular attention to the following:

- Bylaw Article III - Membership Qualifications and Voting
- Bylaw Article VIII - Resolution of Disputes and Suspensions
- Policies – In the NYS Hockey Guidebook and on the website (ACE Coordinator required)
 - Rule/Regulation 1A to 1C – New Members, Changes to Classification and Level
 - Rule/Regulation 1F – Annual Screening Requirements
 - Rule/Regulation 1G – SafeSport Program and (Association representative required)
 - Rule/Regulation 4 and 11A(5) – Player Movement; also see the Player Release Form and the Player Commitment Form in the NYS Hockey Guidebook and on the website
 - Rule/Regulation 5C – Cross-Ice requirement
 - Rule/Regulation 7 – Coaching Education Program requirements
 - Rule/Regulation 8 – Playing Rule Modifications
 - Rule/Regulation 11 – Tournament-Bound Eligibility requirements

3.4 Keep Information Current. The Association must keep the Secretary of NYS Hockey up to date with the names of its current officers,

their addresses, and their contact information. The Association must assure that it has representatives designated as its ACE (Association Coaching and Education) Coordinator, ADM Coordinator, and SafeSport Coordinator.

3.5 Distribution of Information. The Association must distribute to its Participants, as relevant for that person, information provided to the Association by NYS Hockey and USA Hockey.

3.6 Representation at Meetings. The Association is strongly urged to have its representatives attend the Section meetings for its governing Section, and the Annual Meeting of NYS Hockey.

3.7 Equal Opportunity. The Association must provide an equal competitive opportunity, taking into account ability, physical size and other athletic criteria, to Participants, to participate consistent with the requirements of the Amateur Sports Act of 1978, as amended, in amateur athletic competition without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, or national origin.

3.8 Dispute Resolution. The Association shall provide for the prompt and equitable resolution of ice hockey and related disputes involving its Participants, including fair notice and the opportunity for a hearing to any Participant before declaring such individual ineligible to participate, in accordance with NYS Hockey Bylaw VIII and USA Hockey Bylaw 10.

3.9 Insurance. The Association is covered by Directors and Officers and Crime insurance policies maintained by USA Hockey. The Association retains the right to obtain whatever additional insurance coverage it may desire, at its own expense, but agrees to name NYS Hockey as an additional insured thereof. By purchasing and maintaining such additional coverage(s), NYS Hockey does not assume, and indeed disclaims, any liability for any actions or omissions of the Association or any Participant.

3.10 501(c)(3) Status. NYS Hockey recommends, but does not require, that the Association be organized as a not-for-profit corporation and obtain and maintain tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

3.11 Abuse. The Association shall adopt policies prohibiting sexual and physical abuse as described in the USA Hockey SafeSport Program which meet the minimum criteria established by NYS Hockey and USA Hockey (but subject to any contrary requirements contained in state or local law applicable to the Association).

3.12 Adoption. Within 180 days of the date of this Agreement, the Association shall incorporate the foregoing principles set forth in Articles II and III of this Agreement into its bylaws and official policies. It shall be a condition of the continuation of the grant of association and Member status contained herein for the Association to deliver to NYS Hockey, upon request, written proof of the adoption of same. If the Association does not adopt the foregoing principles as required herein, it may lose its Membership and Association good standing status in NYS Hockey and USA Hockey.

ARTICLE IV
TERM OF AGREEMENT

Unless terminated for breach as hereinafter provided, the term of this Agreement, as such may be amended from time to time pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement, shall be for one year, from September 1 to August 31, and thereafter shall be automatically renewed for successive one year terms.

ARTICLE V
BREACH

5.1 In the event that the Association shall breach any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, or any of the Membership Obligations (which are incorporated into this Agreement by reference), then NYS Hockey shall have the right to impose sanctions and/or terminate this Agreement and the status herein granted to the Association, subject to a hearing before the Board pursuant to the Dispute Resolution provisions contained in this Agreement and a 30-day right of the Association to cure and the acceptance of such cure by NYS Hockey. The Board shall hear and determine whether there has been a breach of any term or condition of this Agreement, subject to the requirements of NYS Hockey Bylaw VIII.

5.2 In the event that NYS Hockey shall breach any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, then the Association shall have the right to terminate this Agreement and the status herein granted, subject to a 30-day right to cure.

5.3 The provisions of Section 2.1B shall survive any termination of this Agreement.

ARTICLE VI
MISCELLANEOUS

6.1 Notice. Any notice or other communication in connection with or arising out of this Agreement, shall be in writing and shall be

delivered personally by hand or overnight courier; emailed; or mailed certified or registered, return receipt requested, postage prepaid. Each party hereby designates the following official representative to whom notice should be given:

- For NYS Hockey: Its current President, Secretary, and the applicable Vice President of the Section governing the Association

- For the Association: Its current President and Registrar (as provided to NYS Hockey by the Association, or otherwise known to NYS Hockey)

6.2 Amendment. This Agreement may be unilaterally amended by NYS Hockey if such amendment is made in a substantially uniform manner to all of NYS Hockey's Membership Agreements, either through a vote of the Board or by a vote of NYS Hockey's Membership at an Annual Meeting duly held pursuant to the NYS Hockey Bylaws. Otherwise, this Agreement may be amended if, and only if, such amendment is in writing and signed by both of the parties hereto.

6.3 Assignment. This Agreement may not be assigned by operation of law or otherwise.

6.4 Waiver. No provision of this Agreement shall be deemed waived by a party hereto unless such waiver is in a writing signed by such party. The waiver by a party of any breach of any provision of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of any subsequent breach of the same or any other provision of this Agreement. No delay or omission in the exercise of any right or remedy of a party upon any default by the other shall impair such right or remedy or be construed as a waiver.

6.5 Severability. The provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed severable, and the invalidity or unenforceability of any provision shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the other provisions hereof. In the event that any provision is declared illegal or void by a court of competent jurisdiction, then the provision so declared shall be deleted from this Agreement to the extent that it violates the law, or has been declared void. The remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect throughout the entire term hereof.

6.6 Entire Agreement. This Agreement shall be binding upon both parties hereto, and supersedes all other agreements and understandings, written or oral, by and between the parties hereto.

6.7 Governing Law. This Agreement shall be construed, administered, enforced and interpreted pursuant to the laws of the State of New York without regard to the conflict of laws principles thereof. Any disputes that arise hereunder are subject to the dispute resolution procedures contained in NYS Hockey Bylaw VIII and USA Hockey Bylaw 10, and any appeal therefrom shall be subject to USA Hockey Bylaw 10. In the event of recourse to the courts, the parties hereto irrevocably submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of the County of New York, State of New York, and the Federal courts of the United States of America located in the County of New York, State of New York, in respect of the interpretation and enforcement of the provisions of this Agreement. Construction of this Agreement shall be made pursuant to NYS Bylaw 8.6(b), *Deference to Governing Body Expertise*.

6.8 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which together shall constitute one and the same Agreement. Copies of executed counterparts transmitted by telecopy or other electronic transmission service shall be considered original executed counterparts for purposes of this provision.

6.9 Authority. Each party hereby covenants and warrants to the other that: (i) it is duly organized or otherwise established or formed and validly existing under the laws of its state of organization, establishment or formation; (ii) it has full power and authority to enter into this Agreement and to perform all of its obligations hereunder; (iii) each person (and all of the persons if more than one signs) signing this Agreement on its behalf is duly and validly authorized to do so; and (iv) no consent of any third party is required for the execution and delivery by it of this Agreement or for the performance of its obligations hereunder.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized respective representatives as of the date first set forth above.

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

ASSOCIATION

By: _____ By: _____

Name: _____ Name: _____

Title: _____ Title: _____

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 **(DELEGATE VOTER REGISTRATION CLOSED AND THOSE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ANNOUNCED)**
- (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) ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER SHALL GOVERN AND CONTROL THE CONDUCT OF ALL MEETINGS, UNLESS MODIFIED BY THESE BYLAWS.

(c) 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 Dispute Resolution

(a) General. All claims, demands, discipline or disputes ("**Disputes**") arising by and between Parties, as defined in Section 8.2, below, shall be subject to the provisions of this Article VIII and shall constitute the sole and exclusive remedy for dispute resolution. As provide in Section 8.7 hereof, this Article VIII is meant to be read and construed with USA Hockey Bylaw 10, and in the event of an omission or ambiguity in this Article, the provisions of USA Hockey Bylaw 10 shall be consulted to provide appropriate guidance therefor.

(b) Purpose. It is the specific purpose of this Article VIII to provide a uniform method of resolving Disputes that is a full and complete

substitute for any court proceedings and that utilizes the specific skills, expertise and background of individuals experienced in the sport of hockey and sports administration.

(c) Failure to Follow Procedure. All Parties agree to abide by this dispute resolution procedure. Failure to abide by this dispute resolution procedure shall, in addition to any other sanctions allowed by this Article VIII:

(i) Make a Party and any person or entity representing, participating with or aiding such Party liable for any and all costs and expenses, direct or indirect, including reasonable court costs and attorneys' fees and the value of volunteer time incurred by USA Hockey, NYS Hockey and its Member Associations, directors, officers and/or agents; and

(ii) Subject such Party to Summary Suspension and/or disqualification from membership and any right to participate in USA Hockey or its Affiliate Associations' sanctioned events in the sole discretion of USA Hockey, NYS Hockey and its Member Associations.

(d) Forms. Appended to this Annual Guide are the following forms that may be used in compliance with the requirements of this Article VIII and the Unified Procedure described below. The forms are:

- **Form 1 - Notice of Hearing for Suspension/Discipline:** a letter to a Party advising that a hearing will be conducted to determine if suspension or discipline should be imposed;

- **Form 2 - Notice of Hearing to Contest Administrative Action:** a letter to a Party advising that a hearing will be conducted to contest an Administrative Action that was made;

- **Form 3 - Notice of Summary Suspension:** a letter to a Party advising of suspension and the right to a hearing;

- **Form 4 - Hearing Panel Decision of Suspension/Discipline:** a format for composing the decision of a Disciplinary Authority Panel regarding Suspension or Discipline;

- **Form 5 - Hearing Panel Decision of Administrative Action:** a format for composing the decision of a Disciplinary Authority Panel regarding an Administrative Action contest; and

- **Form 6 - Appeal Authority Decision:** a format for composing the decision of an Appeal Authority Panel.

Section 8.2 Definitions. For the purposes of this Article VIII, the words, terms and phrases used in this Article VIII shall have the following definitions:

“Administrative Action” shall mean any action or decision by a Disciplinary Authority (other than “Discipline”) that affects any Party’s eligibility to participate in “Domestic Competition” and/or their membership in any organization within the jurisdiction of these By-Laws.

“Appeal Authority” shall mean USA Hockey, NYS Hockey, and if applicable any league, having jurisdiction to decide any applicable appeal according to “Applicable Rules.”

“Applicable Rules,” means the articles, bylaws, rules and regulations, playing rules, core values, and decisions of the Boards of Directors of, USA Hockey, NYS Hockey and the applicable Section.

“Disciplinary Authority” shall mean an Association (as defined at Section 3.1), a league or a program, or a component part thereof, a Section and/or NYS Hockey, having jurisdiction to issue Discipline to any Party within the jurisdiction of NYS Hockey.

“Discipline” shall mean a suspension, Probation, censure or other discipline of a Party.

“Domestic Competition” shall mean any ice hockey event, including, but not limited to, games, tryouts, competitions and the like, other than an international competition, organized and conducted by USA Hockey or NYS Hockey in the New York District.

“New York District” shall mean the New York District of USA Hockey.

“Party” shall mean: (i) an Association (as defined at Section 3.1), Affiliate, league, club, sponsor, facility, program, entity or other group or organization, or a component part or a component person thereof; (ii) a person who is a Registered Participant Member of USA Hockey (as defined in USA Hockey Bylaw 1.A), or a person or organization that is an Allied Member (as defined in USA Hockey Bylaw 1.A and 6.C); and (iii) other members within the jurisdiction of NYS Hockey, including but not limited to, players and their parents and/or guardians, managers, coaches, agents or other persons engaged in any manner in or with Domestic Competition or participating in a USA Hockey sanctioned event of any kind in the New York District.

“Playing Rules” shall mean playing rules of the game adopted from time to time by: (i) USA Hockey and published as USA Hockey Playing Rules; and (ii) NYS Hockey and published as Playing Rules – Modifications to USA Hockey Official Playing Rules.

“Playing Rules Suspension” shall mean suspensions expressly permitted or mandated by the Playing Rules.

“Probation” shall mean 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 Disciplinary Authority initially hearing the Dispute, or by the Appeal Authority (as defined in this Article VIII) hearing an appeal hereunder.

Section 8.3 Unified Procedure

(a) General. Except as may be permitted in Section 8.4 below, no Party may be suspended from participation or otherwise disciplined for any alleged violation of the Rules and Regulations, Policies, Codes of Conduct and Ethics, of USA Hockey, NYS Hockey or a Disciplinary Authority in the New York District, unless a hearing has been held prior to the Discipline being taken according to the provisions of this Unified Procedure. A Party or other person within the jurisdiction of NYS Hockey may be subject to Discipline in accordance with this Unified Procedure for violation of the Applicable Rules or for conduct unsuitable for the sport of ice hockey. With respect to Administrative Actions, a Party is entitled to contest an Administrative

Action that has been made with respect to that Party. Where a writing is required, such may be made by email.

(b) Purpose. It is the purpose of this Unified Procedure to provide Parties a fair hearing: (i) prior to being subject to Discipline, which shall include reasonable notice of the grounds for the proposed Discipline; and (ii) to contest an Administrative Action that has been made. The hearing shall include reasonable opportunity to prepare and present their case and argument in accordance with these rules, including the opportunity to call witnesses and present evidence, the opportunity to see all evidence intended to be used at the hearing, to have witnesses questioned pursuant to the rules adopted by the hearing panel, and to be assisted by counsel at the hearing.

(c) Hearing Procedure.

(i) Hearing Panel. The Disciplinary Authority considering issuing any Discipline, or upon demand by a Party contesting a suspension or other disciplinary action where no hearing was held, or desires to contest an Administrative Action, shall appoint a hearing panel of a minimum of three reasonably disinterested and impartial persons to conduct the hearing. A referee may serve the hearing panel in an advisory role during the hearing, but shall neither have a vote on nor participate in the deliberations of the hearing panel. In cases involving the discipline of referees or coaches, the New York District Referee-in-Chief or Coach-in-Chief, as appropriate, or his/her designee, shall serve on the hearing panel if so appointed.

(ii) Hearing Timing. The hearing panel shall hold the hearing no later than thirty (30) days after its appointment unless a later date is agreed upon by the Parties and approved by the hearing panel.

(iii) Hearing Notice. Not later than seven (7) days before the hearing date, the hearing panel shall provide written notice to all interested Parties of the time and place of the hearing, the manner in which the hearing will be conducted, the grounds for any proposed suspension or discipline, or to contest an Administrative Action, the possible consequences of an adverse finding, and the issues to be resolved by the panel; provided, however, that only the Party subject to the hearing may waive such seven (7) days' notice but such waiver must be in writing.

(iv) Hearing Location. Subject to the provisions of the following subsection (v), the hearing panel shall make every reasonable effort to convene the hearing in a location accessible to all the Parties.

(v) Conduct of Hearing. The hearing panel may in its discretion hold a formal or informal hearing, in person or by telephonic conference call or video conference, hear any evidence it believes is relevant to the issue(s) before it, place limits on time, evidence and documentation, have witnesses or written statements and establish other hearing rules so long as the Parties are informed of the established procedures, each Party has a reasonable opportunity to present its case and argument in accordance with the hearing panel's rules, and each Party is treated in a substantially equal manner. The Rules of Evidence in judicial proceedings shall not apply in the hearing. The Parties may be represented by counsel of their choosing at their own expense, provided that the hearing panel may set rules for the involvement of counsel in the hearing. If the hearing panel has not made arrangements for a record of the proceedings, a Party may at its own expense create a stenographic or other record of the proceedings (but excluding a record by video) and must inform the hearing panel prior to the hearing of any arrangements so made. A copy of any such record created by or for a Party shall be provided at such Party's cost to the hearing panel. Other Parties will be permitted to secure a copy of the record in the normal course at their own expense.

(vi) Burden of Proof.

(A) Suspension and Discipline. In order to impose a suspension or discipline, the hearing panel must make a finding supported by a preponderance of the evidence (*i.e.*, more likely true than not true) that the Party violated an Applicable Rule. The Disciplinary Authority proposing the Discipline shall have the burden of proof and shall present evidence to support the suspension or discipline by a preponderance of the evidence.

(B) Administrative Action. When an Administrative Action is contested, the burden of proof shall be on the Party challenging the Administrative Action to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the Administrative Action 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

Party taking the Administrative Action shall be presented and considered by the hearing panel.

(vii) Decision. The hearing panel shall use reasonable efforts to: (A) render its decision within five (5) business days of the completion of the hearing or the closing of the record, whichever is later; and (B) prepare and deliver a written decision to the Parties within fifteen (15) business days of the completion of the hearing or the close of the record, whichever is later. The written decision shall contain findings of material facts, conclusions, the determination of the hearing panel and a statement of any right of appeal a Party may have as a result of the decision. Delivery of the decision to the Parties may be made by First Class United States Mail or other delivery service or electronic mail in the discretion of the hearing panel, as permitted in Section 10.7.

(viii) Scope of Hearing Panel Decision. The decision of the hearing panel shall be: (A) in effect only for the program governed by the Disciplinary Authority; and (B) subject to appeal as set out in Section 8.5. If the Disciplinary Authority wishes to extend any suspension or discipline it imposed beyond its program, it must notify NYS Hockey through its Section President. If the suspension or discipline is imposed by NYS Hockey, or if a local Disciplinary Authority's decision is affirmed by NYS Hockey, and either wishes to extend the scope of the hearing panel's decision beyond the New York District, it may only do so by NYS Hockey submitting a written request therefor with a copy of the written Disciplinary Authority's and/or Appeal Authority's decision to the Executive Director of USA Hockey, who will advise all other Affiliate Associations of the suspension or Discipline, and upon such notice the suspension or Discipline will be in effect for all Affiliate Associations as provided by USA Hockey Bylaw 10.C(3)(h).

Section 8.4. Exclusions from Unified Procedure

(a) General. As a matter of policy, law and practicality, there are matters that at least initially do not or should not be subject to the Unified Procedure. Any matter not specifically excluded from the Unified Procedure shall be covered by the Unified Procedure.

(b) Purpose. It is the purpose of this Section 8.4 to distinguish those disputes and actions that do not require a hearing prior to imposing a suspension or discipline, or that require different procedural handling and

safeguards, and to set them out separately in order to highlight any uniqueness such disputes and actions may possess.

(c) Exclusions.

(i) Summary Suspensions. A Summary Suspension may be imposed by any Disciplinary Authority only in those cases where a Party: (A) has been arrested for a crime alleged to have been committed; (B) a Party has assaulted another or violated the USA Hockey SafeSport Policy, including such abuse between adults; or (C) other violations of Policies set forth in the annual guides or comparable policies of USA Hockey or NYS Hockey that are in writing and have been approved by USA Hockey or NYS Hockey, respectively.

Any such Summary Suspension must be in writing and given to the suspended Party, and the writing shall inform the Party of his or her right to request a hearing. The suspended Party must submit a request for a hearing of a Summary Suspension within seven (7) days of the Party being notified of the suspension. Any hearing following a Summary Suspension shall be conducted according to the provisions of the Unified Procedure.

(ii) Playing Rules Suspensions. Any Playing Rules Suspension does not require a hearing except that, in the event of the imposition of a match penalty as defined in the Playing Rules, a hearing must be offered to be held as set forth in the Playing Rules, and the terms and length of the Party's suspension shall be as set forth in the Playing Rules unless modified or revoked by the hearing panel. Any hearing for a match penalty shall be conducted according to the Unified Procedure; provided that, in the case of a match penalty being imposed in a district or national championship tournament held in the New York District, the hearing will be conducted immediately after the game in question by the on-site USA Hockey personnel. All applicable game scoresheets and referee reports must be presented to the hearing panel and made available to the Party subject to suspension. Any Playing Rule Suspension shall remain in force and effect and be final unless modified or revoked at a hearing, except that if the hearing is not held within 30 days of the incident together with a decision in accordance with the Unified Procedure, the suspended Party shall be automatically reinstated after the 30-day period. The failure to offer the

hearing shall not prohibit the hearing body from conducting the hearing after the 30-day period and thereafter imposing further disciplinary action.

(iii) Officiating Suspensions. An official's organization or league or local supervisor of officials shall have the authority to suspend a referee up to ten (10) days without a prior hearing. An official's Association or NYS Hockey shall have the authority to suspend a referee after a hearing (held in accordance with the Unified Procedure) or in accordance with the Summary Suspension procedures.

Any official(s) who boycotts any game(s) due to any disciplinary action taken or not taken by a Disciplinary Authority shall subject said official(s) to Discipline in accordance with the Unified Procedure conducted by the responsible Disciplinary Authority.

USA Hockey does not recognize officials' organizations. However, if any registered USA Hockey official is restricted or denied assignment eligibility for any USA Hockey game by an officials' organization (including any group of officials), except for good cause shown in accordance with such organization's written rules and then only for a very limited duration without a hearing as provided herein, then said such organization shall be subject to suspension or expulsion in accordance with the rules and regulations herein and that restriction or denied assignment shall have no effect.

(iv) Assault on Game Official. Assaults on Game Officials are violations of the Playing Rules and as such are subject to the provisions for Playing Rules Suspensions. In the event of a match penalty for assault on a game official, the offending Party shall be immediately suspended from all of NYS Hockey and USA Hockey sanctioned activity, and if such penalty is affirmed after a hearing, the offending Party shall be suspended for not less than one calendar year with one year calendar year Probation thereafter. In the cases of match penalties for assault on a game official, NYS Hockey or its designated hearing body, shall exercise original jurisdiction in such matter. Suspensions for assault on a game official shall be immediately reported to the President of NYS Hockey, the appropriate Section President, and the USA Hockey Registrar for the New York District. Any game official assessing said penalty shall file with the USA Hockey Referee-in-Chief for the New York 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 President of NYS Hockey, the appropriate Section President, and the applicable Disciplinary Authority (typically, the Association and/or applicable league), indicating whether the incident is applicable under Rule 601(f)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 Disciplinary Authority to the player, team official and the game official involved. The Registrar may accept a registration subject to the terms of this suspension.

(v) High School, College Club Hockey or Other Members. A high school program or college club hockey program that is a member of USA Hockey and NYS Hockey but where membership and eligibility issues are determined pursuant to rules, regulations and dispute resolution procedures of a national, state or district interscholastic athletic organization, shall not be subject to the Unified Procedure to the extent that such organization's rules, regulations and dispute resolution procedures also address the matter.

(vi) Unified Procedures Not Applicable to Financial Disputes. Disputes concerning liability or damages arising from personal injury claims and disputes concerning dues and fees between Parties are not subject to the Unified Procedure, provided that the existence of a debt to NYS Hockey, an Association, or league or program or local organization in the New York District may be grounds for the issuance of Discipline in connection with such matter.

Section 8.5 Appeals

(a) Right to Appeal. Any Party that is suspended, otherwise disciplined or subject to an Administrative Action may, after a hearing or failure to have a hearing in accordance with the Unified Procedure, appeal such action as follows:

(i) Suspensions. Playing Rule Suspensions or suspensions for violations of bylaws and/or rules of an Association and/or applicable league, may be appealed, as applicable, to the next higher authority, that being to the responsible Section President and then to the Board. Upon the written appeal of any Party whose suspension has been upheld by the Board, the Executive Committee of USA Hockey shall allow an

appeal of such suspension to be determined by it pursuant to the provisions of USA Hockey Bylaw 10, provided that the appealing party shall have the burden of production and of proving that the Board committed a gross abuse of discretion.

(ii) Appeals Not Involving Suspensions. Appeals of Administrative Actions or other disciplinary action which do not involve suspension shall be appealed to the responsible Section President and then to the Board. Pursuant to USA Hockey Bylaw 10, there shall be no further appeals of Administrative Actions or other disciplinary actions not involving a suspension from the decision of the responsible Section President or the Board.

(iii) Officials. Officials may appeal a suspension, other disciplinary action or an adverse Administrative Action if by an officials association, by the USA Hockey Referee in Chief for the New York District or by a local supervisor of officials in the New York District, to the Board. Pursuant to USA Hockey Bylaw 10, if the official has been disciplined by the Board, or if the Board has affirmed the discipline previously imposed, the official may appeal the discipline to a USA Hockey committee consisting of the National Referee in Chief, a District Director from NYS Hockey and a third impartial individual selected by those two, and there shall be no further appeal of any decision by the said committee and the Discipline shall be final.

(b) Appeal Procedure. The appeal procedure for all appeals as described in Section 8.5 above shall be as follows:

(i) Statement of Appeal. The appealing Party must submit a Statement of Appeal in writing to the responsible Section President or to the Board (the "**Appeal Authority**"), with a copy to the Disciplinary Authority and the hearing panel, of the decision appealed from within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the decision appealed or of the date of the failure to hold a hearing, whichever is applicable. The Statement of Appeal shall include a statement of why the Discipline should be overturned or reversed, and should attach the record of the hearing panel, if any, and a copy of the decision. The Disciplinary Authority and any responding Party shall have fourteen (14) days from the receipt of the Statement of Appeal to file a reply and any reply must be served upon the Appeal Authority and the appealing Party. The Statement of Appeal and reply should be a complete

and comprehensive document and include all materials the Party wishes to be considered. Letters and other documents not submitted by the Party him/herself as part of the Statement of Appeal need not be considered by the Appeal Authority. If a Statement of Appeal is not received by the appropriate Appeal Authority within the fourteen (14) day period, the discipline shall be final. The failure to respond by any Party will exclude that Party from further participation in the appeal proceedings.

The Statement of Appeal and any reply shall be no longer than ten (10) typed double spaced pages with a font size no smaller than twelve (12) point. Exhibits to support the Statement of Appeal and/or reply may also be attached, including any relevant governing documents the Party is relying upon to support its argument. Exhibits shall not be included in the ten (10) page limitation.

(ii) Conduct of Appeal Hearing. The Appeal Authority may in its discretion hold a hearing or consider the appeal on the written submissions of the Parties 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, and any hearing may, in the discretion of the Appeal Authority, be held in person, telephonically or by video conference. Only the evidence and theories presented to the Disciplinary Authority or party taking the Administrative Action prior to rendering its decision shall be presented or considered on appeal.

(iii) Appeal Decision. The Appeal Authority shall make every reasonable effort to issue a written decision that shall include a statement with a finding of the facts that were proven at the hearing and the conclusions of the Appeal Authority within fourteen (14) days of the hearing. The Appeal Authority may affirm, reverse or modify (including increase or decrease the term of a suspension) any decision in its sole discretion and as it deems proper under the circumstances.

(iv) Suspension or Discipline Remains in Effect. Any suspension, discipline or Administrative Action appealed from shall remain in force and effect until it expires, is reversed or is modified by the Appeal Authority.

(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 Party, may subject such Party 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 Bylaws and 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 or 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 bylaws, 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.

2. The following Forms shall be added to the Annual Guide immediately following the Bylaws:

FORM 1 - NOTICE OF HEARING OF SUSPENSION/DISCIPLINE

_____ [date]

[Name and Address of Party]

Re: *Notice of Hearing Under NYS Hockey Bylaw 8.3(c)*

Dear _____:

This letter serves as your Notice of Hearing from the Hearing Panel under NYS Hockey Bylaw 8.3(c), to determine whether you will be suspended or otherwise disciplined as a result of violations of [*identify the USA Hockey or NYS Hockey Bylaw, Rule or Regulation*]. The discipline is proposed by [*name of party making the charge*]. The hearing will be held on _____ [date] _____, at [a.m./p.m.], at [*hearing location*].

[*Name of party making the charge*] alleges that you have [*generally describe facts/allegations that are alleged to have occurred*]. If the Hearing Panel finds that the above events occurred, you may be suspended or disciplined at the discretion of the Hearing Panel. [*If an investigation was made and a report prepared, add the following: A copy of the investigation report by [name of report author] is attached to this letter and will be considered by the Hearing Panel.*]

[*Name of the party making the charge*] will have the burden of proving that the facts giving rise to the discipline are more likely to have occurred than not to have occurred, and that establishing such facts constitutes a violation of [*identify the USA Hockey or NYS Hockey Bylaw, Rule or Regulation*].

Any issues raised during the hearing will also be addressed to the extent possible. You should also know that any evidence presented at the hearing may subject you and any other person implicated by that evidence to potential disciplinary action, up to and including suspension.

EACH PERSON RECEIVING THIS NOTICE IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND THIS HEARING. Failure to attend this hearing may result in administrative or disciplinary action being taken at that hearing, up to and including suspension. The hearing will proceed with or without your presence.

The Hearing Panel may request the presence at this hearing of

witnesses or documents. If you have any witnesses who you wish attend the hearing who are not listed at the bottom of this letter, please let me know in writing well before the hearing so that the Hearing Panel can request their attendance.

The following procedures will be applicable to the hearing:

- *[Describe procedures, e.g., time limits for each party to present their arguments, deadline by which written submissions should be delivered, maximum length (number of pages) for written submissions, number of witnesses allowed for each party, etc.].*

- *[Identify any documents that the Hearing Panel will require any party to provide].*

- You may request that a written record of the hearing be made, which may consist of a recording, audio or video at the discretion of the Hearing Panel. The cost for providing for a court reporter's transcript shall be paid by the party who requests the record.

- The hearing will be *[open or closed]*. You may have counsel present but the following rules will apply to such counsel's presence in the hearing *[sample rules pertaining to participation by an attorney are below, and should be modified to conform with the applicable procedure]:*

1. Counsel *[may/or may not]* be allowed to offer oral arguments on your behalf;

2. If allowed to present argument, the attorney's time shall be deducted from the time allocated to you in the hearing;

3. Counsel *[may/or may not]* be allowed to voice objections to evidence during the hearing;

4. Counsel *[may/or may not]* be present in the hearing room while the hearing body takes evidence on the matter;

5. Counsel *[may/or may not]* be allowed to present closing arguments on your behalf; and

6. Counsel's presence shall not delay or otherwise cause the hearing to be unduly extended.

- The Hearing Panel will deliberate in closed session following the

hearing, and a decision will be issued in a timely manner.

Following the hearing and a decision sent to you, you will have a right to appeal the decision to *[identify the Appeal Authority, i.e., the Section President or the Board]* pursuant to NYS Hockey Bylaw 8.5. To appeal the decision, you must submit your Statement of Appeal to *[identify the Appeal Authority]* and to this Hearing Panel, with copies provided as required under

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions regarding any of the foregoing.

Very truly yours,

[signed] _____ [name] _____, Hearing Panel Chair

Enclosures: *[list any enclosures]*

cc: *[name of party making the charge, and any other parties/witnesses]*

FORM 2 - NOTICE OF HEARING TO CONTEST ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

_____ [date]

[Name and Address of Party]

Re: *Notice of Hearing Under NYS Hockey Bylaw 8.3(c)*

Dear _____:

This letter serves as your Notice of Hearing from the Hearing Panel under NYS Hockey Bylaw 8.3(c), to determine your contest of the Administrative Action of [name of party that took the Administrative Action]. The Administrative Action taken was [describe generally]. The hearing will be held on _____ [date] _____, at [a.m./p.m.], at [hearing location].

You will have the burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that the Administrative Action made by [name of party that took the Administrative Action] was made in an arbitrary or capricious manner, or that it was not supported by the facts. If the Hearing Panel finds that you have not carried your burden of proof, at the discretion of the Hearing Panel the Administrative Action may be affirmed. [If an investigation was made and a report prepared, add the following: A copy of the investigation report by [name of report author] is attached to this letter and will be considered by the Hearing Panel.]

Any issues raised during the hearing will also be addressed to the extent possible. You should also know that any evidence presented at the hearing may subject you and any other person implicated by that evidence to potential administrative or disciplinary action.

EACH PERSON RECEIVING THIS NOTICE IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND THIS HEARING. Failure to attend this hearing may result in administrative or disciplinary action being taken at that hearing. The hearing will proceed with or without your presence.

The Hearing Panel may request the presence at the hearing of witnesses or documents. If you have any witnesses who you wish attend the hearing who are not listed at the bottom of this letter, please let me know in writing well before the hearing so that the Hearing Panel can request their attendance.

The following procedures will be applicable to the hearing:

- *[Describe procedures, e.g., time limits for each party to present their arguments, deadline by which written submissions should be delivered, maximum length (number of pages) for written submissions, number of witnesses allowed for each party, etc.].*

- *[Identify any documents that the Hearing Panel will require any party to provide].*

- You may request that a written record of the hearing be made, which may consist of a recording, audio or video at the discretion of the Hearing Panel. The cost for providing for a court reporter's transcript shall be paid by the party who requests the record.

- The hearing will be *[open or closed]*. You may have counsel present but the following rules will apply to such counsel's presence in the hearing *[sample rules pertaining to participation by an attorney are below, and should be modified to conform with the applicable procedure]:*

1. Counsel *[may/or may not]* be allowed to offer oral arguments on your behalf;

2. If allowed to present argument, the attorney's time shall be deducted from the time allocated to you in the hearing;

3. Counsel *[may/or may not]* be allowed to voice objections to evidence during the hearing;

4. Counsel *[may/or may not]* be present in the hearing room while the hearing body takes evidence on the matter;

5. Counsel *[may/or may not]* be allowed to present closing arguments on your behalf; and

6. Counsel's presence shall not delay or otherwise cause the hearing to be unduly extended.

- The Hearing Panel will deliberate in closed session following the hearing, and a decision will be issued in a timely manner.

Following this hearing and a decision sent to you, you will have a right to appeal the decision to *[identify the Appeal Authority, i.e., the Section President or the Board]* pursuant to NYS Hockey Bylaw 8.5. To appeal the

decision, you must submit your Statement of Appeal to [*identify the Appeal Authority*] and to this Hearing Panel, with copies provided as required under Bylaw 8.5, within 14 days of your receipt of the decision.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions regarding any of the foregoing.

Very truly yours,

_____ [signed]
_____ [*name*], Hearing Panel Chair

Enclosures: [*list any enclosures*]

cc: [*name of party making the charge, and any other parties/witnesses*]

FORM 3 - NOTICE OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION

_____ [date]

[Name and Address of Party]

Re: *Notice of Summary Suspension Under NYS Hockey Bylaw 8.4(c)*

Dear _____:

This letter serves as notice that you have been suspended from all participation in NYS Hockey and USA Hockey sanctioned activities by [name of Disciplinary Authority imposing suspension].

[Select Occurrence Requiring Summary Suspension]

[A. For A Hockey Violation]

This suspension is imposed pursuant to the Summary Suspension provisions of NYS Hockey Bylaw 8.4(c) and USA Hockey Bylaw 10.D.(3)(a) as a result of allegations that you violated [identify the USA Hockey or NYS Hockey Playing Rules, Policies e.g., physical or sexual abuse] as set forth in the Annual Guide of USA Hockey [and/or the Annual Guide of NYS Hockey]. You are alleged to have [describe facts that are alleged to have occurred]. At this point, you are suspended indefinitely pending further notice [or a time period or other scope of suspension description may be included].

You have a right to request a hearing to contest this suspension.

To request a hearing, you must provide written notice to the undersigned within seven (7) days of your receipt of this notice. Your failure to request a hearing within seven (7) days of this notice will waive your right to a hearing and the suspension imposed hereby shall stand. If a hearing is requested, the hearing will be held pursuant to the provisions of NYS Hockey Bylaw 8.3(c), a Hearing Panel will be appointed, and the Hearing Panel will notify you of the time, place and other details regarding the hearing. If a hearing is held, you will have a right to appeal any decision pursuant to NYS Hockey Bylaw 8.5.

[B. For An Arrest Or Criminal Charges, Or Other Non-Hockey Violation]

This suspension is imposed pursuant to the Summary Suspension provisions of NYS Hockey Bylaw 8.4(c) and USA Hockey Bylaw 10.D.(3)(a) as a result of you being [arrested/charged]. You are alleged to have [describe

facts that are alleged to have occurred]. At this point, you are suspended indefinitely pending further notice [or, *a time period or other scope of suspension description may be included*].

With respect to the ongoing legal proceedings involving you, the [Disciplinary Authority] is staying the time by which you must submit a request for a hearing until 7 days following the conclusion of those legal proceedings. Further, when the legal proceedings have been determined with finality by a court of competent jurisdiction, you may request that this suspension be terminated by submitting the appropriate disposition documentation from said court to [the responsible Section President], who will present your request and supporting documentation to the NYS Hockey Board.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions regarding any of the foregoing.

Very truly yours,

_____ [signed]

_____ [name]
[name of Disciplinary Authority]
[title of signatory]

**FORM 4 –
HEARING PANEL DECISION OF SUSPENSION/DISCIPLINE**

**Hearing Panel Decision
Disciplinary Proceedings Under NYC Hockey Bylaw 8.3(c)
Hearing Held on *[Date of Hearing]* at *[Hearing Location]***

To: *[Names of Parties to the Hearing]*

From: *[Names of Hearing Panel Members]*, Hearing Panel Members for
[Name of Disciplinary Authority]

Re: Proposed *[describe suspension/discipline]* of *[Party subject to suspension/discipline]*

On *[date of hearing]* at *[hearing location]*, the above-named Hearing Panel held a hearing to determine whether *[name of the Party subject to suspension/discipline]* should be *[suspended /disciplined]* as a result of violations of *[identify the USA Hockey and/or NYS Hockey Bylaw, Rule or Regulation]*. The suspension/discipline was proposed by *[name of Party making the charge]*. Notice of the allegations and a Notice of Hearing were provided to *[names]* on *[date(s)]*.

This report serves as the written determination and decision of the Hearing Panel. The Hearing Panel confirms that its Members are reasonably disinterested and impartial and have no interest in the outcome of the hearing. *[Hearing Panel may identify the members of the panel and their title/role in hockey]*

[Describe the length of the hearing, number and identity of witnesses that were called by each side, submissions by the Parties, etc.] All persons present were given an opportunity to present their views and to provide information, ask questions and submit evidence.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Based on the testimony, information and exhibits presented at the hearing, and the written submissions from *[names of Parties submitting documents]*, the Hearing Panel finds the following facts to be established by a preponderance of the evidence:

1. *[Describe the determinations of the hearing panel as to any facts that must be established in order to support the conclusions below];*

2. [Etc.]

CONCLUSIONS

Based on the above Findings of Fact, the Hearing Panel concludes:

A. That the occurrence of the facts described above constitute [does not constitute] a violation of [*describe USA Hockey and/or NYS Hockey Bylaw, Rule or Regulation that was violated*];

B. [Etc.]

DECISION

Based upon the above Findings of Fact, determined by the Hearing Panel to be more likely true than not true, and the above Conclusion(s) drawn from the Findings of Fact, the Hearing Panel hereby determines:

I. [*Describe the suspension/discipline determined by the hearing panel*];

II. [Etc.]

This Hearing Panel Decision may be appealed by any Party disciplined hereunder to [*identify the Appeal Authority, as applicable, the responsible Section President or the NYS Hockey President*] pursuant to NYS Hockey Bylaw 8.5. To appeal this Decision, you must submit your Statement of Appeal to [*identify the Appeal Authority*] and to this Hearing Panel, with copies provided as required under Bylaw 8.5, within fourteen (14) days of your receipt of this Decision. If the Statement of Appeal is not so delivered within the fourteen (14) day period, this Decision shall be final. Additional information regarding the appeal rights of any disciplined Party, including information that must be included in a Statement of Appeal, may be found in NYS Hockey Bylaw 8.5 as set forth in the NYS Hockey Annual Guide.

This Hearing Panel Decision is issued _____ [*date*] .

FORM 5 –
HEARING PANEL DECISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

Hearing Panel Decision

Administrative Action Contest Proceedings Under NYC Hockey Bylaw 8.3(c)
Hearing Held on [Date of Hearing] at [Hearing Location]

To: [Names of Parties to the Hearing]

From: [Names of Hearing Panel Members], Hearing Panel Members for
[Name of Disciplinary Authority]

Re: Contest of [describe Administrative Action] of [Party subject to
Administrative Action]

On [date of hearing] at [hearing location], the above-named Hearing Panel held a hearing to determine the contest by [name of Party contesting the Administrative Action]. The Administrative Action taken was [describe generally]. The Administrative Action being contested was taken by [name of Party that took the Administrative Action]. Notice of the Hearing on this contest was provided to [names] on [date(s)].

This report serves as the written decision of the Hearing Panel. The Hearing Panel confirms that its Members are reasonably disinterested and impartial and have no interest in the outcome of the hearing. [Hearing Panel may identify the members of the panel and their title/role in hockey]

[Describe the length of the hearing, number and identity of witnesses that were called by each side, submissions by the Parties, etc.] All persons present were given an opportunity to present their views and to provide information, ask questions and submit evidence.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Based on the testimony, information and exhibits presented at the hearing, and the written submissions from [name of Parties submitting documents], the Hearing Panel finds the following facts to have been established by a preponderance of the evidence:

1. [Describe the determinations of the hearing panel as to any facts that must be established in order to support the conclusions below];

2. [Etc.]

CONCLUSIONS

Based on the above Findings of Fact, the Hearing Panel concludes:

A. That the occurrence of the facts described above does not support a finding that the Administrative Action being contested was made in an arbitrary or capricious manner [*or*, That the occurrence of the facts described above supports a finding that the Administrative Action being contested was made in an arbitrary or capricious manner]; [*and/or*]

B. That the Administrative Action being contested was supported [*or*, not supported] by the occurrence of the facts described above;

C. [*Etc.*].

DECISION

Based upon the above Findings of Fact, determined by the Hearing Panel to be more likely true than not true, and the above Conclusion(s) drawn from the Findings of Fact, the Hearing Panel hereby determines:

I. That the Administrative Action was not made in an arbitrary or capricious manner based on the facts, and is upheld [*or*, That the Administrative Action was made in an arbitrary or capricious manner, [*and/or* is not supported by the facts], and is reversed];

II. [*Etc.*]

This Hearing Panel Decision may be appealed by any Party subject to or imposing the Administrative Action, to [*identify the Appeal Authority, as applicable, the responsible Section President or the NYS Hockey President*] pursuant to NYS Hockey Bylaw 8.5. To appeal this Decision, you must submit your Statement of Appeal to [*identify the Appeal Authority*] and to this Hearing Panel, with copies provided as required under Bylaw 8.5, within fourteen (14) days of your receipt of this Decision. If the Statement of Appeal is not so delivered within the fourteen (14) day period, this Decision shall be final. Additional information regarding the appeal rights of any Party subject to or imposing the Administrative Action, including information that must be included in a Statement of Appeal, may be found in NYS Hockey Bylaw 8.5 as set forth in the NYS Hockey Annual Guide.

This Hearing Panel Decision is issued _____ [*date*] _____.

FORM 6 - APPEAL AUTHORITY DECISION

Appeal Authority Decision on Appeal of *[Suspension/Discipline or Administrative Action]*
Issued Regarding *[Name of Party Suspended/Disciplined, or subject to Administrative Action]*
Appeal Proceedings Under NYS Hockey Bylaw 8.5

To: *[Names of Parties to the Appeal]*

From: *[Names of Appeal Authority Panel Members]*, Appeal Panel Members

Re: Appeal by *[name of appealing Party]* regarding *[suspension/discipline or Administrative Action being appealed]*

[For an appeal involving suspension/discipline] This matter is the appeal of *[name of appealing Party]* from the Decision of a hearing panel of *[name of Disciplinary Authority]*, dated _____, in which the *[name of Disciplinary Authority]* imposed *[did not impose]* a *[describe suspension/discipline]* that was sought by *[name of Party seeking the suspension/discipline]* (the "Hearing Panel").

[For an appeal involving an Administrative Action] This matter is the appeal of *[name of appealing Party]* from the Decision of a hearing panel of *[name of Disciplinary Authority]*, dated _____, in which the *[name of Disciplinary Authority]* *[upheld/reversed]* the Administrative Action of *[name of the Party that made the Administrative Action]* (the "Hearing Panel").

[If the Statement of Appeal was not timely delivered, then the following paragraph is appropriate and concludes this Decision letter]:

While *[name of appealing Party]* asserts various reasons for disagreeing and overturning the Decision of the Hearing Panel, we do not have the authority to determine the merits of this matter as it was not timely appealed. NYS Hockey has adopted Bylaw 8.5 regarding the timely submission of a Statement of Appeal, and that Bylaw is in accordance with USA Hockey Bylaw 10.E. See NYS Hockey Bylaw 8.5(b)(i); USA Hockey Bylaw 10.E(2)(a). This appeal was not timely made and is accordingly dismissed in all respects.

[If the Statement of Appeal was timely submitted, then the following paragraph is appropriate]:

[Name of appealing Party] timely submitted a Statement of Appeal on *[date of Statement of Appeal]*, which included the written record *[if there*

was one] issued by the Hearing Panel. [Name of responding Party] timely submitted a response to the Statement of Appeal on [date of response]. [If a response was not submitted, or was not submitted timely, that should be noted]

[Include any other relevant history of this matter and appeal]

[Describe any other reports, documents, etc. that were submitted].

[Depending on whether a hearing was held, include one of the following] Following submission of the documents described above, the Appeal Panel determined to decide this appeal based on the written submissions of the parties. [or] A hearing on this appeal was held on _____. [Describe as applicable the length of any hearing, the number and identity of witnesses that were called by each side, submissions by the parties, etc.]

[Describe facts that are relevant to the determination of the appeal; facts not relevant to the determination should not be included]

[If suspension/discipline is involved, use the following] Based upon our review of the facts above, we find that _____ violated [or did not violate] [describe USA Hockey and/or NYS Hockey Bylaw, Rule or Regulation that was or was not violated].

[If an Administrative Action is involved, use the following] Based upon our review of the facts above, we find that the Administrative Action appealed from was [or was not] properly [upheld/reversed].

Pursuant to NYS Hockey Bylaw 8.5(b)(iii), this Appeal Panel has the authority to “affirm, reverse or modify (including increase or decrease) any decision in its sole discretion and as it deems proper under the circumstances” before it. Based upon its review of the above, this Appeal Panel hereby determines:

[Describe decision of the Appeal Panel, e.g., affirming the Hearing Panel determination, modifying the determination, remanding the matter back to the Hearing Panel to properly follow the Bylaws, etc.]

[Include if Decision is from a Section President] This Decision may be appealed by any Party subject affected by this Decision, to [name of the NYS Hockey President] pursuant to NYS Hockey Bylaw 8.5. To appeal this Decision, you must submit your Statement of Appeal to [name of the NYS

Hockey President] and to this Hearing Panel, with copies provided as required under Bylaw 8.5, within fourteen (14) days of your receipt of this Decision. If the Statement of Appeal is not so delivered within the fourteen (14) day period, this Decision shall be final. Additional information regarding the appeal rights of any Party affected by this Decision, including information that must be included in a Statement of Appeal, may be found in NYS Hockey Bylaw 8.5 as set forth in the NYS Hockey Annual Guide.

This Appeal Panel Decision is issued _____ [date] _____.

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. Association Admission to Membership; Classifications and Levels; Changes to Same

- 1. An application for membership by a new proposed Association must state the program classification(s) for the teams that the proposed Association intends to offer, which may include more than one such classification. "Classification" means any of the following programs as defined by USA Hockey: (a) Adult (b) Youth up to age 18 (c) Girls up to age 19 (d) High School Club (full-time students enrolled in grades 9-12 and no older than age 20), (e) Women and (f) Disabled. The NYSAHA Board of Directors (the "Board") may create additional classifications of membership as and if the need arises.**

2. An application for membership by a new proposed Association must also state the program level at which the teams of the proposed association will compete. "**Level**" means the following program and team levels including as

defined by USA Hockey where applicable: (a) tournament-bound Tier I; (b) tournament-bound Tier II; (c) tournament-bound Tier III; (d) non-tournament-bound recreational and travel (teams may play teams of other Associations); or (e) house (Association's teams only play each other at home rink(s)). All tournament-bound teams of an Association must compete at the same Level, with the exception of Girls teams as provided under these Rules.

3. Applications for Membership by a new proposed Association must be made to the President of the responsible Section, and may be heard and voted on at a duly noticed Section meeting of the Section where the proposed new Association and its teams will be registered, as provided under these Rules.
4. New proposed Associations after acceptance by the responsible Section, must be confirmed by the Board prior to such Association becoming a Member of NYSAHA. The President of the responsible Section shall make such confirmation request at the next scheduled meeting of the Board following a Section vote approving the new proposed Association.
5. New proposed Associations involving Youth, Girls and High School Club teams will not be eligible for Tier I, II or III tournament-bound play for the first year or season of the proposed Association, after acceptance by the Section and confirmation by the Board, unless such tournament-bound Classification play is approved by the Board.
6. An Association that was a Member of NYSAHA but whose Membership was terminated pursuant to the NYSAHA Bylaws or action of the Board, must make application through the President of the responsible Section on the same basis, and be accepted for Membership and

confirmed by the Board, by the same process as a new proposed Association including the rules regarding Classification and Level.

7. Requested change in Classification by an Association must be made through the President of the responsible Section, voted on at a duly noticed Section meeting of the responsible Section, and any such acceptance by the Section confirmed by the Board.
8. Requested change in Level by an Association must be made through the President of the responsible Section, voted on at a duly noticed annual meeting of the responsible Section, and any such acceptance by the Section confirmed by the Board.

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 its 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

As stated in the USA Hockey SafeSport handbook, each coach, volunteer or employee who has regular, routine or frequent access to youth participants must have a background screening completed. ALL persons needing the Background Screening are required to register with USA Hockey.

Non-U.S. citizens and/or non-permanent residents will be responsible for any additional fees to undergo an international screening under this process. The Background

Screening application must be completed before you begin working with your Member Association.

The screening procedure governing adults age 18 and over, who have routine access to participant members under the age of 18, 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 offense 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.

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).

G. SafeSport Program

1. At least one representative must be named by each NYSAHA association as their SafeSport representative. This person must then complete the USA Hockey SafeSport training materials which consist of a number of online training videos.

2. Beginning with the 2013-2014 season every NYSAHA association must submit the name of their SafeSport representative and the date training was completed to his or her NYSAHA Section SafeSport Coordinator by November 30th each year. All association officers, directors, administrators, etc., are encouraged to take the training material as well.

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 association registrar or his/her designee, in each district, which will include instructions on the proper procedure to register participants.
2. Online registration is mandatory for all programs
3. Participants are to register online using the USA Hockey website at: www.usahockey.com. This includes volunteers and managers.
4. All participant Members (player and coach) will pay the 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. THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR VOLUNTEERS OR MANAGERS.
5. The USAH Registration software is required for all programs
6. Organizations will electronically claim the participant(s) players coach, manager and (volunteers) using the USAH Registry program provided by USA Hockey
7. Registration is complete only when the PARTICIPANT member's registration CONFIRMATION_NUMBER IS CLAIMED by a USA Hockey local association/member program

8. 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
9. The participant's name must appear on an approved team roster, completed and turned in to the Official District Registration Office for approval. Player signatures on rosters are not required.
10. **It is required that all players 8 and under and those players on a National Bound Team must supply a government issued birth certificate or passport identification page for each rostered player to the USA Hockey registrar for verification and affirmation prior to (or with) roster submittal.**
11. In order to compete in all NYSAHA sponsored tournaments, the TEAM ROSTER 1-T form must be approved by the USAH Associate Registrar. For tournament-bound (both natural and artificial ice) teams, the roster must be completed and received by the Registrar no later than December 31 of each year for youth and girls'/women's teams and February 15th for high school club, varsity and/or prep school divisions. Time requirements are strictly enforced.
12. 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. for high school club, varsity and/or prep school divisions changes will not be accepted after February 15.
13. 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

14. 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.
15. **8 AND UNDER COMPLIANCE WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH USAH RULES**
16. 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 try-out 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 12 and under players and at the end of National Tournaments for players 13 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), squirt (10u), and Peewee (12u)) 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.

Associations, through their Participant Members or other component persons (whether or not affiliated with the Association), are prohibited from contacting youth, girls or high school players from another Association, or otherwise engage in conduct that would appear to suggest that such a player who has not been released change his or her affiliation with their current Association (such activities to be known as "Recruiting"). It shall be evidence of Recruiting, if after such player and Association have executed a commitment and the player has not been released, that the player is contacted by another Association in the above prohibited manner. Any written and signed complaint regarding Recruiting shall be directed to the respective Section President, who will investigate and make a full report to the NYSAHA Board of Directors, which will take action as deemed necessary and appropriate."

5. TEAM/PARTICIPANT MEMBER REGISTRATION FOR 8 and UNDER COMPLIANCE

All Players, 8 and under, shall participate on teams registered in the 8 and under classification. Any exception to the cross ice program must be approved by NYSAHA then sent to USA Hockey for approval by USA Hockey Player Development Committee.

For the 2014-2015 season, USA Hockey has approved the following:

THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTION for 8 year-old (2006 birth year) and under. ALL 8U AND UNDER PLAYERS will play cross or half ice only.

6. OFFICIALS REGISTRATION

A. Officials shall register online at USAHOCKEY.COM. Paper applications are available through the District Referee in Chief.

B. Each candidate for Level 1, 2, 3 or 4 must pass an open book rules examination, complete on line modules and attend a USA Hockey Officiating Seminar annually. 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 skating exam.

C. Upon completion of all requirements, the official will receive a registration card and sweater crest. 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)	\$25.00
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	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
USA Hockey	\$35	\$60	\$80	\$90
NYSAHA	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15
TOTAL	\$50	\$75	\$95	\$105

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. All coaches and assistant coaches for all teams must have completed the Program Level 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. Exemptions may only be granted by the Coach in Chief. All requests for temporary credentials must be received by the District Coach in Chief or his/her designees no later than January 15th of that playing year. 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 from Association to coach within 10 days with a copy to the appropriate Section Vice President

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".
- F. When a Player receives a Match Penalty under USA Hockey Playing Rule 615 (c) Fighting a match penalty shall be assessed to any player who deliberately removes his or opponent's helmet/facemask prior to or during an altercation, they have the option of having a hearing under the Match Penalty Hearing procedure or for the, First offense a four (4) game suspension and a one-year probation; the

probation shall be that the player does not appear before any Discipline Panel or become involved in any activities unsuitable to the sport of ice hockey. Probation means that for the 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, Second offense an eight game suspension and a one-year probation; the probation shall be that the player does not appear before any Discipline Panel or become involved in any activities unsuitable to the sport of ice hockey. Probation means that for the 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. Third or subsequent offense hearing must be held.

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	2002	Joe Baudo - West
1990	Chris Kirgan - East	2003	Linda O'Neill - Central
1991	Bob Allen - North	2004	Dave Rider - North
1992	Paul Furman - Central	2005	Bill Chamberlin - West

1993	Charlie Millner - East	2006	Mark Chinitz - East
1994	Charlie& Dolly Dickson-West	2007	Kim White-North
1995	Nick Marsit-Central	2008	Pete Sears& Ed Gosek-Central
1996	Bud Sherburne - North	2009	Sandy Irwin - East
1997	Peter Preteroti - West	2010	David Braunstein - West
1998	Bill Hall – East	2011	Gary Lebrun - Central
1999	Larry McCauley – North	2012	Bobby Smith - North
2000	Doug Ackley -Central	2013	Alan Elia - West
2001	Bob Karman - East	2014	Joe Trimarchi - East

B. TOM KORPOLINSKI AWARD

Tom Korpolski 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 Korpolinski'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 Korpolinski 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 Tom Korpolinski award

2000	Tom Korpolinski - West	2009	Linda Zielesinski - West
2001	Harry Curley-Central	2010	Sherb & Amy House - North Steve & Dale Ann Wolter
2002	Mary Sulli-West	2011	Kurt Kemp - Central
2003	Robert Bastian - North	2012	Kim Moran - North
2004	Joyce Burzdinski - Central	2013	Larry McCauley- North
2005	Bob Westphal - West	2014	Kirk Avery - Central
2006	Richard Lewis - East	2015	
2007	Bob Allen - North	2016	
2008	Bob Miller-Central	2017	

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
2012	Bob Schell - West
2013	Dave Mensi – East
2014	Linda O’Neill - Central

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, hardworking 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. NEW YORK STATE AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME

The New York State Amateur Hockey Association Hall of Fame has been formed to recognition to those members who have distinguished themselves, by noted accomplishments to the Sport of Ice Hockey in New York State.

Nomination Criteria:

- 1) Nominees shall have been a member of the New York State Amateur Hockey Association.
- 2) Nominees shall be chosen on a basis of accomplishments in the sport of ice hockey, taking note of demonstration of sportsmanship, character, and contribution to organizations and teams (amateur, college, professional, or USA Hockey International Teams).
- 3) Each nominee shall have distinguished himself or herself by exceptional performance and outstanding character reflecting favorably upon the sport of ice hockey in New York State, be in good standing in the community, a good role model for all, and an exemplary representative of the sport.

Hall of Fame Inductees:

Paul Furman from Oswego (2013)

Robert (Bob) Allen from Lake Placid (2013)

Richard (Dick) Brickman from Tonawanda (2013)

Lou Vairo (2014)

Joe Mullen(2014)

G. 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 USA Hockey District Registrar for NY, Tom Branden.

11. TOURNAMENT-BOUND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

A. Requirements Applicable To All Teams and Players

1. Team Registration Requirements

- a. An Association's Classification and Level (as provided at Rule 1.B hereof) will be continued from the previous year or years, unless a written request for change is submitted and obtained by the Association in the manner prescribed in Rule 1.B hereof.
- b. All Youth and Girls Associations must have a registered USA Hockey Cross Ice Skill Development Program. Beginning with the 2013-2014 season it is mandated by USA Hockey that all 8U and below age classifications be strictly Cross Ice Programs. Beginning with the 2013-2014 season the 8U and below age classifications will be Cross Ice Only any exception to the above must be approved by NYSAHA then sent to USA Hockey for approval by USA Hockey player development committee. 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 Tournament, 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 championships. 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's 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 31st of the applicable year except for midget teams who have until December 31st with the approval of the respective Section President. High school club, varsity and/or prep school divisions have until February 15th.

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

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Any member, who resorts to court action, or contravention of arbitration, shall be ineligible for NYSAHA sanctioned tournaments.

6. Game and Classification Requirements

- a. In order to be eligible for the NYSAHA Regional Playdowns towards NYSAHA Championships, a

team must play its games against USA Hockey registered teams of its own age classification, (not from its own Association), and/or International Ice Federation teams. A Girls/Women's team may play its games against USA Hockey registered or International Ice Hockey Federation teams of the same competitive level. Same competitive level is defined as games played between all female teams that are the same, or one age classification level above or below each other. Girls/Women's games against youth do not count.

- 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 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 GAME score sheets to count in meeting the 20/10, 14/10 GIRLS'/WOMEN'S, 10/8 rule midget Tier III and 10/5 high school varsity and/or prep school rule, that team's player Roster form (1-T) must be certified by the District Registrar or his/her designee prior to that game being played. In addition, game score sheets used to verify the 20/10, 14/10, 10/8 and 10/5 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 the required number of games of that season to satisfy the credential obligation
- 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. For high school club, varsity and/or prep school the requirement shall be 10/5.
- 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, 10/5 or games played rule, 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.

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 IIHF registered teams. For High School, of the ten (10) games minimum requirement, the ten (10) games must be against USA Hockey registered High School Club, varsity, prep school 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.

Documents required for participating in all Section Playdowns, Pre-Sectional, Sectional and/or State Tournaments will follow USA Hockey credential requirements of teams for districts and nationals:

A copy of the team player roster registration form (1-T) for each team shall be available from the **Discipline Committee or designee of the State Tournament Director**, upon request from any of the participating teams. Should the **Discipline** 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.

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 USA Hockey District Registrar for New York, Tom Branden, 716-685-2171, e-mail; tcbranden@verizon.net if more information about Non-U.S. players is required or requested.

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 USA Hockey's high school eligibility requirements.

3. High School Divisions

For all High School Club tournament-bound teams in State Tournaments, High School Club will be divided into two Divisions:

- Division i, high school varsity and preparatory school teams or non-varsity teams consisting of full time students attending high school/preparatory school. Non-pure teams.
- Division ii, high school varsity and preparatory school teams or non-varsity teams consisting of full time students attending the same high school or preparatory school or school district or students eligible to play sanctioned high school varsity sports at that high school. Pure teams.

All Private, Preparatory, and Parochial Schools must play in division II. Varsity team rostered players can't play down on non-varsity teams. Billeted junior players can't play high school varsity hockey. Teams in either division can register as state tournament bound. Only division ii state champions may advance to the national tournament.

4. 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 10/5 high school eligibility rule and all players must attend that high school.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. Enforcement

The Section Vice Presidents, the state high school coordinator and Section High School Coordinators are 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.

a. Classification

a. Girls' teams are strongly encouraged to 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.

b. Teams forming after the FALL meeting should notify the Section President, or their designee, of their intent to go tournament bound. This notification should occur prior to December 1st and may be subject to approval by the NYSAHA Board of Directors. **Formal tier status for all Girls/Women's teams is determined by how the team registers with USA Hockey in accordance with the established deadlines and criteria for their specific classification category.**

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.

d. All Senior C Tournament Bound teams are allowed to roster a maximum of 4 former NCAA (Division 1,

2, or 3) college players. Former ACHA College Club players are not considered NCAA. Senior C Tournament Bound Teams must submit a list of their rostered players that have NCAA experience to the Girls/Women's Coordinator **when the roster is submitted for verification. The list must include the college team each player was on and the years played (i.e. 2010, 2011).**

b. National Tournaments

Girls' 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.

c. 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

1. 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 \$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 \$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. (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 lineup 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:

1. The home team seed shall be designated team "A", and subsequent teams shall be re-designated in descending alphabetical order.
2. The seed that was the host team before it became team "A" shall be deleted.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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

Eight Team Tournament			Seven Team Tournament		
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

2. YOUTH TIER REPRESENTATION IN STATE AND NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

1. Youth Tier I (8 – Team)

Proposed Sectional representation shall be as follows for State Tournaments

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

2. Youth Tier II (8 – Team)*

Proposed Sectional representation shall be as follows for State Tournaments

	PeeWee	Bantam	Mid-16	Mid-18
Central	2	2	2	2
East	2	2	2	2
North	2	2	2	2
West	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 for pairings. **Go to the NYSAHA.com website for State Tournament schedules.**

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 Tournament Chairperson shall be a disinterested person with respect to the teams competing in the tournament, including the host team, and cannot be the coach, assistant coach, manager, other team official, or an immediate family member of a player on a competing team.

3. The credentials required for Sectional and State Tournaments are to be made identical to the credentials required at the National Tournaments. 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 404B Game Misconducts.

b. The Discipline Committee **shall** hold a hearing for a player or team official receiving one or more of the above-named penalties **if so requested by the penalized person or official team representative.** 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. . **All requests for a hearing must be made within a half hour after the conclusion of the game in which the penalty was assessed.**
- 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
6. 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 who design their own

tournament patch, must be a minimum of 4" in diameter. This may be used as a player pass and memento of the tournament.

- b. 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 trophies 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.
9. **There shall be in attendance at all games a certified athletic trainer, emergency medical technician (EMT), paramedic, registered nurse, medical or osteopathic physician and any additional persons who have successfully completed and maintained certification for**

programs conducted by the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association, specifically AFA (advanced first aid), CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and BLS (basic life support). The host shall be responsible for making any additional arrangements for medical care beyond emergency treatment at the arena, the cost of which shall be the responsibility of the player's team or parents.

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. The respective Section VP's will notify the NYSAHA Tournament Director as soon as they know their representative(s) to State Tournament. No team shall be deemed seeded in their respective State Tournament until

the Site Chair Person has been notified by the NYSAHA Tournament Director of their position.

7. A copy of each team's playing roster shall be available from the **Discipline Committee or designee of the State Tournament Director**, 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 **Discipline 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. **During the youth and girls'/women's preliminary rounds, each team will be awarded three points for a win in regulation, two points for a win in overtime or shootout, one point for a loss in overtime or shootout and zero points for a loss in regulation.**

12. Time of Periods for State Hockey Tournaments

(All stop time in minutes)

Class	Time of Periods 1,2,3	Time of OT (Quarter Final if applicable, Semi-Final and Championship Games)	Minor Penalties	Major Penalties	Misconduct
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	10	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 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

If a team forfeits any of its games, and becomes involved in any tie-breaking formula to determine its eligibility to advance to the next level of play, the team forfeits all games in the round robin play and the games are recorded as 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. Youth, girls'/women's and high school varsity and/or prep school league play, inter league play, qualify games (q games) that lead directly to qualifying for the state tournaments. – tie breaking rules to determine standings position

If two or more teams have an equal number of points, their position in the standings shall be determined by the following tiebreaking format. If one tie-breaker establishes a position for one or more teams, each team is placed in the applicable position. Once a team is placed, the remaining tied teams shall start the tiebreaking process over again at step 1. *(If all tied teams have not played each other, then proceed to step 2. Note: a team may go into the tiebreaking process having defeated another of the tied teams and still not advance).*

The tie-breaker formulas are as follows:

1. The results of the head-to-head games played between the tied teams in the following order:
 - a. Standings — Most points.
 - b. Most total wins.
 - c. Differential — Subtracting goals scored against from goals scored in these games, the positions being determined in order of the greatest surplus.

- d. Quotient — Dividing the goals scored in these games by the goals scored against, the positions being determined in order of the greatest quotient. A quotient involving dividing by zero (0) has higher standing than a quotient from dividing by any number other than zero. Where two or more teams have no goals against and the quotient tiebreaker is required, the teams shall be ranked high to low in descending order of “goals for.”
2. If after applying the formulas of 1 a, b, c or d the tie still exists, the results of all the games played by the teams tied in the following order.
 - a. Most total wins.
 - b. Differential — Subtracting goals scored against from goals scored in these games, the positions being determined in order of the greatest surplus.
 - c. Quotient — Dividing the goals scored in these games by the goals scored against, the positions being determined in order of the greatest quotient. A quotient involving dividing by zero (0) has higher standing than a quotient from dividing by any number other than zero. Where two or more teams have no goals against and the quotient tiebreaker is required, the teams shall be ranked high to low in descending order of “goals for.”
 - d. Most periods won — in the games played by each tied team, points will be awarded for each regulation period won (2 points) and for each regulation period tied (1point). Positions shall be in the order of highest point total.
 - e. Quickest first goal — the team that scored the quickest goal in their preliminary round games shall be ranked highest.
3. If the above procedure does not break the tie, the teams shall use a shootout procedure as described below.

Note: Forfeits - *If a team forfeits any of its games, and becomes involved in any tie-breaking formula to determine its eligibility to advance to the next level of play, the team forfeits all games in the round robin play and the games are recorded as 1-0 victories for the non-offending team.*

a. **Shootout**

The shootout will be conducted as follows:

- A shootout is defined as a player attempting to score a goal and the opposing goalkeeper attempting to stop the shooter from scoring the 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.
- All goalkeepers and all players from both teams listed on the official game sheet shall be eligible to participate in the shootout.
- Any player whose penalty had not been completed when the overtime period ended or who receives a penalty during a shootout procedure is not eligible to be one of the players selected to participate in any portion of the shootout procedure(s).
- The shootout 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 shootout, the shootout score is still tied, there will be a sudden death shootout.

b. **Sudden Death Shootout**

The sudden death shootout will be conducted as follows:

- A sudden death shootout is defined as each team attempting a shot. Should one team be successful and the other team not, the successful team shall win the shootout.
- Teams will select their shooters to participate in sudden death shootout, whether or not they shot in the previous round.
- All goalkeepers and all players from both teams listed on the official game sheet shall be eligible to participate in the shootout.
- Any player whose penalty had not been completed when the overtime period ended or who receives a penalty during a shootout procedure is not eligible to be one of the players selected to participate in any portion of the shootout procedure(s).
- Players in a sudden death shootout 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.

c. Quarter-Final (If applicable), Semi-Final, and Final Games

1. The game shall be continued to determine a winner.
2. At the completion of the third period, there shall be a three (3) minute rest period before the start of the first overtime session.
3. All overtimes shall be ten **(10)** minutes in length and sudden death. Teams shall not switch ends throughout overtime periods; therefore teams will play in the same end from which they played during the third period until a winner is determined.
4. At the completion of the first overtime, if the teams are still tied, a second overtime period shall begin immediately after a three (3) minute rest period.
5. At the completion of the second overtime, if the teams are still tied, the teams shall leave the ice and the ice shall be resurfaced.
6. If the teams remain tied at the completion of the third overtime period, there shall be a three (3) minute rest period and a fourth overtime period shall begin.
7. Thereafter, the foregoing process in items 1-6 shall be repeated until such time as a winner is determined by the competition.

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. 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.

APPENDIX 1 – PAIRINGS FOR STATE TOURNAMENTS			
STATE TIER I TOURNAMENTS 2014 – 2015			
Division 1		Division 2	
A. Central	1	E. West	2
B. At Large	2	F. East	1
C. West	1	G. At Large	1
D. East	2	H. North	1

STATE TIER I TOURNAMENTS 2015 – 2016			
Division 1		Division 2	
A. EAST	1	E. EAST	1
B. WEST	2	F. NORTH	2
C. AT LARGE	1	G. CENTRAL	1
D. NORTH	2	H. AT LARGE	2

STATE TIER II TOURNAMENTS 2014 - 2015			
Division 1		Division 2	
A. North	1	E. West	1
B. Central	2	F. North	2
C. East	1	G. Central	1
D. West	2	H. East	2

STATE TIER II TOURNAMENTS 2015 - 2016			
Division 1		Division 2	
A. WEST	2	E. EAST	1
B. CENTRAL	1	F. NORTH	2
C. NORTH	1	G. CENTRAL	2
D. EAST	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.

**NEW YORK STATE
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NEW YORK STATE POLICIES

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POLICIES

The safety and protection of our youth hockey participants has always been a priority with NYSAHA. NYSAHA always implemented policies and systems providing participants protection from all types of abuse and inappropriate misconduct. These included Physical Abuse, Sexual Abuse, Screening, Locker Room Supervision and Hazing Policies, in addition to Codes of Conduct applicable to Administrators, Coaches, Officials, Parents, Players and Spectators. NYSAHA has **ZERO TOLERANCE** for abuse and misconduct.

Commencing with the 2012-2013 season, USA Hockey created a **SafeSport Program Handbook** that incorporated all the various USA Hockey's policies into one guide that applies to all USA Hockey Member Programs. In addition, it requires the training of USA Hockey and Member Program employee's volunteers, administrators, coaches, parents and players to recognize and reduce circumstances for potential abuses to occur.

NYSAHA has adopted USA Hockey's SafeSport Program, which now replaces like NYSAHA policies with the following:

Policies prohibiting Sexual Abuse, Physical Abuse, Emotional Abuse, Bullying, Threats and Harassment, and Hazing. These Policies also address areas where misconduct can occur and are intended to reduce the risk of potential abuse, including a Locker Room Policy, a Social Media, Mobile and Electronic Communications Policy, a Travel Policy, a Billeting Policy and an Education and Awareness Training Policy. The SafeSport Program Handbook includes chapters on the proper; Reporting of Concerns of Abuse, Responding to Abuse and Other Misconducts, Monitoring and Supervision of the program.

The SafeSport Screening and Background Check Program has also been incorporated with the NYSAHA Screening Program, which retains the following not found in the SafeSport Program; "A person may be disqualified and prohibited from serving as an employee or volunteer of NYSAHA if the person has 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.”

NYSAHA also retains the following policies that are not fully covered in the SafeSport Program Handbook:

- Consumption/Use/Abuse of Mood Altering Substances
- Administrative Mentoring
- Matters Common to All Board Policies
- Conflict of Interest Policy
- Document Retention Policy
- Whistle Blower Policy

These policies may be modified or amended as needed without prior notice.

A USA Hockey/NYSAHA member or parent of any member who (1) violates any of the SafeSport Policies or (2) fails to consent to, and pass a screening and background check in compliance with the Screening and Background Check Program, may be denied eligibility within any USA Hockey/NYSAHA program and is subject to appropriate disciplinary action including but not limited to suspension, permanent suspension, and/or referral to law enforcement authorities.

Please refer to the SafeSport Program Handbook for details of these policies. A copy of the USA Hockey SafeSport Program Handbook may be obtained from NYSAHA at www.usahockey_ny.com and/or USA Hockey at www.usahockey.com.

Should you have questions about the SafeSport Program in New York, please contact the NYSAHA SafeSport Coordinator as listed in the NYS Guide.

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 hockey contest.

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.

For a complete listing of USAH policies visit www.usahockey.com

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. WHISTLEBLOWER 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

**NEW YORK STATE AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC.
NEW YORK STATE INFORMATION 2014 – 15**

USA HOCKEY REGION #2 FINALS

February 27- March 2, 2015

High School		HS Division	Saugerties
		<u>MARCH 6 - 8, 2015</u>	
Youth	Tier I	Bantam 14 U	Rochester Youth
Youth	Tier I	Midget 16U	Amherst Youth
Youth	Tier I	Midget 18U	Amherst Youth
Youth	Tier II	Bantam 14 U	Rochester Youth
Youth	Tier II	Midget 16U	Amherst Youth
Youth	Tier II	Midget 18U	Amherst Youth
Girls	Tier I	14U	Rochester Youth
Girls	Tier I	16U	Amherst Youth
Girls	Tier I	19U	Rochester Youth
Girls	Tier II	14U	Rochester Youth
Girls	Tier II	16U	Amherst Youth
Girls	Tier II	19U	Rochester Youth

MARCH 13 - 15, 2015

Youth	Tier I	Pewee 12U	Rochester Youth
Youth	Tier II	Pewee 12U	Rochester Youth
Youth	Tier III	Pewee 12U	Amherst Youth
Youth	Tier III	Bantam 14U	Amherst Youth
Youth	Tier III	Midget 16U	Amherst Youth
Youth	Tier III	Midget 18U	Amherst Youth
Girls	Tier I	12U	Rochester Youth
Girls	Tier II	12U	Rochester Youth

MARCH 6 - 8, 2015

Sr.		Sr. B	TBD
		Sr. C	TBD

2014 NYSAHA STATE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

Tier	Division	Champion	Score	Runner Up	Score
Tier I	12 &	Buffalo Regals		Syracuse	
Tier II	12 &	Aviator Hockey		Niagara Jr.	
Tier III	12 &	Tri-Town Timberwolves		Palisades	
Tier I	14 &	Buffalo Regals		West Seneca	
Tier II	14 &	Massena/St. Lawrence		Camillus	
Tier III	14 &	Onondaga Thunder		Tri-Town	
Tier I	16 &	LI Gulls		Westchester	
Tier II	16 &	Massena/St Lawrence		Monroe	
Tier III	16 &	Norfolk/Norwood		Bronxville	
Tier I	18 &	Clifton Park		Buffalo	
Tier II	18 &	Clarence Mustangs		Center State	
Tier III	18 &	Bear Mountain		Louisville	
H.S. Club		St. John the Baptist		Arlington	
Girls 12U	Tier I	Syracuse National		Buffalo	
Girls 14U	Tier I	Syracuse Nationals		Buffalo	
Girls 16U	Tier I	Buffalo Regals		Syracuse	
Girls 19U	Tier I	Buffalo Bisons			
Girls 12U	Tier II	Potsdam		Hamburg	
Girls 14U	Tier II	CNY Bobcats		West Seneca	
Girls 16U	Tier II	Potsdam		Hamburg	
Girls 19U	Tier II	Chazy Lady Flyers		Buffalo	
Women's		Syracuse Warriors		Hamburg	
Women's		Rochester		Saratoga	

III. NEW YORK STATE AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, INC.
PLAYER /FINANCIAL RELEASE FORM
Revised 8/19/2012

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. **The Association President will give a brief reason for not approving the release.**
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 **and Peewee 12U**) 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. If the _____ request _____ is _____ denied reason: _____

President's Signature

Date

**IV. 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 **&TIME**



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**

**I. USA HOCKEY DIRECTORY
USA HOCKEY, INC.**

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Colorado Springs, CO 80906-4090
(719) 576-USAH
Fax (719) 538-1160

President	Ron DeGregorio
Executive Director	Dave Ogrean
Chairman of the Board	Walter L. Bush Jr.
Vice President, Youth Council	Dave Klasnick
Vice President, Junior Council	John Vanbiesbrouck
Vice President, Adult Council	John Beadle
Vice President, International Council	Gavin Regan
Vice President, Legal Council	Charles Fuertsch
Vice President, Marketing Council	Larry Reid
Secretary	Bill Hall
Treasurer	Jim Smith
Referee-In-Chief	Dave Lubuda
Coaching Program Director	Mark Tabrum
Coach-In-Chief	Mike MacMillan

*Composed of American Hockey Teams, Players and
Hockey Referees throughout the United States*



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

2014 – 2015 SEASON AGE CLASSIFICATIONS

USA Hockey Playing Season: September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015

YOUTH TEAMS		
DATE OF BIRTH	AGE CATEGORY	AGE DIVISIONS
1996	18 YEARS	MIDGET 18 & UNDER
1997	17 YEARS	MIDGET 18 & UNDER
1998	16 YEARS	MIDGET 16 & UNDER
1999	15 YEARS	MIDGET 16 & UNDER
2000	14 YEARS	BANTAM 14 & UNDER
2001	13 YEARS	BANTAM 14 & UNDER
2002	12 YEAR	PEE WEE 12 & UNDER
2003	11 YEARS	PEE WEE 12 & UNDER
2004	10 YEARS	SQUIRT 10 & UNDER
2005	9 YEARS	SQUIRT 10 & UNDER
2006	8 YEARS	MITE 8 & UNDER

GIRL'S & WOMEN'S TEAMS		
DATE OF BIRTH	AGE CATEGORY	AGE DIVISIONS
1995	19 YEARS	19 & UNDER
1996	18 YEARS	19 & UNDER
1997	17 YEARS	19 & UNDER
1998	16 YEARS	16 & UNDER
1999	15 YEARS	16 & UNDER
2000	14 YEARS	14 & UNDER
2001	13 YEARS	14 & UNDER
2002	12 YEAR	12 & UNDER
2003	11 YEARS	12 & UNDER
2004	10 YEARS	10 & UNDER
2005	9 YEARS	10 & UNDER
2006	8 YEARS	8 & UNDER

NO USAH REGISTRATION FEE FOR 2008 AND YOUNGER (6 & UNDER)
PLAYERS

2015 USA Hockey National Championship Locations

Division	Location	Host	Dates
High School	Chesterfield, Mo.	Mid States Club	March 19-23, 2015
Youth, Tier I 14U,	Amherst, NY	Amherst Youth	March 26-30, 2015
Youth, Tier II 14U	Salt Lake City, Utah	Utah Amateur	March 26-30, 2015
Youth, Tier II 16U	Plano, Texas	Texas Amateur	March 26-30, 2015
Youth, Tier II 18U	Troy, Mich.	Troy Youth Hockey	March 26-30, 2015
Adult Women A, B,	Green Bay, Wis.	Green Bay Area	March 26-29, 2015
Girls, Tier I	Green Bay, Wis.	Green Bay Area	March 26-30, 2015
Girls, Tier II	Lansing, Mich.	Lansing Capitals	March 26-30, 2015

I. DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS LIABILITY INSURANCE

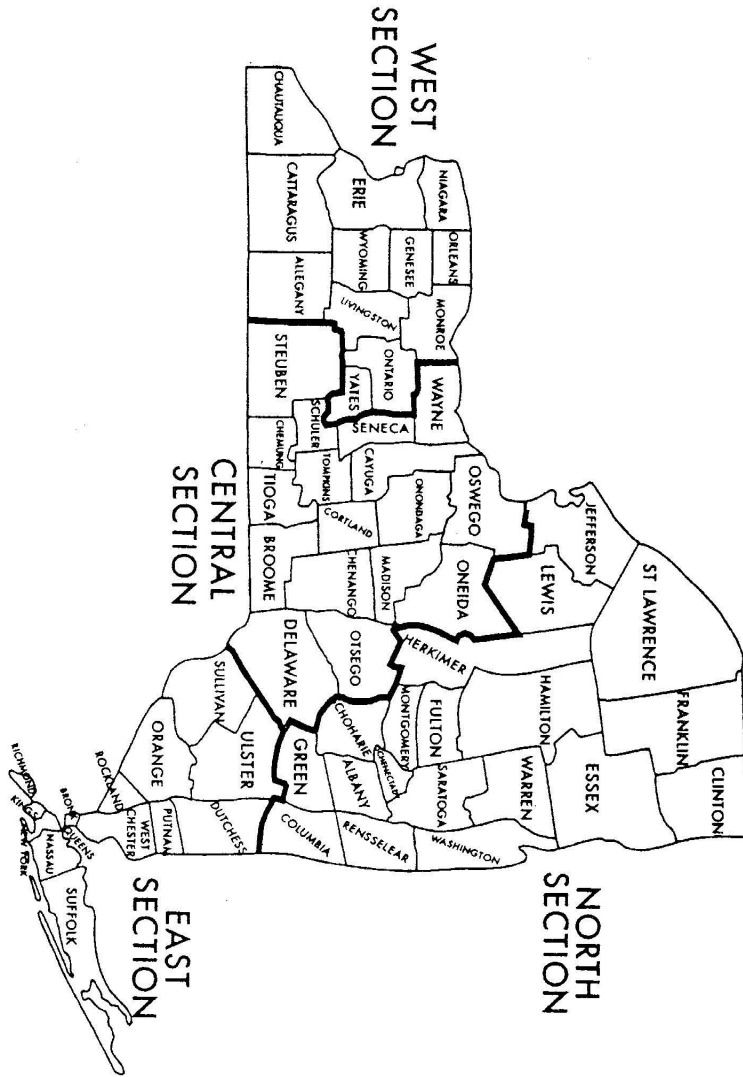
In today's uncertain climate of ever increasing errors and omissions, liability claims and threats of lawsuits against management of non-profit organizations, USA Hockey members can now purchase coverage to protect themselves from lawsuits.

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) 689-7267.

NEW YORK STATE AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION SECTION MAP



NYSAHA STATE TOURNAMENT
INTENT FORM 2016

Youth Tier I

___12 & Under
___14 & Under
___16 & Under
___18 & Under

Youth Tier II

___12 & Under
___14 & Under
___16 & Under
___18 & Under

Youth Tier III

___12 & Under
___14 & Under
___16 & Under
___18 & Under

Girls Tier I

___12 & Under
___14 & Under
___16 & Under
___19 & Under

Girls Tier II

___12 & Under
___14 & Under
___16 & Under
___19 & Under

___HS Club

___HS OPEN
___Adult Senior
___Women's Sr

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 10, 2015.

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.
2015 NYSAHA TOURNAMENTS DATES/DIVISIONS