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Welcome to another exciting season of Hockey in Illinois. Again this season the focus for AHAI is player safety, member conduct and information/communications with the AHAI membership.

The AHAI website and e-newsletter hopes it meets the needs of you, the members, by continually providing timely and accurate information to all of AHAI’s members. The website, SNAPSHOT (electronic newsletter), along with AHAI’s social media sites (Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, YouTube and Google+) are the main sources of communications with AHAI members.

The A Step aHead initiative is a free baseline concussion testing program open to all AHAI players aged 11 to 18. This program is free due to the support and sponsorship of the Chicago Blackhawks, NorthShore University HealthSystem, Athletico and AHAI. Information on the A Step aHead program can be found on the AHAI website (www.ahai.org).

Again this season you will see officials calling aggressive penalty infractions. All officials have gone through educational seminars and have been instructed to call the aggressive, dangerous penalties. That being said, it is up to coaches to coach the dangerous penalties out of the players. Coaches that attend USA Hockey/AHAI Coaching Education Clinics have been instructed on the prevention of dangerous play. Last but not least, players need to take responsibility for their actions. Remember penalties are only called after they happen.

This season all USA Hockey coaches will be required to complete the SafeSport Education Program. This program rolled out by USA Hockey is designed to create awareness of player safety off the ice. These include without limitation — 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.

AHAI has great support from the Chicago Blackhawks and the Blackhawk Alumni. The Chicago Blackhawks offer financial assistance and host many events that support the AHAI membership. The Blackhawk Alumni present scholarships each season to deserving High School players who represent dedication to education, community service, family as well as playing hockey.

To all AHAI members, players, coaches, officials, parents, spectators and administrators, be responsible for your actions. Have respect for others who just want to enjoy watching or playing this great game.

This season it’s everyone’s responsibility to help make it a safe and enjoyable experience. Enjoy another great season!

Mike Barrett
AHAI – President

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Note: These dates are VERY PRELIMINARY and should be used as a quick reference guide only until the final confirmations have been made. These dates and locations may be subject to change. Please refer to the AHAI website at www.ahai.org for the most current information.

August 3 .............................. Officiating Level 1-4 Seminar @ Orland Park Ice Rink
August 5 ............................................... AHAI Board of Directors Meeting
August 4 ............................. Officiating Level 1, 2, 3, @ Geneva Ice Centre
August 8 ................................. 3 Veteran Seminar @ Buffalo Grove Ice Rink
August 10................................. Officiating Level 1-3 Seminar @ 5/3 Bank Ice Rink
August 11................................. Officiating Level 1, 2 Seminar @ Leafs Center
August 20................................. 3 Veteran Seminar @ Geneva Ice Centre
August 24................................. Officiating Level 1, 2, 3 Seminar @ Peoria Ice Rink
August 24 ................................. Officiating Level 1, 2, 3 Seminar @ Hoffman Estates Ice Rink
August 26 ................................. 3 Veteran Seminar @ Darien Ice Rink

September 9 ................................. AHAI Board of Directors Meeting
September 8 ................................. Officiating Level 1-4 @ Darien Ice Rink
September 14 ............................. USAH Central District Meeting @ Hyatt Woodfield, IL
September 14 ............................. C.E.P. Level 2 & 3 Clinic @ Woodfield Hyatt, Schaumburg, IL
September 15 ............................. C.E.P. Level 1 Clinic @ @ Woodfield Hyatt, Schaumburg, IL
September 19-22 ............................. High School NAPHL Showcase @ Blaine, MN
September 22 ................................. Officiating Level 1, 2, 3, 4 Seminar @ Skokie Ice Rink
September 28 ............................. C.E.P. Level 2 & 3 Clinic @ Westin Northwest, Itasca, IL
September 29 ............................. C.E.P. Level 1 Clinic @ Westin Northwest, Itasca, IL
September 30 ............................. AHAI College Night at the Woodfield Hyatt at 7:00 p.m.

October 7 ................................. AHAI Board of Directors Meeting
October 19 ............................. C.E.P. Level 2 & 3 Clinic @ Westin Northwest, Itasca, IL
October 20 ............................. C.E.P. Level 1 Clinic @ Westin Northwest, Itasca, IL
October 27 ................................. Officiating Level 1, 2, 3, 4 Seminar @ Champaign

November 4 ................................. AHAI Board of Directors Meeting
November 16 ............................. C.E.P. Level 2 & 3 Clinic @ Bloomington, Illinois
November 17 ............................. C.E.P. Level 1 Clinic @ Bloomington, Illinois
November 9 ................................. AHAI/USA Hockey Try Hockey For Free Day

December 2 ................................. AHAI Board of Directors Meeting at Location TBD
2019-2020
AHAI CALENDAR OF EVENTS
August 27, 2019 thru August 31, 2020

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January 6 .......................................................... AHAI Board of Directors Meeting
January 15-19 .................................................... USA Hockey Winter Meeting
January 26 ...... Illinois Hockey Hall of Fame Induction Dinner @ Belvediere Banquets

February 1 .......................................................... AHAI State Elimination Playoffs Begin
February 3 .......................................................... AHAI Board of Directors Meeting
February 10 ........ AHAI HS Boys & Girls All Star Games @ AHAI Hockey Center
February 11-16 ................................................... Illinois Showcase Team Tryouts
February 16-23 ................................................... USA Hockey Week Across America
February 20-23 ........................................... AHAI Tier I Playoffs @ Various Locations
February 22-23 ................................................ Downstate High School State Tournament @ TBD
February 22 ........................................................ AHAI/USA Hockey Try Hockey For Free Day

February 27-March 1 ...... Girls State Championships Round Robins @ Various Sites
February 27-March 1 ...... Tier II State Championships Round Robins @ Various Sites
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March 7 ............... "SUPER SATURDAY" — Girls Championship Series @ AHC
March 9 ...................... Blackhawk Alumni Scholarship Luncheon @ United Center
March 13-15 ............ Central Championships - Tier I Youth/Girls 19U @ Omaha NE
March 13-15 .............. Central Championships - Girls Tier I & Girls 16U @ TBD
March 16 ................. AHAI Junior Varsity & Combined JV Championships @ AHC
March 20-22 ............. AHAI Boys Player Development Camp @ AHC
March 21 ............... HS Varsity (Boys & Girls) & Combined Championships @ UC
March 26-30 .............. USAH National High School Championships @ Dallas, TX
March 28-April 7 ............... USA Disabled Hockey Festival @ Pittsburgh, PA

April 6 .......................................................... AHAI Board of Directors Meeting
April 2-6 .................. USA Hockey Nationals at Various Locations
April 16-20 ...... USA Hockey National High School Showcase @ Maryland Heights, MO
April 23-26 .......... Adult Men's & Women's State Championships @ Edge Ice Arena

May 4 .......................................................... AHAI Board of Directors Meeting
May 8-10 ............. USA Hockey Central District Festival Tryouts @ Chicago, Illinois
June 7 ......................... AHAI Annual Meeting@ Woodfield Hyatt, Itasca, Illinois
June 10-13 .............. USA Hockey Annual Congress in Colorado Springs, Colorado

July 7 .......................................................... AHAI Board of Directors Meeting

August 3 ........................................................ AHAI Board of Directors Meeting
August 14 ................. AHAI Foundation Golf Outing @ Schaumburg Golf Club
The Amateur Hockey Association Illinois was founded as the governing body of Illinois amateur hockey in 1975. During that season, AHAI was recognized as a sanctioned affiliate of USA Hockey which was appointed by the United States Congress as the governing body of American Hockey.

Today, the AHAI is the fifth largest American amateur ice hockey association and is a dynamic force in the molding of amateur hockey in America.

AHAI consists of over 2700 member teams of all sizes and shapes. There are boys' and girls' teams. There are pre-mite teams (for the 5 and 6 year olds), house league youth teams, all-star youth travel teams, high school teams, girl's/women's teams, adult teams, and Junior Tier I and II, ACHA Collegiate and NCAA Collegiate teams for the top contenders in Illinois.

Since its inception in 1975, AHAI has made great strides in the development of American amateur hockey. It has provided leadership in revising game playing rules which has resulted in amateur hockey being one of the safest of all amateur sports; it has fielded numerous national championship teams; it has provided the opportunity for players to participate in the prestigious Junior Tier I or Tier II leagues, college hockey and even NHL hockey.

AHAI has sent over 4,300 young players to U.S. Olympic Training Camps, where players are evaluated as being potential members of future U.S. Olympic and U.S.A. National hockey teams.

AHAI is operated under a strict set of By-Laws which are established by member teams. These By-Laws and the Association Rules and Regulations are carried out by the Board of Directors which are elected by the membership of the Association.

On the national basis, AHAI is a part of USA Hockey’s Central District which includes Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska. As a combine of associations, the Central District of USA Hockey is the largest provider of American ice hockey talent.

Since its beginning however, AHAI has become established as one of the outstanding amateur hockey programs in America. It provides programs and leadership opportunities for players, coaches, managers, teams and hockey associations throughout Illinois. It has established the Illinois amateur hockey scene as one of the finest amateur athletic programs in America. AHAI is dedicated to the development of today's youth through Athletic and Academic excellence.

As another hockey season begins, the Amateur Hockey Association Illinois will continue this tradition.
AHAI governs ice hockey in Illinois for compliance with rules of fair play and conduct.

Providing a Safe Environment

- AHAI's rules of the sport provide for the safest environment for your children
- Advancement of hockey equipment – safest of all court or turf sports
- Screening for criminal backgrounds of all our coaches, officials and volunteers
- AHAI's Safe Sport program, initiated by the International Olympic Committee, is the most advanced off the ice safety program of any youth sport in the country
- AHAI and Illinois Hockey Officials Association provide insurance and on ice safety through certification and screening of officials and the enforcement of rules to protect players. This includes intensive training programs to provide the best officiating at all levels using “mentoring”, direct ” supervision” and “evaluation” as teaching methods.

Providing a learning environment commensurate with proficiency

- The backbone of learning and development is American Development Model (ADM) is a factual science based Long term Athlete Development methodology, now being adopted by Hockey Canada and other sports alike.
- Every hockey coach must be certified to teach your children through the most advanced coaching education program (CEP) of any sport in the United States.
- The CEP has 5 distinct levels for coaches and age appropriate modules for all ages, Mite through Midget

AHAI Illinois State Championships

- Conducted at all levels Mite through Midget Major: AAA, and 3 levels of Travel hockey
- High School state Championships – conducted in 5 categories: Pure, Combined, and JV teams
- Girls state championships up through U-19 and including High School
- The United Center finals for High School (Varsity, Combined Varsity and Girls Divisions)
- State, District, and National Championships are conducted

Opportunity for Advancement

- Player Development/Identification Camps: Boys Bantam Camp, 15 Camp, 16 Camp and 17 Camp; Girls 15 Camp, U18 Camp and U-18 Select camp; as well as District and National Camps.
- Boys & Girls America’s Showcase High School Team – for the best 40 HS players in Illinois
- College Night – explains the opportunities available to players after they complete high school.
- Assist with the Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association annual scholarship program
- National Development Festivals are offered for boys and girls who may be sent onto international competition representing the United States.

Other Benefits

- To stimulate growth of our sport, AHAI provides One Goal hockey equipment; Minor Hawks learn to play lesson programs; and financing for cross-ice and half-ice equipment.
- Hat Trick, Play Maker and Shut Out patches are available free of charge every year.
- AHAI and USA Hockey Guides (Rules & Regulations) are sent to each hockey club in Illinois.
- AHAI provides hockey is for “everyBODY”, including our special needs Tomahawk program, the Hornet’s Sled program for kids with physical disabilities, and “Hockey is for Everyone” program for kids who are economically disadvantaged.
- AHAI’s Committees are focused on Tier I, Tier II, Tier III, Girls and High School, as well as preserving discipline on and off the ice, through Suspension and Review Committee and the Rules and Ethics Committee.
AHAI has determined that it is not in the best interest of ice hockey and is detrimental to hockey and is therefore prohibited to do any of the following while participating in or affecting the sport of amateur hockey:

- Discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, or socioeconomic status.
- Consume, use, sale, give or abuse mood altering substances, other than in accordance with a Doctor’s prescription,

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.

- Abuse, (including but not limited to ethnic, racial, sexual, physical or mental) another person or player.

CONSUMPTION / USE ABUSE OF MOOD ALTERING SUBSTANCES

It is the considered judgment of the Board of Directors of AHAI 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, AHAI prohibits 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, AHAI hereby recommends 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.

Further, a participant shall include players, coaches, referees, and all persons involved in the conduct of an ice hockey contest.

USA Hockey and AHAI, through their Safety and Protective Equipment Committees, will develop a program of drug abuse awareness for players of all ages through 20 years, their parents and/or guardians and coaches of those players.
AHAI
COACHING CODE OF ETHICS POLICY

INTRODUCTION
This USA Coaching Ethics Code ("Code") intends to provide standards of ethical conduct for coaches involved with USA Hockey and its member organizations. It provides General Principles and Ethical Standards which cover many situations encountered by coaches, with its principle goals the welfare and protection of participants with whom coaches work. Coaches will respect and protect human and civil rights and not knowingly participate in or condone unfair discriminatory practices.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Competence
Coaches will maintain a standard of excellence with regard to education and information related to coaching and make an on-going effort to maintain competence in the skills they use.

Integrity
Coaches will exercise integrity in the practice of coaching and be honest, fair and respectful of others.

Professional Responsibility
Coaches will uphold professional standards, clarify professional roles and obligations, accept appropriate responsibility for behavior and adapt methods to the needs of participants.

Respect for Participants
Coaches will respect the fundamental rights, welfare, dignity, values, opinions and worth of all participants and will be aware of cultural and individual differences including those due to age, gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, disability, language and socio-economic status.

Concern for Participants
Coaches will be sensitive to different roles and responsibilities of all participants and not exploit or mislead them.

Responsible Coaching
Coaches will be aware of ethical responsibilities to society and the community in which they work and live as well as comply with the law and encourage the development of policies which serve the interest of the sport and USA Hockey.

ETHICAL STANDARDS

Applicability of the Ethics Code
Although many aspects of personal behavior and private activities may seem far removed from the official duties of coaching, Coaches will be sensitive to their positions as role models for participants and will consistently obey the standards of the Code.

Discrimination
Coaches will not engage in or condone discrimination based upon age, gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, disability, language, socioeconomic status or any other basis prescribed by law.

Sexual Harassment
Coaches will not engage in sexual harassment which includes but is not necessarily limited to sexual solicitation, unwelcome physical advances and verbal or non-verbal conduct. Coaches will not deny any participants the right to participate in any activity based upon their having made or their being the subject of a sexual harassment claim.

Hazing / Bullying
Coaches will not engage in or condone behavior which is harassing, harmful or demeaning to participants.
Personal Problems and Conflicts
Coaches will recognize a personal problem may harm participants. Coaches have an obligation to take reasonable steps to prevent impaired performance by recognizing a personal problem and seeking assistance for it.

Avoiding Harm
Coaches will take reasonable steps to avoid harm being caused to participants whether it be physical, verbal or through electronic / social media.

Misuse of Influence
Coaches will guard against the misuse of influence and understand any action or judgment may have an effect on participants.

Outside Relationships
Coaches will refrain from entering into personal, professional, financial or other relationships with anyone if such a relationship may impair objectivity, interfere with properly performing coaching functions or directly or indirectly exploit or harm participants. Coaches will refrain from taking on obligations if a pre-existing relationship may create a conflict of interest.

Exploitation
Coaches will not exploit or have a sexual or intimate relationship with participants.

Statements
Coaches will not make a statement which is deceptive, false, fraudulent or misleading.

Communication with Participants
To avoid any misunderstanding with participants, Coaches will discuss the nature and course of training with them and answer any questions they may have.

Relationship Involving Coaches, Participants and Parents
Coaches will clarify the role of each party and any service provided relative to a relationship with participants and parents.

Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco
Coaches will refrain from using and discourage the availability or use of alcohol, tobacco or performance enhancing or recreational drugs in conjunction with, including travelling to or from, any USA Hockey competition, training or practice session and prohibit the use of alcohol, tobacco or performance enhancing or recreational drugs by participants.

Gambling
Coaches will refrain from and prohibit gambling of any kind in conjunction with, including travelling to or from, any USA Hockey competition, training or practice session.

Pornography
Coaches will refrain from and prohibit the use of pornographic or sexually explicit material in conjunction with any USA Hockey competition, including travel to or from any USA Hockey competition, training or practice session.

Recruiting
Coaches will not recruit a participant who is already a member of another USA Hockey team. Direct contact by a coach or his / her staff or indirect contact through an agent or parent during the playing season with a participant who is a member of another USA Hockey team is considered tampering and is prohibited.

Evaluating Participants
Coaches will evaluate participants on actual ability, attitude and performance and in a manner consistent with the Code.

RESOLVING ISSUES

Familiarity with Code
Coaches will be familiar with the Code. Lack of awareness or misunderstanding of general principles or ethical standards included in the Code will not excuse violations of the Code.
CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

All AHAI Board of Directors and committee members who may participate in decisions where a personal gain may be possible, are required to sign a “Conflict of Interest” Statement.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY POLICY

USA Hockey and AHAI shall provide an equal opportunity to amateur athletes, coaches, trainers, managers, administrators, and officials to participate in amateur athletic competition, without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin or socioeconomic status, and with fair notice and opportunity for a hearing to any amateur athlete, coach, manager, administrator, or official before declaring such individual ineligible to participate in USA Hockey programs or competition.

SLED HOCKEY POLICY

It is AHAI Policy that sled hockey players (playing on sleds) shall not compete in games with players who are playing hockey standing up (playing on skates).

WHISTLEBLOWER POLICY

A whistleblower as defined by this policy is an employee, volunteer, or board member of the Amateur Hockey Association Illinois, Inc. (AHAI) who reports an activity that he or she considers to be illegal or dishonest to one or more of the parties specified in this Policy. The whistleblower is not responsible for investigating the activity or for determining fault or corrective measures; appropriate AHAI officials are charged with these responsibilities.

Examples of illegal or dishonest activities are violations of federal, state or local laws; billing for services not preformed or for goods not delivered; and other fraudulent financial reporting.

If an AHAI employee or AHAI volunteer has knowledge of or a concern of illegal or dishonest fraudulent activity, the AHAI employee or AHAI volunteer is to contact the Treasurer of the AHAI Board or the President of the AHAI Board who is responsible for investigation and coordinating corrective action. The AHAI employee or AHAI volunteer must exercise sound judgment to avoid baseline allegation. An AHAI employee or AHAI volunteer who intentionally files a false report of wrongdoing will be subject to discipline up to and including termination.

Whistleblower protections are to cover two important areas – confidentiality and against retaliation. Insofar as possible, the confidentiality of the whistleblower will be maintained. However, identity may have to be disclosed to conduct a thorough investigation, to comply with the law and to provide accused individuals their legal rights of defense. AHAI will not retaliate against a whistleblower. This includes, but is not limited to, protection from retaliation in the form of an adverse employment action such as termination, compensation decreases, or poor work assignments and threats of physical harm. Any whistleblower who believes he or she is being retaliated against must contact the AHAI Board Treasurer or the AHAI Board President immediately. The right of the whistleblower for protection against retaliation does not include immunity for any personal wrongdoing that is alleged and investigated.

AHAI employees or AHAI volunteers with any questions regarding this policy should contact the President of the AHAI Board.
RECORD RETENTION
POLICY

POLICY: The Amateur Hockey Association Illinois, Inc. (AHAI) will retain records in an orderly fashion for time periods that comply with legal and government requirements.

POLICY AND PROCEDURES:

1.1 Record Retention Guidelines:

The following holding periods will be utilized for the maintenance of the documents listed below.

Accounting Records
- Accounts Payable: 7 years
- Accounts Receivable: 7 years
- Audit Reports: Permanent
- Chart of Accounts: Permanent
- Depreciation Schedules: Permanent
- Expense Reports: 7 years
- Financial Statements (annual): Permanent
- Fixed asset purchases: Permanent
- General Ledger and General Journals: Permanent
- Loan payment schedules: 7 years
- Purchase orders & correspondence: 7 years
- Purchase requisitions: 2 years
- Tax Returns and Working Papers: Permanent
- Trial Balances (annual): Permanent

Bank Records
- Bank Reconciliations: 3 years
- Bank Statements: 7 years
- Canceled checks: 7 years
- Checks for capital purchase & important contracts: Permanent
- Electronic payment records: 7 years
- Petty Cash vouchers: 3 years

Corporate Records
- Board minutes: Permanent
- Bylaws, charter, articles of incorporation: Permanent
- Business Licenses: Permanent
- Contracts – major: Permanent
- Legal & tax correspondence: Permanent
- Contracts – minor: Life + 4 yrs
- Insurance policies, accident, claims: Life + 4 yrs

Employee Records
- Benefit Plans: Permanent
- Employee files (terminated): 10 years
- Employee applications: 1 year
- Employment taxes: 7 years
- Payroll records: 7 years
- Leasehold Improvements: Permanent
- Lease Payment records: Life + 4 yrs
WHY American Development Model?

IN ILLINOIS HOCKEY IN 2008-09:

✓ 71.2% OF ALL 4 YEAR OLDS WON’T RETURN TO SKATE AS 5 YEAR OLDS
✓ 51.1% OF ALL 5 YEAR OLDS WON’T RETURN TO SKATE AS 6 YEAR OLDS
✓ 34.2% OF ALL 6 YEAR OLDS WON’T RETURN TO SKATE AS 7 YEAR OLDS
✓ 23.7% OF ALL 7 YEAR OLDS WON’T RETURN TO SKATE AS 8 YEAR OLDS

(ACCORDING TO REGISTRATION STATISTICS FOR ILLINOIS AS PROVIDED BY USA HOCKEY)

WE LOSE 55% NET OVERALL OF ALL PLAYERS 4-8 YEARS OLD

"For all you young hockey players out there — do you know how to get your game to the highest level? The American Development Model (ADM").

If I had it (or used it) as a kid, I might still be playing the game!"

- Eddie Olczyk

BECAUSE WHAT WE ARE CURRENTLY DOING ISN’T WORKING — THAT’S WHY!

*USA Hockey American Development Model – ADM.

For more information go to www.ahai.org
Offering:
YHL (Youth Hockey League)  
Hockey Academies  
Skate Academies  
ASHL (Men’s Leagues)  
Available Ice  
Freestyle Ice  
Public Programs  
Birthday Parties  
3on3 Hockey Leagues  
Hockey Camps  
Learn to Skate Camps  
Adult Hockey Academies
AHAI is proud to present the 30th annual series of Seminars on the opportunities in ice hockey. We’ll talk about Men’s and Women’s Division I, III, Club Hockey, Junior College, Prep Schools and Junior Programs. A wide array of topics will be discussed that will include:

Short Discussion on:
- Making a College Hockey Team - “What does it take besides hockey skills?”
- Financial Aid - How do you apply?
- ACHA Teams
- NCAA and the new stricter rules for admittance for athletes.
- Making the Grades - How important is it?
- Should I play Juniors/Junior College before college?
- Prep Schools – Should I go or Should I stay?
- USA Hockey Camps/Festivals
- America’s Showcase Teams
- Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Scholarship Program

There will be an Open House where there will be more than 20 colleges and Junior teams that will available for you to talk with. Attendance is a must for all players (male & female) born in 2003, 2004, 2005 & 2006.

Attendance will assist in consideration toward AHAI sanctioned Player Development events including, but not limited to, AHAI sponsored Clinics, America’s High School Showcase Teams, etc.

High School, Bantam & Midget age players and Girl’s born before 2003 who have not attended a College Night Seminar in the past are also encouraged to attend. Everyone else is invited and encouraged to attend this FREE Seminar, including parents and friends of ice hockey.

The Seminar will be held:

Monday, September 30, 2019 — 7:00 P.M.

Woodfield Hyatt Hotel
1800 East Golf Road • Schaumburg, Illinois 60173 • (847) 605-1234

If you have any further questions, please contact any member of the AHAI Board of Directors for further assistance.
The Amateur Hockey Association of Illinois, Inc. (AHAI) is authorized by USA Hockey (USAH) as the sole governing body for all USA Hockey registered players, teams, coaches and officials in Illinois. AHAI is authorized to act as it deems fit in the best interests of its members to promote the sport of ice hockey within the bylaws and rules and regulations as promulgated by USAH.

AHAI does not support any AHAI member or member association’s participation in any association or organization not registered with USAH and AHAI (Unregistered Organization), unregistered teams (Unregistered Teams) or any non USAH or AHAI sanctioned event (Non Sanctioned Event). Unregistered Organizations and Non Sanctioned Events do not provide USAH governance or insurance benefits to any participant. The following guidelines shall outline AHAI’s policy.

Organizations / Tournaments

• AHAI Member Organizations may not host any Unregistered Teams or Non Sanctioned Events. Any official assigned to any member association or organization or tournament games must be a properly registered USAH official.
• AHAI Member Teams may only participate in games hosted by properly registered USAH organizations, tournaments or teams.
• Any member organization who knowingly allows a member team to participate in any unregistered event shall not be eligible to participate in the AHAI State Tournament.
• Any member team who participates in any unregistered event shall not be eligible to participate in the AHAI State Tournament.
• Member Organization officiating schedulers must be certified by AHAI. Schedulers who circumvent this policy shall lose AHAI certification and shall be replaced by their member organization.

Officials

• Youth games include all age classifications except USAH Adult and USAH Women.
• Any USA Hockey official wearing the USA Hockey officials crest in a non-sanctioned event may lose their USA Hockey officials status and certification.
• All officials are independent contractors and the assigning process is not a guarantee of any assignment(s).
• Any AHAI officiating scheduler who assigns an Official to any unregistered youth team game shall be subject to a hearing with the AHAI Rules & Ethics Committee.
The following rules have been implemented for all ice hockey games played in the State of Illinois during the 2013-14 season. All USA Hockey registered teams (whether registered with AHAI or not) must abide by these additional penalties:

A. In regards to Rule 615 (a) - Fisticuffs (Fighting) of the official Playing Rules of USA Hockey, the following addition has been imposed on all games under the jurisdiction of AHAI:

"Any player who is assessed a penalty for fisticuffs under Rule 615 shall be suspended for the next three (3) games of that team not including the game in which the penalty was assessed".

Any player, coach, team, manager, association, club or individual violating this Rule shall be referred to the AHAI Rules & Ethics Committee and/or AHAI Suspension Committee for disciplinary action.

Any Tier I team, or, any team participating in a league based outside Illinois, or, any other Illinois team participating in a game outside the State of Illinois, shall follow regular USA Hockey Rules and/or the Rules of the Affiliate/Federation, and/or tournament rules they are playing that game within.

**Current Rule**

**USAH Rule 608 - Checking from Behind**

(a) A minor plus a misconduct penalty, or a major plus a game misconduct penalty, shall be assessed to any player who body checks or pushes an opponent from behind.

(b) A major penalty plus game misconduct penalty shall be assessed to any player who injures an opponent as a result of checking from behind or who body checks or pushes an opponent form behind causing them to go head first into the boards or goal frame.

(c) A match penalty for attempt to injure or deliberate injury to an opponent may also be assessed for checking from behind.

**“NEW” AHAI Rule**

**USAH Rule 608 - Checking from Behind**

(d) Any player who receives a second major penalty for CFB with the same team during the same season shall receive a three game suspension. For a third CFB major with the same team in the same season, the player shall be suspended until a hearing is conducted by the Proper Authorities under Rule 410 Supplementary Discipline.
The intent of this rule has always been quite simple. It is designed to give Junior Varsity players the opportunity to play in Varsity games and thus allow them to develop against stronger competition and to build an organization for the following year at the Varsity level. It is also designed to give parity at the Junior Varsity level so that Junior Varsity programs will compete against similar Junior Varsity programs and thus continue to train the younger players who will eventually become Varsity players.

Each Organization is responsible for keeping track of which players have participated at each level and to inform each player before they participate in that seventh (7th) game so that there will be no misunderstanding.

There are two other points that should be noted regarding this rule. First, it is the intent of this rule to allow Junior Varsity players the opportunity to play at the Varsity level and gain experience. It is also the intent of this rule that the Varsity players that are frozen should be the team’s best players. It is not the intent of this rule to have the better Varsity players playing in any Junior Varsity games. It is merely an avenue to allow some high school programs with a lesser number of players an opportunity to build a Junior Varsity team with the help of some Varsity players.

The second point is in regards to goalkeepers. A Varsity goalkeeper may dress for a Junior Varsity game, to be the second goalkeeper on the bench; however, they may only participate in play if the Junior Varsity goalkeeper is injured. However, a Junior Varsity goalkeeper may dress for a Varsity game, to be either the second goalkeeper on the bench or participate in play at the coach’s discretion. For a Varsity team with two goalkeepers, a Junior Varsity with one goalkeeper, one Varsity goalkeeper must be frozen to that roster prior to their first League game, but the second Varsity goalkeeper may dress for Junior Varsity games, as mentioned above, but may only participate in play if the Junior Varsity goalkeeper is injured. However, for a Junior Varsity team with two or more goalkeepers and a Varsity team with one goalkeeper, either of the Junior Varsity goalkeepers (since Junior Varsity rosters do not have to be frozen), may dress for a Varsity game and may participate in play at the coach’s discretion. The Seven-Up/Seven-Down Rule is still in effect for goalkeepers during this period; however, the only games that will be counted against the second goalkeeper on the bench will be those games that the second goalkeeper actually played in. This is also in effect for all playoffs.

You must notify your Division President prior to any League game if you know your only goalkeeper for that team is injured and within forty-eight (48) hours after a League game whenever that back-up goalkeeper actually plays in the game because of an injury.

Remember that ALL players that are being used as part of the Seven-Up/Seven-Down Rule MUST be properly registered on BOTH the Varsity AND the Junior Varsity Official USA Hockey/AHAI Rosters!

Using the Seven-Up/Seven-Down Rule for any purpose other than for what it was intended will be considered a violation and the case involving that organization will be reviewed for disciplinary action.

Refer to Rule 6.12.2 for further clarification.
* PLAYER/COACHES LEAVING THE PLAYER’S AREA/BENCH DURING GAME:
The ASRC guideline on this issue is that “No player or coach shall leave the player’s area or bench to engage or join in any on-ice altercation. The coach of the team shall be responsible for the players.” Accordingly, the ASRC will review any incident brought to its attention where a player or coach has left the player area or bench to engage or join in any on-ice altercation. After investigation and hearing, the ASRC may issue suspensions in addition to any penalty assessed by the Referees. Suspensions for violations of the guidelines may exceed five (5) or more games. The Coach of any offending team may also receive a suspension of five (5) or more games.

* CONTACT WITH ANY GAME OFFICIAL (Including Minor Officials):
In addition to reviewing Match penalties assessed by a referee under USA Hockey Rule 603b, the ASRC guideline on this issue is that “No player or coach shall have any contact with any game official.” USA Hockey Guidelines suggest a one (1) year suspension for any intentional contact with a game official. Accordingly, after investigation and hearing, the ASRC shall be stringently using the USA Hockey Guidelines as a basis for imposition of all suspensions for violations of these rules.

* USA HOCKEY RULE 410 (Supplementary Discipline):
The ASRC guidelines for review of an incident under USA Hockey Rule 410: Supplementary Discipline will include, but not be limited to, or require, all of the following items to occur:

(a) The incident results in significant injury or potential injury to a player;

(b) The incident occurs outside of the “normal play” of the game; and,

(c) The President of a Registered Hockey League, Organization or Club makes a written request (within 14 days after the date of the incident) to the Chairperson of the ASRC for further investigation of the incident based upon circumstances warranting further review. The written request must include a factual recitation of the specific events and reasons supporting further review along with a copy of the Official Game Scoresheet and names, addresses and telephone numbers of all witnesses.

(d) Notwithstanding the time limitations set forth in (c) above, the ASRC shall have the ability, in its sole discretion, to investigate and review any incident which meets criteria (a) and (b) above.

Notification of all AHAI Suspension Review Committee hearings will be made in writing to the President or other Head Team Official as soon as the exact date is set and it shall be his or her responsibility to inform the penalized player of all pertinent information.
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- HECC Clarifies language to accurately reflect role of HECC.
- Injury Potential Penalties Adds language pertaining to linesman responsibility.
- Line Change Procedure Adds new term and definition outlining the proper procedure to be used for a change of players during stoppages.
- Off-Ice Official Deletes word “Minor” in title and cleans up language.
- Penalty Adds language that outlines the procedure for calling a penalty.
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- Possession and Control of the Puck Cleans up and modernizes language.
- Proper Authorities (Proper Disciplinary Authority) Adds term “sanctioned” to language regarding tournaments.
- Protective Equipment Cleans up and modernizes language.
- Shorthanded Cleans up and modernizes language.
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- Team Official Cleans up definition of Team Official.
- Time-Out (Curfew Definition) Suggests that both team be notified prior to start of game of curfew clock.

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For Authorized Junior Age Classifications
For the 2017-18 Through 2020-21 Seasons

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The goal of USA Hockey is to promote a safe and positive playing environment for all participants while continuing to focus on skill development and enjoyment of the sport. All officials, coaches, players, parents, spectators and volunteers are encouraged to observe these “Points of Emphasis” when participating in the sport of ice hockey.

**Fair Play and Respect**
Fair play and respect are the backbone of any successful amateur sports program. In order for a positive environment to be created, it is imperative that all participants and spectators have respect for all players, coaches, officials, administrators, spectators and the sport of hockey. Hockey is a game demanding high levels of concentration and skill. Taunting or unsportsmanlike conduct directed at opponents or officials will not be tolerated.

**Intimidation** tactics have no place in ice hockey. These tactics include any contact to the head of the opponent, checking from behind and late avoidable body checks to an opponent who is no longer in possession and control of the puck. Officials are instructed to enforce these rules to a high standard and assess the appropriate penalty when these actions occur. In addition, officials are expected to strictly enforce any avoidable contact occurring after the whistle – including during scrum situations around the goal.

In Body Contact categories, legal body contact shall be allowed and players allowed to compete using proper body position skills. However, any deliberate body checks shall be penalized accordingly. If a body check is delivered for the purpose of intimidation, a major penalty should be assessed to the offending player.

In Body Checking categories, the purpose of the check shall be to separate the opponent from the puck and officials should strictly penalize any illegal actions such as boarding, charging and a late avoidable body check to a player who is no longer in possession and control of the puck.

**Players** are encouraged to develop a deep sense of respect for all (opponents and officials) while endeavoring to enjoy the sport and improve their playing ability. Each player is expected to use proper skill and technique when engaging in any type of body contact.

**Coaches** are responsible for instructing their players to play the sport in a safe and sportsmanlike manner. To that end, coaches are directed to teach only those skills necessary to allow for proper and legal body contact.

**Officials** Officials should be diligent and confident when officiating the sport. Each official should enforce all playing rules fairly and respectfully with the safety of the players and the best interest of the game in mind. Players must be held accountable for dangerous and illegal actions with the proper enforcement of the rules at all times.

**Spectators** are encouraged to support their teams while showing respect for all players, coaches, officials and other spectators.
Standard of Play and Rule Emphasis
USA Hockey will continue to observe the Standard of Play and Rule Emphasis for restraining fouls adopted in June 2006. The goal is to reduce restraining infractions in the game, allowing the skill levels of the participants to determine the outcome of a game and to increase participant enjoyment.

USA Hockey will also continue to emphasize the Body Checking Standard of Play and Rule Emphasis adopted in 2011 as part of its effort to create a safe environment for all participants. The goal is to enhance player skill development by eliminating intimidating infractions designed to punish the opponent. Proper enforcement of this standard will improve the proper skill of legal body checking or legal body contact at all levels of play.

Conclusion
Hockey should be enjoyed by all participants. To that end, all participants and spectators should observe a level of personal behavior that demonstrates respect for all. USA Hockey will continue to increase awareness among all officials and coaches with regard to these Points of Emphasis and the Standard of Play and Rule Enforcement.

Standard of Play and Rules Emphasis — Restraining Fouls

Through the standard of rules enforcement, our game will continue to allow the opportunity for improved skill development and a more positive hockey environment for all participants. The mission of USA Hockey is clear; through this new initiative a greater emphasis will be placed on skating, puck possession and the proper use of the body to establish position and a competitive advantage.

The goal of the enforcement standard is to reduce restraining infractions in the game and not to remove legal body checking or body contact. A hard body check or using body contact/position (non-checking classifications) to gain a competitive advantage over the opponent should not be penalized as long as it is performed within the rules.

The principles of this continued enforcement standard include the following:

- The use of the stick will be limited to only playing the puck.
- The stick will not be allowed to in any way impede a player’s progress.
- The use of a free hand/arm will not be allowed to grab or impede a player’s progress.
- Players who use their physical skills and/or anticipation and have a positional advantage shall not lose that advantage as a result of illegal acts by the opponent.
- Players will be held accountable for acts of an intimidating or dangerous nature.

Enforcement Standard – The following penalties are to be called with very strict enforcement:

HOOキング
A player cannot use his/her stick against an opponent's body (puck carrier or non-puck carrier) to gain a positional advantage. Examples include:
• tugs or pulls on the body, arms or hands of the opponent which allows for the space between the players to diminish.
• placing the stick in front of the opponent's body and locking on – impeding the opponent’s progress or causing a loss of balance.
• stick on the hand/arm that takes away the ability for the opponent to pass or shoot the puck with a normal amount of force.

TRIPPING
A player cannot use his/her stick on the legs or feet of an opponent in a manner that would cause a loss of balance or for them to trip or fall. Examples include:
• placing the stick in front of the opponent’s legs for the purpose of impeding progress, even if on the ice, with no effort to legally play the puck.
• placing the stick between the legs of the opponent (can opener/corkscrew) that causes a loss of balance or impedes the progress of the opponent.

HOLDING
A player cannot wrap his/her arms around an opponent or use a free hand to clutch, grab or hold the stick, jersey or body on the opponent in a manner that impedes their progress. Examples include:
• wrapping one or both arms around the opponent along the boards in a manner that pins them against the boards and prevents them from playing the puck or skating.
• grabbing the opponent’s body, stick or sweater with one or both hands.
• using a free arm/hand to restrain or impede the opponent’s progress.

INTERFERENCE
A player cannot use his/her body ("pick" or “block”) to impede the progress of an opponent with no effort to play the puck, maintain normal foot speed or established skating lane. Examples include:
• intentionally playing the body of an opponent who does not have possession or possession and control of the puck.
• using the body to establish a "pick" or “block” that prevents an opponent from being able to pursue a puck carrier.
• reducing foot speed or changing an established skating lane for the purpose of impeding an opponent from being able to pursue a puck carrier.

SLASHING
The use of the stick will be limited to only playing the puck. Any stick contact, as a result of a slashing motion, to the hands/ arms or body of the opponent will be strictly penalized. In addition, hard slashes to the upper portion of the stick (just below the hands) of an opponent, with no attempt to legally play the puck, shall also be penalized.

SUMMARY
All USA Hockey members must demonstrate awareness and support for the application, spirit and the respect of the rules in order for continued improvement of the game of hockey. At the same time, it is important to remember that:
• a player is entitled to the ice he/she occupies as long as they are able to maintain their own foot speed and body position between opponent and puck.
• players are allowed to compete for body position using their strength and balance in front of the goal or along the boards.
CONCLUSION
Coaches are expected to teach proper skills and hold their players accountable for illegal and dangerous actions, regardless as to whether they are properly penalized, or not.

Parents are expected to support the decisions of the officials and support the coaches in teaching the proper skills in a safe and positive environment.

Officials shall enforce a strict penalty standard according to the guidelines that have been established.

Players are expected to compete within the playing rules.

Administrators are expected to hold players, coaches, officials and parents accountable for their actions in an effort to promote a safe and positive environment for all participants.

All members of USA Hockey share an equal responsibility to ensure the integrity of the game is upheld. The onus to incorporate adopted change is not only on the officials, but also on administrators, coaches, parents and players, as well.

Relax. It's just a game.
Standard of Play and Rules Emphasis – Body Checking

Through the standard of rules enforcement, our game will continue to allow the opportunity for improved skill development and a more positive hockey environment for all participants.

The goal of this enforcement standard is to create an environment that enhances player skill development by reducing intimidating infractions designed to punish the opponent. This standard is designed to improve the proper skill of legal body checking or contact at all levels of play while not removing the physical component from the game. A hard body check or using body contact/position (non-checking classifications) to gain a competitive advantage over the opponent should not be penalized as long as it is performed within the rules. The focus of the body check shall be to separate the opponent from the puck.

The principles of this body checking enforcement standard include the following:

• The purpose of a body check is to separate the opponent from the puck.
• Only the trunk (hips to shoulders) of the body shall be used to deliver a body check.
• The check must be delivered to the trunk (hips to shoulders) and directly from in front or the side of the opponent.
• Players who use their physical skills and/or anticipation and have a positional advantage shall not lose that advantage provided they use their body to check the opponent within the rules.
• Players will be held accountable for acts of an intimidating or dangerous nature.

Enforcement Standard – The following penalties are to be called with very strict enforcement.

BODY CHECKING (Non-Checking Classifications)
A player cannot deliver a body check to any player while participating in a non-checking classification. Examples include:

• makes deliberate physical contact with an opponent with no effort to legally play the puck.
• uses overt hip, shoulder or arm contact with the opponent to physically force them off the puck.
• physically impedes the progress of the opponent with hips, shoulders or torso without establishing legal body contact and having no intent of playing the puck.

BOARDING
A player cannot commit any infraction, including body checking, for the purpose of intimidation or punishment that causes their opponent to go violently or excessively into the boards. Examples include:

• accelerating through the check to a player who is in a vulnerable position off of the boards that causes them to be thrown violently into the boards.
• driving an opponent excessively into the boards with no focus on or intent to play the puck.
• any other infraction ( tripping, cross-checking, charging etc.) that causes the opponent to be thrown violently and excessively into the boards.
CHARGING
A player cannot take more than two fast strides or travel an excessive distance to accelerate through a body check for the purpose of punishing the opponent. Examples include:

- running or jumping into the opponent to deliver a check.
- accelerating through a check for the purpose of punishing the opponent.
- skating a great distance for the purpose of delivering a check with excessive force.

CHECKING FROM BEHIND
A player cannot deliver a body check to an opponent directly from behind, or diagonally from behind. The onus is on the player delivering the check to not hit from behind. Examples include:

- body checking or pushing an opponent from behind directly into the boards or goal frame or in open ice.

HEAD CONTACT
A player cannot contact an opponent in the head, face or neck, including with the stick or any part of the player's body or equipment. The onus is on the player delivering the check, regardless of size differential, to not make contact in the head/neck area of the opponent. Examples include:

- a body check delivered with any part of the body that makes contact with the head or neck area.
- the use of the forearm or hands to deliver a check to the head or neck area of the opponent.

ROUGHING
A player cannot use the hands, stick or extension of the arms to body check an opponent or deliver an avoidable body check to a player who is not in possession and control of the puck. Examples include:

- intentionally playing the body of an opponent who does not have possession and control of the puck.
- delivering an avoidable check to a player who has already relinquished control of the puck by a pass or shot. This is often times referred to as "finishing" the check.
- any avoidable contact after the whistle shall be penalized strictly, including scrum situations around the goal or along the boards. Officials are instructed to assess an additional penalty to those players acting as the aggressor or who instigate any avoidable contact after the whistle.

SUMMARY
All USA Hockey members must demonstrate awareness and support for the application, spirit and the respect of the rules in order for continued improvement of the game of hockey. At the same time, it is important to remember that:

- a player is entitled to use proper body position and body contact in all age classifications in order to gain a competitive advantage.
- players are allowed to compete for body position using their strength and balance in front of the goal or along the boards.
- in classifications where body checking is allowed, the focus of the body check must be to separate the opponent from the puck.
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BY-LAWS OF
AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION ILLINOIS, INC.

ARTICLE 1
NAME AND AFFILIATION

1.0 The name of this corporation shall be Amateur Hockey Association Illinois, Inc. (referred to hereinafter as “AHAI”). AHAI shall be affiliated with USA Hockey.

ARTICLE 2
OFFICES

2.0 The principal office of AHAI shall be in the State of Illinois. AHAI may have such other offices, either within or without the State of Illinois, as the business of the corporation may require from time to time.

The registered office of AHAI required by the General Not-For-Profit Corporation Act to be maintained in the State of Illinois may be, but need not be, identical with the principal office in the State of Illinois, and the address of the registered office may be changed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 3
PURPOSES

3.0 To encourage and improve the standards and conduct of hockey in the State of Illinois. To encourage, assist and administer hockey in the development and growth of community and regional leagues, associations, programs and teams so that the sport is made available to more people in all levels of competition at the lowest possible cost.

3.1 To develop and encourage sportsmanship and playing proficiency by all players and persons involved in the sport of hockey in the State of Illinois.

3.2 To affiliate with USA Hockey and encourage registration of all teams at all levels of play with USA Hockey.

3.3 To conduct hockey tournaments and to sanction teams to enter and participate in said tournaments.

3.4 To communicate and cooperate with the USA Hockey Central District Association, other State and Officials Associations so as to improve and promote the sport of hockey both within and without the State of Illinois.

3.5 To do any and all acts necessary or desirable in the furtherance of the foregoing purposes and the sport of hockey.

ARTICLE 4
MEMBERS

4.0 ANNUAL MEETING - The Annual Meeting of the member teams shall be held each year, beginning with the year 1976, and if possible, prior to the USA Hockey Meeting, but in no event later than June 30th, for the purpose of electing directors and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

4.1 MEMBERSHIP - The members of AHAI shall comprise all the amateur hockey players, as defined in the AHAI Rules and Regulations, being headquartered in the State of Illinois and such other players as may be designated to be under the jurisdiction of AHAI as the sanctioned Affiliate of USA Hockey and duly registered with AHAI.
The player members of AHAI shall be represented through the amateur hockey teams upon which they play, by and through the AHAI Affiliate Organization in which they are registered; the AHAI Affiliate Organization is represented by its authorized officer(s), or through its authorized proxy.

4.2 SPECIAL MEETINGS - Special meetings of the member teams may be called by the President, or a majority of the Board of Directors.

4.3 PLACE OF MEETING - The President or Board of Directors may designate any place within the State of Illinois as the place of meeting for any Annual Meeting or for any Special Meeting.

4.4 NOTICE OF MEETINGS - Written or printed notice stating the place, day and hour of the meeting, and in the case of a special meeting, the purpose for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered not less than ten nor more than forty days before the date of the meeting to each member team entitled to vote at such meeting. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail, addressed to the member team at its address as it appears on the records of AHAI, with postage thereon prepaid.

4.5 QUORUM - Forty percent of the member teams eligible to vote shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of member teams, provided, that if less than 40 percent of the voting member teams are represented at said meeting, a majority of the member teams so represented may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice. If a quorum is present, the affirmative vote of the majority of the voting member teams represented at the meeting shall be the act of the members.

4.6 VOTING RIGHTS - Each member team shall be entitled to one vote upon each matter submitted to vote at a meeting of the member teams. The member teams vote shall be cast by the representative of the member team listed on the Official AHAI Registration Form (which representative shall be (i) associated or affiliated with the same member association as the member team or (ii) the league president or his/her designee in which the member team is a properly registered team), unless another representative has been designated, in writing, by the member teams association, provided, however, such designee must be associated or affiliated with the same association as the member team. Except as set forth above, no proxy voting shall be permitted.

4.7 VOTING DISPUTES - At any meeting of the member teams, any question or dispute relating to the validity or result of any vote shall be submitted to the incumbent Board of Directors for a determination and the decision of the majority of the Board present, provided a quorum of the Board is present, shall be binding on all parties.

4.8 VOTING - Voting on any question or in any election shall be via voice. All votes shall be a matter of public record.

4.9 JURISDICTION - AHAI shall have complete jurisdiction over all USA Hockey amateur hockey in the State of Illinois and as such shall sanction all league and tournament play in the State. The Board of Directors of AHAI shall promulgate general policies under a set of Rules and Regulations to designate how corporate policies shall be followed.

The term "amateur hockey" as referred to in these By-Laws shall hereinafter be understood to mean any and all phases of the game of hockey, including but not restricted to games, tournaments and those groups and individuals who compose the membership of the AHAI.
ARTICLE 5
DIRECTORS

5.0 GENERAL POWERS - The business and affairs of AHAI shall be managed by the Board of Directors.

5.1 SPECIFIC POWERS - The Board of Directors shall determine what is in the best interest of amateur hockey and shall have the authority to develop, implement and enforce rules, policies, procedures, incentives and penalties that advance those interests. Furthermore, the AHAI Board of Directors shall have the authority to name, at its discretion, one or more President Emeritus or Director Emeriti in recognition of outstanding service to this Association. Emeriti shall continue to be non-voting members of this Board of Directors and eligible for all committee appointments by the President.

5.1.1 Any director who has served at least fifteen (15) years on the AHAI Board of Directors and who has retired or is retiring is eligible for nomination as a “Director Emeritus” after his/her term of office as a director expires. A Director Emeritus shall hold office for life but will not have voting privileges and may not run for any other AHAI Hockey office while emeritus. No person shall hold more than one (1) directorship.

5.2 NUMBER, TENURE AND QUALIFICATIONS - The number of Directors of AHAI shall be fifteen (15) as elected by the voting member teams. Five (5) Directors shall be elected annually. Each such elected Director shall hold office for three (3) years or until his/her successor shall be duly elected or otherwise provided. To be qualified, each candidate must be legally competent and has or will successfully pass the AHAI screening as soon as possible.

5.2.1 In the event of a vacancy by death, resignation, or removal, the President of AHAI shall appoint a Director to fill such unexpired term.

5.2.2 In addition to the 15 elected Directors, the Board shall include the following non-voting directors: immediate past president of AHAI, the AHAI Supervisor of Officials the AHAI Executive Director and all Illinois Affiliate District Representatives to USA Hockey who are in all ways equal and fully qualified Directors.

5.3 REGULAR MEETINGS - A regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held without other notice than this By-Law, immediately after, and at the same place as, the Annual Meeting of the member teams. The President or a majority of the Board of Directors may provide, by resolution, the time and place, for the holding of additional regular meetings without other notice than such resolution.

5.4 SPECIAL MEETINGS - Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the President or the majority of the Board of Directors. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the Board of Directors may fix the time and place for holding any special meeting of the Board of Directors called by them.

5.5 NOTICE - Notice of any special meeting shall be given by written notice delivered personally or mailed to each director at his/her business or home address, by telegram or by telephone. Any director may waive notice of any meeting. The attendance of a director at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting.

5.6 QUORUM - A majority of the number of sitting elected Directors (8) eight fixed by these By-Laws constitutes a quorum for transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of Directors, provided, that if less than a majority of such
number of directors are present at said meeting, a majority of the directors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

5.7 MANNER OF ACTING - The act of the majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors.

5.8 PARTICIPATION BY TELEPHONE - Members of the Board may participate in a meeting of the Board or any Board committee meeting, by means of a conference telephone or similar communication equipment whereby all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other, and participation in a meeting in this manner shall constitute presence in person at the meeting.

5.9 ELECTRONIC VOTING - The President or a majority of the elected Directors, from time to time, may poll, conduct a recommendation, or call for a vote on any issue properly submitted in writing to the Board of Directors between regular meetings: provided neither any elected Director nor the President objects to the subject matter submitted in this format, limitation of oral debate commensurate with this electronic communication process or the e-mail or electronic voting procedure on the submitted issue (Voting protocol by electronic means shall be as follows: 1 = Yes, 2 = No, 3 = Abstain, 4 = Call for Meeting).

5.10 OTHER DUTIES - The Board of Directors shall hear and rule on appeals from any of the corporation committees, and shall resolve any and all disputes within the corporation.

ARTICLE 6
OFFICERS

6.0 NUMBER - The officers of AHAI shall be a President, a Vice-President(s), a Treasurer, a Secretary and a Registrar and such other officers as may be elected or appointed by the Board of Directors.

6.1 ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE - The officers of AHAI shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at the first meeting of the Board of Directors held after each Annual Meeting of the member teams. If the election of officers shall not be held at such meeting, such election shall be held as soon thereafter as conveniently may be possible. Vacancies may be filled or new offices filled at any meeting of the Board of Directors. Each officer shall hold office until his/her successor shall have been duly elected and shall have qualified or until his/her death or until he/she shall resign or shall have been removed in the manner hereinafter provided.

6.2 REMOVAL - Any officer, director, or agent elected or appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the entire Board of Directors whenever in its best judgement, the best interests of AHAI would be served thereby.

6.3 PRESIDENT - The President shall be the chief executive officer of AHAI and shall in general supervise and control all of the business and affairs of AHAI. He/she shall preside at all meetings of the member teams and of the Board of Directors. He/she shall serve as ex-officio member on all committees. He/she may sign, with the Secretary or any other proper officer of AHAI thereunto authorized by the Board of Directors, any bonds, contracts, or other instruments which the Board of Directors has authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Board of Directors or by these By-Laws to some other officer or agent of AHAI, or shall be required by law to be otherwise signed or executed; and in general shall perform all duties incident to the office of the President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time. In addition, the President or his/her designee(s) shall represent AHAI and its member teams in meetings with other hockey associations and USA Hockey.
6.4 THE VICE-PRESIDENT(S) - In the absence of the President or in the event of his/her inability or refusal to act, the Vice-President (or in the event there is more than one Vice-President, the Vice-Presidents in the order designated, or in the absence of any designation, then in the order of their election) shall perform the duties of the President and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President and in general perform all the duties incident to the Office(s) of the Vice-President and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the President or the Board of Directors.

6.5 THE TREASURER - If required by the Board of Directors, the Treasurer shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of his/her duties in such sum and with such surety or sureties as the Board of Directors shall determine. He/she shall: (a) have charge and custody of and be responsible for funds and securities of AHAI; receive and give receipts for moneys due and payable to AHAI from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such moneys in the name of AHAI in such banks, trust companies and other insured depositories as shall be selected in accordance with these By-Laws; (b) in general perform all the duties incident to the Office of the Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the President or the Board of Directors.

6.6 THE SECRETARY - The Secretary shall: (a) keep the minutes of the members' and the Board of Directors' meetings in one or more books provided for that purpose; (b) see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these By-Laws or as required by law; (c) be custodian of the corporate records and of the seal of AHAI and see that the seal of the corporation is affixed to all documents, the execution of which on behalf of the corporation under its seal is duly authorized in accordance with the provisions of these By-Laws; (d) keep a register of the post-office address of each member; (e) in general perform all duties incident to the Office of the Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned him/her by the President or the Board of Directors.

6.7 THE REGISTRAR - The Registrar shall be Chairperson of the Registration Committee and shall: (a) be responsible for the registration of teams, players, coaches, managers, tournament/travel permits as directed by these By-Laws and the AHAI Rules and Regulations, (b) keep records of all registrations and memberships, (c) "certify" eligible voting member teams, (d) "certify" those registered member teams eligible for State Tournaments, (e) implement procedures to coordinate registration activities with USA Hockey, (f) in general perform all duties incident to the Office of the Registrar and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned him/her by the President or the Board of Directors. Nothing in this By-Law shall relieve any member or its agent, association, team, player, parent or guardian of their responsibility to submit a roster that is true and correct and complies with all of the AHAI By-Laws and the Rules and Regulations.

6.8 AHAI SUPERVISOR OF OFFICIALS - The AHAI Supervisor of Officials shall be appointed by the Board of Directors of AHAI. The AHAI Supervisor of Officials shall:

- Be responsible for implementing those policies established by the Board of Directors to register, control, evaluate and establish standards of conduct for all on-ice officials within the jurisdiction of AHAI.
- Act as liaison between AHAI and the USA Hockey Central District Referee-In-Chief.
- Act as liaison between AHAI and its designated officials association.
- Act as liaison between AHAI and member amateur hockey programs and/or organizations in matters of officials and/or rule interpretations.
- Disseminate all rule interpretations received from USA Hockey and AHAI.
• Coordinate with the Tournament Committee and be responsible to assign qualified officials to all AHAI sponsored games.
• Perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 7
COMMITTEES

7.0 STANDING COMMITTEES - The President shall designate and appoint the membership to the Tournaments, Suspension, Rules & Ethics, Nominating, High School and Tier II Committees and such other committees deemed necessary or appropriate to the efficient conduct of AHAI’s affairs, provided, however, the Chairperson of the five standing committees named above must be members of the Board of Directors of AHAI.

7.0.1 TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE(S) - The Board of Directors and the AHAI State Tournament Committees shall have the sole authority to conduct all State Tournaments.

7.0.2 SUSPENSION REVIEW COMMITTEE - The Suspension Committee shall have original jurisdiction for hearings and ruling on complaints (or incidents that come to the attention of the committee) for infractions of the AHAI By-Laws and Rules and Regulations or conduct not in the best interest of amateur hockey which arise out of competitive play on the ice and suspending any member organizations, teams or individuals for such infraction in accordance with procedures established by the Board of Directors. Duration of suspension will be determined by this Committee. During regular season play, a majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of making a determination and a vote of the majority of the members of the Committee present in accordance with the procedures established by the Board of Directors shall be required for a suspension. Decisions of the Committee shall be final unless a notice of appeal therefrom is filed as herein provided. Any person, team, or organization affected by the decision of the Committee may appeal such decision in accordance with the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of AHAI by filing a written notice of appeal to the President of AHAI within ten (10) days after the date that the decision appealed from has been rendered, which appeal shall be acted upon by the Board of Directors whose decision shall be final.

7.0.3 NOMINATING COMMITTEE - The Nominating Committee shall include at least two (2) members of the Board of Directors whose seats are not up for reelection. The duties of the Committee shall consist of:

7.0.3.1 The Nominating Committee shall be responsible for soliciting and collecting the names and qualifications of individuals who wish to be considered on an individual basis for election to the AHAI Board of Directors.

7.0.3.2 Within 60 days of the Annual Meeting, the Nominating Committee shall inform the voting members by mail of the requirements and deadlines for becoming a candidate for election. At least 42 days in advance (or six weeks) of the Annual Meeting, any adult individual who wishes to run for election to the AHAI Board of Directors
shall submit his or her name as well as a written biography, to the AHAI Nominating Committee. No later than 21 days (three weeks) before the Annual Meeting, the AHAI Nominating Committee shall disseminate to all voting members of AHAI, by mail and by publication on AHAI’s web site, a list of all names submitted and copies of the biographies. The AHAI Board of Directors or any AHAI member may issue an endorsement or opposition to any candidate so long as said endorsement or opposition does not disparage or demean any candidate. The AHAI Board of Directors may issue a position paper on any candidate or group of candidates in the mailing to the voting members. If an individual AHAI member wishes to submit an endorsement of or opposition to any candidate(s) AHAI agrees to include said position statement with the AHAI mailing. The individual member who submits a position paper agrees to pay his or her proportionate share for the expenses of creating and mailing the position paper. Any position paper submitted by the AHAI Board or any AHAI individual member shall be limited to one 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper for any candidate(s) but may be two-sided.

7.0.3.3 At the AHAI annual meeting, present voting members shall vote for five (5) individuals from the list of nominations. The votes shall be counted by members of the Nominating Committee and overseen by an AHAI officer. The top five (5) individuals garnering the most votes shall be elected as Directors of the AHAI Board.

7.0.4 HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE - The committee shall be responsible to, (a) encourage and improve the standards and conduct of High School hockey in the State of Illinois, (b) provide coaching clinics for AHAI High School coaches, (c) provide member teams and players with information vital to college hockey programs and entrance requirements, (d) coordinate the AHAI High School Division state championship tournaments, (e) establish a code of ethics for AHAI High School coaches, and to (f) establish an AHAI High School Board of Governors (Committee) composed of at least ten (10) members.

7.0.5 TIER II COMMITTEE - The Tier II Committee shall: refer matters regarding the status or conduct of Tier II Member Associations to the Rules & Ethics Committee; review and make recommendations to AHAI regarding the status of a Tier II Member Association under the terms established by the By Laws and the Rules and Regulations of AHAI pursuant to Article 7 of these By Laws; review, approve, postpone, condition or disapprove any application by a hockey association to become a Tier II Member Association; to approve any eligible hockey association as a Tier II Member Association upon that hockey association showing that it meets the terms established by the By Laws and the Rules and Regulations 2.7 of AHAI pursuant to Article 7 of these By Laws; hear and review questions regarding player movement from one Tier II Member Association to another, (By-Law - Article 8) or other issues that may arise concerning player movement; and take such other actions as may be directed by AHAI in regards to Article 7 of these By Laws and the Rules and Regulations of AHAI.

7.0.6 RULES AND ETHICS COMMITTEE - The Committee shall have original jurisdiction over the administration and enforcement of the By-Laws and Rules and Regulations of AHAI in respect to all matters other than infractions of the By-Laws and Rules and Regulations
which arise out of non on-ice violations. In accordance with procedures established by the Board of Directors, the Rules and Ethics Committee shall have authority to suspend, place on probation, or impose other disciplinary sanctions against any person, team or organization determined to have violated the By-Laws or Rules and Regulations of AHAI or for conduct deemed by the Committee to not be in the best interests of amateur hockey, the purpose and intent of the By-Laws or Rules and Regulations of AHAI. Decisions of the Rules and Ethics Committee shall be final, unless a notice of appeal there from is filed as herein provided. Any person, team, or organization affected by a decision of the Rules and Ethics Committee may appeal such decision in accordance with these By-Laws and the Rules and Regulations of AHAI, by filling a written notice of appeal, with the President of AHAI within ten (10) days after the date that the decision appealed from has been rendered, which appeal shall be acted upon by the Board of Directors whose decision shall be final.

7.1 GENERAL COMMITTEES
7.1.1 YOUTH COMMITTEE - The committee shall be responsible to, (a) develop hockey programs in the AHAI youth division (pre-mite through midgets), (b) provide coaching clinics for house leagues and travel teams, and maintain a list of approved coaches, (c) provide program consultation to all Member Associations, (d) develop a code of ethics to be followed by all AHAI youth division coaches, (e) coordinate any and all activity designed to develop amateur hockey at the youth level and (f) according to the principals of the (ADM) American Development Model.

7.1.2 JUNIOR/ADULT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES - These committees shall be responsible to: (a) develop hockey programs for Junior and Adult age players at the house league and all-star level, (b) act as the interface between USA Hockey and AHAI Junior "A" and "B" hockey teams and all Junior hockey leagues, (c) coordinate all activities relating to USA Hockey or U.S. Olympic activities, (d) to coordinate and provide AHAI Junior and Adult Championship tournaments.

ARTICLE 8
TIER II
(The intent of this rule is to emulate community based hockey, meaning you play in proximity to where you reside).

8.0 CHOICES
Every hockey player in the State of Illinois may choose between two (2) concurrent Tier II Member Associations in good standing as to where to play amateur Tier II travel hockey. If one of those choices ceases to be a viable choice due to cessation of operations that player shall automatically receive a new choice. The player's choice at the program that ceased operations shall no longer be a choice of said Player. The effect of this Rule is to allow a Tier 2 player two viable choices at all times from Mite through Bantam. Tier II Association is defined as an Association that has obtained AHAI Tier II or Tier II Applicant status. A Players choice is defined
as in AHAI By-Laws or Rules. Each player playing Tier II Travel hockey is restricted to two (2) Tier II Member Associations Through the player’s U14 (e.g. Bantams) year in youth hockey and the AHAI Board of Directors shall promulgate Rules to address the option of an additional choice for U16-U18.

**8.1 COUNSELING**

Every player and the family of that player first entering into an amateur Tier II travel hockey Program offered by a Tier II Member Association shall be counseled as to their opportunities, special considerations and choices of Amateur Tier II travel hockey, but it remains the responsibility of the player and his/her guardian(s) to obtain information and be fully informed as to all regulations and obligations that may apply. The Board of Directors of AHAI shall promulgate rules, regulations and guidelines for Tier II Member Associations to assure that all players and families are fully apprised of these opportunities, special considerations and choices.

**8.2 PLAYER SUBSTITUTION CRITERIA**

8.2.1 A player playing at the Tier II level may not substitute a choice of a Tier II Member Association with another Tier II Member Association, except in cases where there are practical difficulties or particular hardships in carrying out the strict application of Section 1 above. These exceptions shall apply only at each age appropriate level. An “age appropriate level” is the age level of the youngest age level that the player is permitted to play.

8.2.2 The Board of Directors is empowered to set criteria in a Rule for a substitution of a choice and/or grant a player a substitution of a choice of a Tier II Member Association with another Tier II Member Association, and may delegate that responsibility to the Tier II Committee with a limited right of appeal to the Board of Directors or the AHAI Appeals Committee under such terms as set out in advance by the Board. Each player requesting the granting of a substitution shall clearly present the facts supporting the substitutions set out by the AHAI Board of Directors.

**8.3 TIER II MEMBERSHIP** - A. Beginning with the 1997-1998 season, any association that was a Districted Association during the 1996-1997 playing season will be accepted as a Tier II Member Association, provided that the association properly registers its teams with USA Hockey and complies with the By Laws and Rules and Regulations of AHAI.

8.3.1 A Tier II Member Association must field no less than one team in at least three of the following youth age divisions:

- 10 and under (Squirt)
- 12 and under (Pee Wee)
- 14 and under (Bantam)
- 16 and under (Midget)

8.3.2 The first team established in any age division shall be deemed as the AA team. Any subsequent team in any age division may be deemed by the association as either AA or A. The Tier II Committee may establish the maximum number of teams that any Tier II Member Association may field in a youth age division. It is the obligation of every Tier II Member Association to place its best players on its AA (first) team.

8.3.3 The Board of Directors of AHAI shall establish the terms that an association must achieve to become a Tier II Member Association.

Such terms may include, but are not limited to the following:

a. The association shall demonstrate an ability to field and sustain teams in at least three age divisions;
b. The association shall have a viable Board of Directors;

c. The association operates pursuant to by laws, rules and regulations, policies, or procedures consistent with the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, and policies of USA Hockey and the Amateur Hockey Association Illinois, Inc.;

d. The association is financially solvent and stable;

e. The association is able to procure sufficient ice to support an appropriate number of home games and practices consistent with the size of its program.

f. The association is able to identify a viable feeder system, such as an affiliation with a house league or learn to skate program.

8.3.4 Applications by an association to become a Tier II Member Association shall be submitted to the Tier II Committee on or before January 15 for the next succeeding playing year. The Tier II Committee may deny the request, postpone consideration of the request, grant probationary status as a Tier II Member Association, grant full status as a Tier II Member Association, or take any other action that it determines to be in the best interest of hockey in Illinois. The Board of Directors annually shall establish a deadline for action on all pending applications before the Tier II Committee (Application Form available at private login on AHAI webtool).

8.3.5 Tier II Member Association Try-outs. Tryouts and team selection process for levels 8U (Mites) through 14U (Bantams) may not begin more than eight (8) days prior to the date of the nationally recognized Labor Day holiday of the current playing season. Tryouts and team selection process for levels 16U and 18U may not begin prior to August 15th of the current playing season. It shall be the responsibility of the Tier II Member Association to verify and maintain records of all players who are playing or have played for the Tier II Member Association.

8.3.6 Decisions of the Committee shall be final unless a notice of appeal therefrom is filed as herein provided. Any person, team, or organization affected by the decision of the Committee may appeal such decision in accordance with the By Laws, Rules and Regulations of AHAI by filing a written notice of appeal to the President of AHAI within ten (10) days after the date that the decision appealed from has been rendered, which appeal shall be acted upon by the Board of Directors whose decision shall be final.

8.3.7 The Board of Directors of AHAI shall promulgate such rules and regulations as necessary to implement the provisions of this By Law. Such rules and regulations shall be in keeping with the missions and purposes of USA Hockey and the AHAI.

ARTICLE 9
TIER I

9.0 OPEN AND "AAA" TEAMS - Any youth association or organization wishing to form "Open" or "AAA" teams for any AHAI season must comply with the AHAI Rules and Regulations herein and inform the Open Committee of its intention prior to taking any overt action to form a team or teams and do so on or before the date of the playing year set out in the AHAI Rules and Regulations. Upon approval by AHAI, such players and teams of the association or organizations may take overt action to form a team
or teams and shall be considered as "Open" or "AAA" and shall be ineligible to play in any Tier II Tournament until such succeeding playing year that, the player as to players and organizations as to teams, notifies the Open Committee of its intention to play on or as a Tier II Team, requests and receives a Tier II Member Association status from the Tier II Committee, and meets all other requirements for Tier II Tournament play.

**ARTICLE 10**

**CONTRACTS, LOANS, CHECKS AND DEPOSITS**

10.0 **CONTRACTS** - The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name and on behalf of AHAI, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

10.1 **LOANS** - No loans shall be contracted on behalf of AHAI and no evidences of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by a resolution of the Board of Directors. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

10.2 **CHECKS, DRAFTS, ETC.** - All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of AHAI, shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents of AHAI and in such manner as shall from time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors.

10.3 **DEPOSITS** - All funds of AHAI not otherwise employed shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of AHAI in such banks, trust companies or other insured depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

10.4 **FINANCIAL OBLIGATION SATISFACTION** - No Player or members of their immediate family shall be permitted to change their team or association affiliation, and may be subject to suspension, until they have satisfied any outstanding financial obligations to their "old" team or association including all Youth, Girls, High Schools, Juniors, and Adults.”

AHAI is not and will not act as a collection agency for outstanding financial obligations. Collection of outstanding financial obligations for the Affiliate Members lies with the Affiliate Member. However, AHAI will enforce its By-Law and impose a suspension for failure to satisfy any financial obligations based upon the following guidelines:

10.4.1. There must be written correspondence to the obligor.

10.4.2. Collection must be for the past current season.

10.4.3. The club must have taken steps to collect the fees during the season such as taking the Obligor off the ice after a hearing. AHAI will not be involved if the club allowed the Obligor to play the entire season and only attempted to collect fees after the season was completed or allows the Obligor to register and play for the next registration.

It is recommended that the Affiliate send a minimum of 3 letters by Certified Mail Return Receipt as follows:

a. First letter stating that there is a balance due and requesting payment.

b. Second letter stating the balance due with a request for payment and stating that if the amount is not paid within a certain time period (30) days that it will be forwarded to AHAI Rules & Ethics.
c.  Third letter stating the balance due and that the matter is being sent to AHAI Rules & Ethics.

After following the guidelines, submit copies of these items to the AHAI Rules & Ethics Chairperson for further action. AHAI will send a letter to the Obligor. If the Obligor fails to respond, AHAI may suspend the entire family pursuant to its By-Law. If the Obligor requests a hearing within the appropriate time frame, he/she will be afforded an opportunity to be heard. A hearing will be scheduled and if necessary, all parties may be requested to attend that hearing. The Rules & Ethics Committee will provide a written decision within 10 days. The decision can be appealed in accordance with the AHAI By-Laws, Article X of Rules and Regulations.

10.5 ANNUAL AUDIT - An audit will be conducted at the conclusion of each fiscal year, and will be available for inspection upon request by member organizations.

ARTICLE 11
FISCAL YEAR

11.0 The fiscal year of AHAI shall begin on the first day of June in each year and end on the last day of May in each year.

ARTICLE 12
SEAL

12.0 The Board of Directors shall provide a corporate seal that shall be in the form of a circle and shall have inscribed thereon the name of the corporation and the words "Corporate Seal, Illinois."

ARTICLE 13
WAIVER OF NOTICE

13.0 Whenever any notice whatever is required to be given under the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation or under the provisions of The General Not-For-Profit Corporation Act of the State of Illinois, a waiver thereof in writing, signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.

ARTICLE 14
DISPUTES

14.0 Resolution of Disputes, Exclusive Remedy.

14.0.1 Scope of Procedure and Purpose. Because AHAI is a not-for-profit organization whose vital services are provided by volunteer efforts, AHAI has established a Dispute Resolution Procedure to provide an efficient, orderly and uniform method of resolving every controversy, question or dispute regarding or having any impact on amateur hockey, amateur hockey players, AHAI or any of AHAI'S Board Members, (collectively referred to as a “Dispute”) which utilizes the special skills, expertise and background of people experienced in hockey and sports administration matters. It is the further purpose of this By-Law to provide an administrative procedure that is a full, complete and exclusive remedy and substitute for any and all court or legal proceedings regarding any Dispute.

14.0.2 Submission to Dispute Resolution Procedure. Every person and entity within the jurisdiction of AHAI (including, but not limited to, every member, player, coach, official, referee, parent, guardian, agent or any other person, and every affiliate member, league,
team, club, sponsor, facility or any other group or organization),
(collectively referred to as “Person and Entity”) by virtue of their
membership, affiliation or participation, at any time, in an AHAI,
program or sponsored event, agrees to submit exclusively to the
Dispute Resolution Procedure established by the By-Laws and/or
Rules, Regulations and Procedures of AHAI and/or USA Hockey
(“Dispute Resolution Procedure”) as the sole and exclusive remedy
of all Disputes and to completely forego any remedy in any court
of law or equity or initiate any legal proceedings regarding the
matters expressly or implicitly covered by the Dispute Resolution
Procedure, except for those matters pertaining to playing rules
which are specifically provided elsewhere within AHAI or USA
Hockey By-Laws or Rules and Regulations.

14.0.3 **Exhaustion of Administrative Remedies Required.** Moreover,
every Person or Entity further agrees to fully exhaust all
administrative remedies available through the Dispute Resolution
Procedure.

14.0.4 **No Circumvention of Dispute Resolution Procedures.** No
Person or Entity shall attempt to circumvent the Dispute Resolution
Procedure. Any attempt to circumvent the Dispute Resolution
Procedure shall not diminish or alter the requirements or authority
for the exclusive use of the Dispute Resolution Procedure
concerning all Disputes as a full, complete and exclusive substitute
for any and all court or legal proceedings. In addition, failure to
participate to the fullest extent possible in the Disputes Resolution
Procedure concerning any Dispute shall be a failure to exhaust
the administrative remedies available, and AHAI, *(including any
of its duly authorized committees)* shall have the power to assess
costs, impose fines, disciplinary action *(including suspension)* and
seek other sanctions, in accordance with all By-Laws and Rules,
Regulations and Procedures established by the AHAI Board of
Directors. “Costs” shall also include the time of AHAI personnel;
for these purposes, a volunteer’s time shall be measured by that
individual’s customary work position.

14.0.5 **Failure to Follow Process.** In addition to any other sanctions applicable
hereunder, the failure to follow and abide by the Dispute Resolution
Procedure may subject every Person and Entity and any Person and
Entity representing, participating with or aiding such Person and Entity,
to the following:

14.0.5.1 Liability for any and all expenses and costs, direct and indirect,
including all reasonable court costs and attorneys’ fees and
the value of volunteer time, incurred by AHAI, its member
organizations, or any of its directors, officers, or agents; and

14.0.5.2 Immediate suspension and/or disqualification from
membership and forfeiture of the right to participate in AHAI
and/or USA Hockey or any of their Affiliate Associations or
sanctioned events.

14.0.6 **Rules of Construction.** In addition, in the event any Person or
Entity seeks an appeal, arbitration or the recourse of any court
of any jurisdiction on any Dispute for any reason, the following
rules of construction shall control:
14.0.6.1 the constructions, interpretations, rulings, procedures, decisions and opinions of AHAI and/or USA Hockey (including their directors, officers and duly authorized personnel) shall be deferred to as being the product of their experience and judgmental expertise in amateur hockey and in the administration thereof;

14.0.6.2 if there is any rational basis for the decision of AHAI and/or USA Hockey, such decision shall be upheld, and the only question shall be, did AHAI and/or USA Hockey act contrary to the Constitution of the United States or the State of Illinois; the fact that another reasonable inference or interpretation could have been made will not be grounds for overruling or modifying a decision of AHAI and/or USA Hockey;

14.0.6.3 only the evidence and theories explicitly presented to AHAI and/or USA Hockey for consideration in the initial Dispute and prior to the rendering of its decision may later be presented or considered in court;

14.0.6.4 the burden of proof shall be on the party attempting to have any decision or action of AHAI and/or USA Hockey reversed, modified or changed in any way, and said burden shall be the equivalent of the highest degree of proof required in any civil proceedings; and,

14.0.6.5 any party not successful in overturning a procedure, ruling or other decision of AHAI and/or USA Hockey in its entirety, shall pay for any and all fees, expenses and other costs of AHAI and USA Hockey with respect to that matter (including, but not limited to: attorneys' fees; court costs, court reporter, transcript, document and exhibit costs; fees and expenses of consultants, experts, investigators and witnesses, and in obtaining or producing materials or evidence; the transportation and other per diem or incidental expenses of each of the foregoing and of all volunteers; and, the value of each volunteer's time, both in and out of court, as measured by that individual's customary work position).

ARTICLE 15
DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

15.0 The assets of AHAI are permanently dedicated to exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provisions of future laws). AHAI shall not be operated for pecuniary profit and shall have no capital stock and shall make no distribution of dividends to its members, directors, officers or persons having a private interest in the activities of the corporation.

In the event AHAI is dissolved, the Board of Directors shall pay, satisfy and discharge all liabilities and obligations of AHAI or make adequate provisions therefore and distribute all remaining assets of AHAI to an organization or organizations engaged in activities substantially similar to those of AHAI and organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at that time qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provisions of future laws).

ARTICLE 16
AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be altered, amended or repealed and new By-Laws may be adopted at any meeting of AHAI by a two-thirds vote of the voting member teams represented at the meeting, provided each proposed amendment must first be
submitted to the President, who, with the rest of the Board of Directors shall, before presentation for consideration by the membership, decide whether or not to recommend its adoption at the next annual or special meeting. No amendment shall be eligible for presentation at a meeting unless it shall have been submitted by a Member Association to the President at least 30 days prior to such a meeting or published by the Board of Directors at least 14 days prior to such a meeting. Any amendment submitted by a Member Association in accordance with this By-Law shall be published by the Board of Directors at least fourteen (14) days prior to such a meeting.

16.0 USA HOCKEY PREEMINENCE - The Amateur Hockey Association Illinois, Inc., an Affiliate of USA Hockey, shall abide by and act in accord with the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of USA Hockey, and decisions shall take precedence over and supersede all similar governing documents and/or decisions of the Amateur Hockey Association Illinois, Inc. Further, the Amateur Hockey Association Illinois, Inc. shall assist USA Hockey in the administration and enforcement of the provisions of the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, and decisions of the Board of Directors of USA Hockey, within and upon its members and/or within its jurisdiction.

16.1 INDEMNITY - The Amateur Hockey Association Illinois, Inc., as an Affiliate 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, committees of USA Hockey and members thereof, and all other elected, appointed, or employed representatives of USA Hockey from any and all liability, judgments, costs, charges and expenses whatsoever, which USA Hockey or its representatives sustains or incurs in or about any action, suit or proceeding which is brought, commenced or prosecuted against USA Hockey, or its representatives, for and in regard to any act, deed, matter, decision, or thing whatsoever made, done or permitted to be done about or in relation to the local affairs of Amateur Hockey Association Illinois, Inc., except such costs, charges, or expenses as are occasioned by USA Hockey, or its representatives by and through willful neglect or default. Further, the Amateur Hockey Association Illinois, Inc., understands and acknowledges that USA Hockey and its representatives, whether elected, appointed or employed, have assumed such assignment, function, office or capacity upon the express understanding, agreement and condition that USA Hockey and each of its representatives, their heirs, executors, administrators, estates, assigns and others, shall from time to time, and at all times, be indemnified and saved harmless out of the funds of the Amateur Hockey Association Illinois, Inc., accumulated or to be accumulated, for the acts or conditions described above. USA Hockey shall cooperate with the Affiliate in any litigation and provide support, including but not limited to, date, research, advice, testimony, etc.

The Affiliate shall insure the obligation set forth herein, name USA Hockey as an additional insured under the terms of the liability insurance policy purchased or provided for this purpose, and provide evidence thereof to USA Hockey, if requested. Evidence satisfactory to USA Hockey of the adoption by the Affiliate of the foregoing By-Laws, or official policy of Affiliate, shall be required and shall constitute a condition of the granting of affiliation or affiliate status by USA Hockey to the Affiliate.
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ARTICLE I
MEMBERSHIP, REGISTRATION AND ROSTERS

1.0 The membership of AHAI shall be comprised of all amateur hockey teams meeting the definition stated in ARTICLE 1.2.1 of these Rules and Regulations, headquartered in Illinois, or who regularly participate in league play occurring in Illinois, who shall have filed with the AHAI Registrar an AHAI approved registration form using USA Hockey's registration portal as specified in ARTICLE 4 hereof by the date of the playing season, set out under ARTICLE 4 of these Rules and who shall have filed an AHAI-approved roster, when applicable, with the AHAI Registrar by the date stated in ARTICLE 4 hereof.

1.1 Associate Members shall be comprised of recognized Organizations, Leagues, Ice Rinks, Manufacturers Representatives, and the Officials Association. Associate Members shall not be entitled to a vote in the Corporation. No players or teams may register as Associate Members.

1.2 DEFINITIONS:

1.2.1 Team: A team shall consist of a group of players that, having complied with all the By-Laws and Rules and Regulations of AHAI, must have played at least twenty (20) games during the season as a unit. In order to qualify in the State Tournament, a player must play in 75% of the total amount of games that the team played from the last date that the player was certified to the team by the AHAI registrar and also played in a minimum of ten (10) games with the team. The deadline to be added to a roster and be eligible is December 31st.

1.2.2 Tier III House League "B" Level Team: Teams playing against other teams meeting "B" or "C" level standards. Exceptions being exhibition games and/or tournaments with Tier II teams. Elsewhere herein, House League may be referred to as Tier III or Tier III Hockey.

1.2.2.1 House "Plus" Team: The “house plus” team is defined by the following criteria:

1.2.2.1.1 The teams and all players must currently be on a team in a single organization/club/government entity House League program.

1.2.2.1.2 The program must be fully described (x practices, x games/tournaments and x dollars cost) prior to becoming a member of the team.

1.2.2.1.3 The program must be openly publicized within the organization/club/government entity.

1.2.2.1.4 A specified number of positions must be noted (x players maximum per age classification).

1.2.2.1.5 The program has a specific sign up date.

1.2.2.1.6 The program is “first come, first served”, no exception.

1.2.2.1.7 There is no tryout and no “cuts”.

1.2.2.1.8 If there is to be more than one team at an age level, the teams must be balanced through evaluation.
1.2.3 Tier III House League "C" Level Team: Teams play exclusively in one rink, or facility or under the auspices of a single hockey club, association, or government entity (e.g. Park Districts) against other teams who play exclusively in the same rink, or facility or under the auspices of a single hockey club, association, or government entity. Exceptions being exhibition games and/or tournaments as approved by the AHAI House League Committee.

Except as set out under House “Plus” Team, the program must follow the standards for “B” and “C” Level House League Teams,

The following are the standards for "B" and "C" Level House League teams that must be met to qualify as a House League team.

1.2.3.1 Teams participate in a club that has a no cut policy, and has a first come, first serve registration procedure that may give preference to returning players and their family members. Governmental entities (e.g. Park Districts) may give preference to residents.

1.2.3.2 No tryouts. Player evaluations are used to determine draft levels. The draft procedure must be used to achieve balanced teams.

1.2.3.3 A philosophy of equal playing time for both games and practices.

1.2.3.4 Players are not limited by AHAI Tier II requirements.

1.2.3.5 Games played for recreational enjoyment, fitness, and sportsmanship.

1.2.3.6 Equal emphasis on skill development, team concepts, fair play, and competitiveness.

1.2.4 Applicant Team: House League/Tier II

1.2.4.1 Where a sub-affiliate of AHAI has made a reasonable written application to become a Tier II Member Association in accordance with the AHAI By-Laws and Rules and Regulations, (“Tier II Applicant Team Applicant Team”) and complied with the requirements for submitting that application, that organization may request permission from the Tier II Committee to form Tier II Applicant Teams for the season in which the application is pending. The request to form Tier II Applicant Teams or must be in writing, meeting the requirements and procedures of the Tier II Committee and approved by the Tier II Committee. Once granted, the authority to field Tier II Applicant Teams may be withdrawn by the Tier II Committee upon reasonable notice and an opportunity for the Tier II Applicant Teams to be heard. Each Tier II Applicant Team or must meet the criteria set out in this Rule and be approved by the Tier II Committee.

1.2.4.2 The Tier II Teams shall comply with all By-Laws and Rules governing Tier II.

1.2.4.3 The Tier II Applicant shall use its best efforts to field Tier II from within its own organization or feeder organization and not from any other Tier II Member Association Teams.
1.2.4.4 No player on a Tier II Applicant Team shall have used his/her Two Choices as set out in By-Law Article VIII Tier II.

1.2.4.5 The Tier II Applicant cannot advertise that they are a Tier II Team, but can state that they are a travel Tier II Applicant Team.

1.2.4.6 It is the intent of this Rule to permit the Tier II Applicant the opportunity to select competitive teams and play other Tier II Teams, including in any Tier II leagues in Illinois, even on a trial basis.

1.2.5 **Tier II Team:** A team that fulfills the requirements of ARTICLE 8.0 of the AHAI By-Laws, and ARTICLE 1.2.1 and 2.7 of these Rules and Regulations.

Definition of Community Based Tier II and Tier II Youth Hockey: All Tier II and Tier III organizations shall have a designated home rink location based on the location of the charter for such organization. All teams emanating from the Tier II and Tier III organizations must be formed at the location and community where such Tier II and Tier III organizations received its charter for play, and no satellite or expansion teams shall be permitted.

With respect to the prohibition of satellite/expansion teams this means no teams shall be formed by an organization if that geographical area is already served by existing Tier II or Tier III clubs. No Tier II or Tier III clubs shall form satellite/expansion teams to expand the charter previously granted.

Need of additional ice may be bought at other facilities that are within a 15 mile driving distance of the designated home rink. Rinks outside the designated area must be approved by the Tier II and Tier III committees before season play is allowed.

If an association or club has a single Tier II Team at a particular age level Mite through Midget it shall be rated "AA". If an association or club has two or more teams at a particular age level 8U through 18U its first team shall be rated "AA" and the other(s) shall be rated "AA" or "A". It is the obligation of every association or club to place its best players on its "AA" (first) team. In order for an association or club to maintain a Tier II Association, it must have at least three (3) registered Tier II Teams in age divisions 8U through 18U.

All Tier II and Tier III organizations shall have a designated home rink location based on the location of the charter for such organization. All teams emanating from the Tier II and Tier III organizations must be formed at the location and community where such Tier II and Tier III organization received its charter for play, and no satellite or expansion teams shall be permitted.

With respect to the prohibition of satellite/expansion teams this means that no teams shall be formed by an organization if that geographical area is already served by existing Tier II or Tier III clubs. No Tier II or Tier III clubs shall form satellite/expansion teams to expand their charter previously granted.

The need of additional ice may be purchased at other facilities that are within a fifteen (15) mile driving distance of designated home rink. Rinks outside the designated area must be approved by the AHAI Tier II and Tier III Committees before the season of play is allowed.
1.2.5.1 Out of Tier Game Limits. Tier II and Tier III teams may not participate, for the current playing season, in games against higher tier teams above the out-of-tier game limit maximums listed in section 1.2.5.2, regardless of whether those games are in Showcases, Tournaments, or otherwise.

1.2.5.2
- 18U, 16U, 15 only
  60 game max under Rule 1.3 = 20 max outside tier level

- 14U
  50 game max under Rule 1.3 = 13 max outside tier level

- 12U
  45 game max under Rule 1.3 = 12 max outside tier level

- 10U
  40 game max under Rule 1.3 = 10 games outside tier level

Explanation of limits described above: Rule 1.3 establishes the maximum number of games a team at each level may play in a season. For 10U, 12U, 14U, 15 Only, 16U and 18U teams, this rule establishes a limit on the number of games such teams may play against higher tier teams in a season. For example, the squirt maximum game limit is 40, therefore no squirt Tier II team may play more than 10 games against Tier I teams. Every game played in Showcases or Tournaments against a team at a higher tier level as defined under Rule 1.2.5.3 counts against the limits, regardless of how either team is registered in the Showcase or Tournament. No Tier II or Tier III team may participate in any Tier I or Tier II league, respectively. League playoff and State Tournament games are NOT included in determining maximum game counts.

1.2.5.3 Definitions.

Definition of a game: For the purposes of this rule, the definition of what constitutes a “game” shall include the definition of that term as found in Section VIII-A of the USA Hockey Rules & Regulations, and shall also mean the following, whichever is more expansive: A contest between two separate, rostered, teams that uses one or more Officials, is played under the applicable USA Hockey Official Rules of Ice Hockey, and a time clock is used regardless of the length of the periods.

Definition of a team’s tier level: A team’s tier level is determined by the Division and Category designated on their USA Hockey Certified Roster.

1.2.5.4 Penalties. Enforcement of this rule shall be the responsibility of the AHAI State Tournament Committee. That Committee, or its chairperson acting alone if required by the circumstances, shall decide a claim that a team has violated the rule. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 9 (Disciplinary Action) of AHAI’s Rules & Regulations, the Committee or its chairperson is empowered to take action without holding a hearing if the time between AHAI’s awareness of the alleged violation and the start of the state tournament does not reasonably allow a hearing to be held. Violation of this rule shall disqualify the team from participating in the AHAI state tournament. In addition, the Team’s Association, Team coaches and managers may be referred to AHAI Rules and Ethics Committee for possible further discipline.
1.2.6 Tier I Team (Open): A Tier Team (sometimes called "AAA" or Open) is one from a "Tier I Organization" as defined in ARTICLE 16 of these Rules which has requested and been granted "Tier I" status pursuant to ARTICLE 9 of the AHAI By-Laws and these Rules. A Tier I Team may not qualify as a House League Team or a Tier II Team.

1.2.7 High School Team Definitions:

1.2.7.1 Team: A team shall consist of a group of players that, having complied with all the By-Laws and Rules and Regulations of AHAI, must have played at least twenty (20) games during the season as a unit. The deadline to be added to a roster and be eligible is December 31st.

“PURE” or “REGULAR” Team: - A team made up solely of players attending the same High School

“COMBINED” Team: - A team made up of players attending two or more High Schools. The following rules apply to Combined teams and to Combined Organizations:

Transition rule – the purpose of the transition rule is to provide a process to either; divide a Combined High School program into separate clubs or re-distribute the schools/players into improved or more logical combinations while allowing Junior and Senior players to finish their high school eligibility with their existing programs.

If and when the High School Committee determines the need to alter the roster of schools in a Combined High School program, the Committee may at its discretion allow incoming Juniors and Seniors to opt for staying with their existing program. It is a one-time option. Once they play for the choice of programs they may not change programs. This includes incoming Juniors, they are locked to that program for the remainder of their High School eligibility unless they transfer schools in which case they become subject to the restrictions published in the most current AHAI Rules and Regulations.

1.2.7.2 Combined teams are sponsored by a “Combined Organization” which is an AHAI Affiliate that has been reviewed and approved by the High School Committee. The criteria for grouping players from multiple high schools together to form a Combined Organization will be:

1.2.7.3 maximizing the “Essence of High School hockey” (based on school district, community and geographic proximity). The first priority shall be to combine players representing High Schools within the same school district. All combined schools must be within a geographical proximity of one another.

1.2.7.4 ensuring the long-term viability of the resulting Combined Organization based on a projection of an adequate number of players each year for the foreseeable future (Note: viability must not be confused with competitiveness).

1.2.7.5 All eligible players from all the combined schools must be invited to try out for teams organized by the Combined Organization. Any infractions of this rule will terminate Combined Organization status.
1.2.7.6 There is absolutely no “cutting” of players that want to try out unless approved by the High School Committee.

1.2.7.7 The recommended minimum number of players in a combined organization should be 28 (that is a minimum of fourteen (14) players per each of two (2) teams). Each combined organization should have a minimum of two (2) teams: a Varsity and Junior Varsity team. It is recommended each team have twelve (12) unique players (players may be counter on only one roster for the purposes of the calculation). Additional teams may be formed by the organization as needed. There is no maximum number of players in the organization. Any deviations from the above must be approved by the high school committee.

1.2.7.8 Organizations must annually submit an online “Combined” status form to the Chairperson of the High School Committee for approval no later than June 30th of the upcoming Playing Season.

1.2.7.9 A group of players representing a single high school within an existing Combined Organization that seek to become a separate Pure Team must apply to the AHAI HS Committee for approval prior to June 1st for the upcoming playing season.

1.2.7.10 All Combined Organizations must have a Board of Directors with at least one (1) representative from each school that has an active player on the team.

1.2.7.11 All Combined Organizations must have a pre-season meeting with all their players, parents, coaches and administrators in attendance. A representative of the AHAI High School Committee will be present at such meeting, upon request.

1.2.7.12 Combined Organizations offering spring teams will be limited to the same schools as the preceding fall season.

1.2.7.13 Girls Combined Organizations approved by the High School Committee may include players who are also rostered on a Tier I Team. Any exception to this rule must be approved by the High School Committee. Such double-rostered players may be enrolled in a maximum of three (3) “core” high schools. The Girls Combined Organization wishing to roster Tier I players must designate the core high schools when the Combined Status Form is submitted.

Once approved by the High School Committee, the core high school designations may not be changed without the approval of the Committee. The designation of core schools shall remain the same from season to season unless a change is approved by the Committee. Girls High Schools with six (6) or more schools are not permitted to participate in the State Tournament.

1.3 GAME LIMITS:
The intent of this rule is to increase the practice to game ratio of all AHAI affiliate teams and to emulate the introduction of the USA Hockey American Development Model. Accordingly, commencing with the 2009 - 2010 season, AHAI has imposed team game limits at Tier II and Tier III age divisions. Game limits will be as follows.
8U Girls U8 = 12 half ice games
15 full ice games starting December 1st of each year
10U Girls U10 = 40 games maximum
12U Girls U12 = 45 games maximum
14U Girls U14 = 50 games maximum
15 only Girls U16 = 60 games maximum
16U Girls U19 = 60 games maximum
18U = 60 games maximum
High School = 60 games maximum

All U8 games should be 50 minutes in duration. Wins and losses will be kept along with league standings, etc.

Game limits include all league, tournament and practice games. All tournaments, both local and out of area will count as three (3) games toward the teams game limit. All playoff games for USA Hockey and AHAI registered League, State and National competition do not count toward the team game limits.

The AHAI team game limits shall be mandatory for High School, Tier II and Tier III / House / Recreation teams and recommended for Tier I teams.

Any team violating the AHAI mandatory team game limits will be subject to disciplinary action at the AHAI Rules & Ethics Committee. Penalty may include suspension of the offending team from State tournament play, suspension of the coach and possible forfeiture of an organization's affiliate membership or its Tier I, Tier II or Tier III status.

### 1.4 Insurance and Registration Requirements

1.4.1 A player shall not participate in any hockey related activity (including tryouts), until they have registered with USA Hockey and the appropriate fee has been paid and the AHAI Affiliate Organization has captured their USA Hockey Registration Confirmation Number in their USA Hockey Registry portal.

1.4.2 A team may not participate in any hockey related activity until an official certified roster has been properly secured and filed with the AHAI Registrar.

1.4.3 This is done by completing the registration process in the USA Hockey portal and submitted to AHAI in the webtool and approved by the AHAI Registrar. A proper USA Hockey roster form must be filed with the AHAI Registrar by the applicable date as set out in Article 2 of these Rules. (Except House League teams as provided in Section 1.2.2 of these Rules).

### 1.5 Rosters

A player may only be rostered on one (1) USA Hockey youth roster, but may be dual rostered on a high school roster.

1.5.1 All Tier I (Open) Teams, Tier II Teams, Girls Teams and High School Teams must register their teams as described above by the date of the Playing Season set out in Article 2 of the Rules.

1.5.2 All Learn to Skate, House League and Adults must comply with Section 1.4.3.2.

1.5.3 It is the responsibility of each organization/team and player to submit a correct roster which complies with the AHAI By-Laws, Rules and Regulations. It is important to clarify, clear up and obtain a ruling on any roster question or fact that may cause someone to question a roster prior
to submitting a roster to AHAI or any League or participation in any game, even if you believe you have it resolved. If there is any question about a roster, or there is information that may cause anyone to doubt or question the residence or any matter concerning the roster, the organization/team and player has an affirmative obligation to bring the matter to the attention of the AHAI Registrar, and obtain a ruling in writing, prior to submitting a roster but in no event later than immediately after the question or fact is known to the organization, team and/or player. It is not the responsibility of AHAI to initiate the review of nor initially review rosters but rather the responsibility of the organization/team and player to submit a true and correct roster. AHAI will review any roster question brought to its attention in accordance with its By-Laws, Rules and Regulations. It is also the responsibility of each organization/team and player to be familiar with and comply with all AHAI By-Laws, Rules and Regulations.

1.5.3.1 A limit of twenty (20) players at any one time may be registered per team except for High School, College and Women’s College who may roster thirty (30) players and may play twenty (20) players, and Junior, Adult and Women’s teams who may roster twenty-five (25) players and may play twenty (20) players. A player may be registered in only one (1) National Ice Hockey Federation. (Note: It is recommended that a team consist of a minimum of at least fourteen (14) players).

1.5.3.2 All teams must list two (2) goalkeepers in order for their roster to be certified by the AHAI Registrar. At least one of the goalkeepers on the team must be a regular member of the team. The second goalkeeper may be an active member of the team or may be a goalkeeper from within the same organization at the same division of play for a team or at a playing level below (e.g., a Squirt “A” goalkeeper may be double rostered as the "BUG" to the Squirt “AA” team).

House players (B or C) may not serve as the BUG for a Tier I or Tier II team. Tier II goalkeepers may not serve as the BUG on a House or Tier I team. Tier I goalies may not serve as a BUG for a Tier II or House team. BUG’s may only participate with the team in the event that the designated goalie(s) are injured or unavailable.

The team must notify the AHAI Registrar or President if they will be using the BUG in a game. The only exception to this rule will be at the discretion of the AHAI Registrar if both rostered goalkeepers are ill, injured or unable to participate.

The AHAI registrar has the ability to allow an exception for BUG’S between divisions.

Requests for an exemption must be documented and sent to the AHAI Registrar, in writing, before an exception will be considered.

1.5.4 **Back Up Goalie Rule Clarification**

This rule pertains to Youth and Girls teams. Rules for High School are listed below.

USAH rules allow any player to play in any position provided that they are a member of the team that is registered.
All teams are required to have two goalkeepers. At least one of the
goalkeepers on the team must be a regular member of the team.
They should be identified on the roster with “G” for goalkeeper. The
second goalkeeper may be an active member of the team that will
not regularly play goalie. They should be identified on the roster with
“IG” for Identified Goalie. In the case where the position of goalkeeper will
rotate among the players, two players should be selected and identified
as the IGs for the team.

In addition to members of the registered team being identified as the
goaltenders, a Back Up Goalie (BUG) may be registered on the team
as the second required goalkeeper. The BUG must be a player from
within the organization and come from a team that is playing at a level
beneath the team. For example- the goalie on a Squirt A team may be
the BUG on the Squirt AA team. It may also be a goalkeeper from
any of the Mite teams within the organization provided they are from the
same category- namely house or travel. The BUG on the Squirt A
team may not be a Squirt AA goalie since they are from a playing
level above the team.

House teams are balanced so the BUG on a House B or C team may
be any house player from the same playing level or from a playing
level beneath the team. For example, a Pee Wee House goalie may be
the BUG for any Pee Wee House team within the same organization. They
may also be the BUG for any Bantam House team within the organization.

House players (B or C) may not serve as the BUG for a Tier II or Tier I
team. Tier II goalies may not serve as the BUG on a House or Tier I team.
Tier I goalies may not serve on a Tier II or House team.

BUGs may only participate with the team in the event that the
designated goalie(s) are injured or unavailable. The team must notify
the AHAI Registrar or President if they will be using the BUG in a
game. That notification should be made by phone.

The only exception to this rule will be at the discretion of the AHAI Registrar
if both rostered goalkeepers are ill, injured or unable to participate. This
request must be documented and sent to the AHAI Registrar, in writing,
before an exception will be considered.

High School Back Up Goalie ( BUG ) High School teams may register a
BUG under specific circumstances. The definition of a BUG is a player
from within the organization that is registered on a team that is at the
same playing level or below. A BUG may only be registered on a team
if there is only one Goaltender on the team roster. This includes a
goalie that is dual rostered to a team. BUGs must be approved to the
team’s USA Hockey certified roster to be eligible to play for the team.

A BUG may only be used in the case where all goalies registered to
the team are injured or ill. The team must notify the AHAI Registrar and
Chair of the High School Committee if they will be using the BUG in a
game. That notification can be made by phone but must be
documented in writing in an email and sent to the AHAI Registrar and
Chair of the High School Committee. The BUG cannot be used in a
game until acknowledgement is received from the HS Committee
Chair and/or AHAI Registrar. This rule does not restrict any league
from having rules that would require prior notification and approval. In
that event the team must also get approval from the league to play the
BUG. The league may be more restrictive in the ability to play a BUG.

HS Goalie Scenarios (not intended to be inclusive of all scenarios).

A frozen varsity goalie may not be a BUG on a JV team.
A High School organization with 1 V and 2 JV teams may have a BUG from the JV2 team as a BUG on the JV1 team. The JV 1 goaltender may also be a BUG on the JV2 team.

A High School organization with 2 varsity teams may have a BUG from the Varsity 1 team to the Varsity 2 team. They may also have a BUG from the Varsity 2 team to the Varsity 1 team. “

1.5.5 After the date for filing rosters, no additions/deletions may be made to any roster without the express written approval of the AHAI Registrar or as provided for under these Rules.

1.5.6 No player rostered on a Tier I, Tier II or Junior Team may be rostered on a Tier III House League "B" or "C" Level team without the written approval of the AHAI Board of Directors. After a player is certified to a roster he cannot be removed from that roster. Any modification to this rule must be approved by the AHAI Registrar.

1.5.7 Once a Tier II player has been certified to the electronic roster on a team, the player is frozen on that roster and may not be deleted without the approval of the AHAI Registrar.

1.5.8 Players may be added to a House League "C" level roster throughout the season with permission from the AHAI Registrar. House League "B" Level rosters are frozen as of December 31st of the current Playing Season.

1.5.9 Any team whose roster is found to be improper for failure to comply with the requirements of the AHAI By-Laws or these Rules shall be declared to be an "Improper Team" by the AHAI Registrar and referred to the Rules and Ethics Committee for other appropriate action. The AHAI Rules and Ethics Committee shall consider, but is not limited to, the following sanctions where appropriate: all previous games played against other teams shall be forfeited and the Team shall not be eligible to play in any AHAI League end of season or State Playdown which may or may not lead to the USA Hockey District or National Championship for the current Playing Season and no player appearing on an improper Team roster may be added to any Team roster the following Playing Season except on appeal to the AHAI Board of Directors.

1.5.10 No team shall practice or play any game unless it is properly registered with the AHAI Registrar.

1.5.11 Non-national bound adults and women may be added to a roster at any time during the season. See USA Hockey rules regarding the deadlines for national bound adult and women’s teams.

1.5.12 High School Varsity Player

1.5.12.1 A player may appear on only one (1) Varsity roster filed with AHAI even though an Association fields two or more Varsity teams;

1.5.12.2 Players selected for the Varsity team will be designated with a "V" beside their name on the roster. Once this designation is made, players can then be double rostered to a Junior Varsity roster, but must carry with them the "V" designation. 50% of the players named on a final Varsity roster filed with AHAI (including the number 1 or only goalkeeper) must be designated Frozen Varsity only. Those designated as Frozen Varsity only may not appear on a Junior Varsity roster or in a Junior Varsity game.
1.5.12.3 A 7 Down Varsity player may appear on a Junior Varsity roster, however, a seventh (7th) game or scoresheet appearance in a league game on the Junior Varsity scoresheet will freeze that player to the Junior Varsity roster for the remainder of the season. That player must finish the season with the Junior Varsity only, and is not eligible for the Junior Varsity State Tournament. The AHAI Rules and Ethics Committee shall consider, but is not limited to, the following sanctions where appropriate: abuse of this rule may lead to disqualification of both the Varsity and Junior Varsity teams from the State Tournament or other sanctioning by the AHAI Rules & Ethics Committee and/or the High School Committee.

1.5.12.4 Tier I players may play for a High School Varsity team but can not play for a High School Junior Varsity Team. However, Tier I female players may dual roster to either a High School Varsity or Junior Varsity team.

1.5.13 High School Goalie Exception for obtaining a goalie from a source outside your own club

1.5.13.1 All movement by goalkeepers for a high school team from other than the school or group of schools in the case of a combined team must be:

1.5.13.2 The result of an organizations claiming hardship, namely not having a goalie for one of their teams. Organizations that have at least one goalie for each team will be deemed to be a lower priority that a team that has none. They must petition the Chairman of the High School Committee or his/her designated coordinator. League presidents may help counsel a program in their league and advocate for them, however the final approval is the responsibility of the Chairman of the High School Committee.

1.5.13.3 A Combined program may not by definition cut any players, even when the program has more than 2 goalies per team; they may council a goalie that their playing time may be significantly less that the other 2 goalies. The goalie then may elect to be placed into a pool of goalies to be placed on a team claiming hardship. If the goalie rejects this proposal, the original combined program must accept and train the goalie even if they do not play. The goalie must fulfill the high school team's other requirements including attendance and payment of fees.

1.5.13.4 A program that cuts a goalie or allows a goalie to go into the pool may not claim hardship to obtain another goalie from the pool.

1.5.13.5 A goalie placed into the pool will be placed by the Chairman with the help of the coordinator to teams requesting a goalie by priority:

1.5.13.6 First priority will be for teams with no goalie at all. A program may not cut a goalie and then claim hardship.

1.5.13.7 Second priority will be geographic proximity to the acquiring team.
1.5.13.8 The Committee will attempt to place older more experienced goalkeepers on Varsity teams when conditions A and B are met.

1.5.13.9 A goalie who rejects their assignment will be removed from the pool and will be ineligible to be rostered on any team other than his original high school team to which he required no exception.

1.5.13.10 Goalies that are cut from pure programs may contact the goalie coordinator from the High School Committee of the Chairman to be placed in the Pool.

1.5.13.11 Goalies and clubs may make no side arrangements to circumvent this process. If it is found that such an arrangement took place, the high school committee may impose sanctions including removal of he team from the State Tournament and denial of access to future goalie pools.

1.5.14 High School girl goalies may apply for a special exemption whereby they would be allowed for a single season to double roster on both a girl’s and Boys high school team if it is determined by the Chair of the High School Committee that there is a need. That exemption would only be valid for one season and that player would not be allowed to “triple roster” on any other team including but not limited to a Tier 1 team.

1.5.15 High School Junior Varsity Player

1.5.13.1 A player may appear on only one Junior Varsity roster filed with AHAI even though an Association fields two or more Junior Varsity teams.

1.5.13.2 A 7 Up Junior Varsity player may appear on a Varsity Roster, however, a seventh game or scoresheet appearance in a league game on the Varsity roster will freeze that player to the Varsity Roster for the remainder of the season, including the State Tournament. (Also see Seven Up/Seven Down Clarification).

A JV player not dual rostered with another club is eligible to play on the Varsity team in the varsity state tournament as long as he was double rostered with the Varsity team. This player, if selected to play in the Varsity team, would no longer be eligible for the JV state tournament. The high school club must submit this players name to the high school committee by December 31st to obtain confirmation the player is no longer eligible to play in the JV state tournament. (If a JV player is dual rostered to another club he would be ineligible to play at the varsity level.)

1.5.16 Exceptions may be made inclusive of 1.5.13 and 1.5.14, particularly for goalkeepers, on a case by case basis by the High School Committee, upon written request to its Chairperson. A Goalie Exemption Form must be included with written submission.

1.5.17 Any high school that has three teams may field a varsity and two junior varsity teams, or two varsity and one junior varsity team. No team will be permitted to play as two teams, at both Varsity and Junior Varsity levels, from a single roster. Each team, at each level, must have a separate and distinct roster of players.
1.5.18 Seven Up-Six Seven Down for High School Organizations with more than two (2) teams: (See Seven Up-Six Seven Down Rule Clarification)

1.5.18.1 Organizations with two (2) Varsity and one (1) Junior Varsity Teams - The number one Varsity team is frozen for movement, however, there may be movement between the number two Varsity team and the Junior Varsity team.

1.5.18.2 Organizations with one (1) Varsity and two (2) Junior Varsity Teams - The number two Junior Varsity team is frozen for movement with the exception of goalkeepers, however, there may be movement between the Varsity team and the number one Junior Varsity team.

1.5.18.3 Organizations with two (2) Varsity and two (2) Junior Varsity Teams - The number one Varsity team is frozen for movement, however, there may be movement between the number two Varsity team and the number one Junior Varsity team. The number two Junior Varsity team is frozen for movement with the exception of the goalkeepers.

1.5.18.4 An organization that has more than two (2) teams may petition to bring up a player from a team below if they have dropped to an unreasonable number of players in the opinion of the High School Committee. If approved, the player must be added to the certified roster and be approved by the AHAI Registrar. If it involves league play, the addition must also be approved by the league. This is only for moving a player up, not down.

1.5.19 Double rostering of players on Combined Varsity and Combined Junior Varsity teams is permitted, provided the school the player is attending is a party to the Combined Varsity or Combined Junior Varsity team on which that player is rostered.

1.6 Resides: There are several general statements that can be made regarding residence and how AHAI will look at residency for the purpose of hockey in Illinois.

1.6.1 In an effort to reduce the potential of any problem regarding where a Player resides for any purposes the following Rule is applicable.

1.6.1.1 If the address on the roster is not the one where the Player "lives" with both parents, you must bring the matter affirmatively to the attention of the AHAI Registrar, in writing, and obtain a ruling as to where the Player resides prior to the Roster being submitted to AHAI. "Lives" for this purpose means: "eats, sleeps, attends school and performs normal daily activities from that address". This is not the definition of "reside" for Tier II purposes, but is the definition AHAI uses to bring this matter to AHAI's attention. Failure to comply with this Rule may result in suspension of the Player and/or Team and/or Organization.

1.6.1.2 The general rule is that AHAI looks to the residency of the players' parents as the players' residency. There may be exceptions to this rule but they must be reviewed by AHAI prior to the submission of a roster to AHAI or any League or participation in any game.
1.6.1.3 Divorce may pose additional considerations as to determining residence. Divorce situations should be brought to the attention of and clarified by AHAI prior to the submission of a roster to AHAI or any League or participation in any game.

1.6.1.4 In addition, and especially where there is a question or multiple residences are involved, AHAI will also look at other facts among which is where the player actually resides for normal day to day activities.

1.6.1.5 It is the general intent of the Rules that no player may have more than one residence for the purposes of hockey.

1.6.1.6 It is the general intent of the Rules that no player may create a residence for hockey purposes.

1.6.1.7 It is the general intent of these Rules that no player shall attempt to "play games" with residence, nor benefit from multiple residences or a question on residence, especially for purposes of or affecting hockey.

1.6.1.8 It is the general intent of the Rules that if a player’s residence is not with parent(s) and would benefit the player for purposes of hockey, the presumption is that the player does not reside at the non-parent residence for hockey purposes.

1.6.1.9 The player shall have the burden of proving residence, and AHAI Rule Article 1.6 is especially important in this context.

1.7 High School: It is the general intent of the Rules to follow IHSA Rules regarding High School transfer students, Home School students, recruiting of high school athletes and high school foreign exchange student eligibility: specifically from the annually published IHSA Rules pertaining to transfer students, recruiting of High School athletes and High School foreign exchange student eligibility. It is the responsibility of the student, parent(s) of the student, coach and high school organization to raise any issues which may be in question and bring them to the High School Committee for resolution before the Playing Season begins.

Transferring students – Any student that transfers from any one school to any other after the start of the school year will: 1) have a thirty (30) day waiting period if the student had not tried out or played on the hockey team of the first school the same year or 2) have a one year waiting period if the student had tried out or played on the hockey team of the first school in the same year. This applies to transfers between any two schools whether they be public or private.

1.7.1 The start of the High School season is equal to the start of the IHSA High School Fall sports season.

1.8 Cooperation: Each organization, team and player must cooperate fully with AHAI in any inquiry by AHAI.

1.9 AHAI encourages all teams to compete in Leagues which are IRS defined as 501(c)(3) Corporations.

ARTICLE 2
TEAM AND PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

2.0 No player may be rostered or play on more than one AHAI Tier II team during the same playing season, except as follows:
2.1 A goalie may be rostered on two teams within the same Member Association, provided they play on the second team as a backup goalie only and it is designated on the roster that this is the player’s second team. No such backup goalie may play in any game, state tournament playoff or championship game for the second team unless that second team loses a goalie due to injury, illness or misfortune, and provided that the goalie who has been replaced must return as soon as he/she becomes available. Any such substitution using a BUG must be verified, in writing, by a physician as soon as practical.

2.2 NO AHAI registered team shall:

2.2.1 Play any Illinois team that is not a member of AHAI and USA Hockey;

2.2.2 Participate in any game, practice, event or other activity with which a person or entity suspended by AHAI and/or USA Hockey is participating or otherwise involved;

2.2.3 Use any player not properly rostered to its team, and may not play any team using a player not properly rostered to the team it plays.

2.2.4 Participate in any event that is not sanctioned by either AHAI or USA Hockey.

2.3 A Tier II player shall not participate on or with a team until that player is added to the team in the USA Hockey Registry portal, transmitted to AHAI using the AHAI webtool and is approved by the AHAI Registrar. Once a Tier II player has been certified to the electronic roster on a team, the player is frozen on that roster and may not be deleted without the approval of the AHAI Registrar, except that a player may move from one team to another team within a single Tier II Organization in accordance with the policies and procedures of that Tier II Organization with approval from the AHAI Registrar up to the date for filing rosters.

A Tier II player may be added to a roster up to the date for filing rosters.

2.4 Tier II Girls: Tier II female players must play on teams based within their own affiliate. Players may not choose to play on Tier II teams in another state, unless they do not have a Tier II team in their playing age category within their state. The intent of this rule is to help organizations in each affiliate to develop programs at the Tier II level of play, and to encourage players to develop locally.

2.5 Mite Hockey – Following the concepts of USA Hockey Long Term Athletic Development (LTAD) and American Development Models (ADM), AHAI strongly encourages the skill level development of all players, especially at the entry level. Cross-ice, 1/2 ice and small area games are recommended for U8 and U6 Mites to increase ice time, puck touches and skill development.

2.5.1 AHAI does not endorse full ice U8 Mite Tournaments. It is recommended that Mite teams do not participate in out-of-state tournaments. AHAI recommends geographical play (within a local area) for all U8 players.

2.5.2 Effective since the 2012/2013 season, all U6 games will be Cross Ice or 1/2 ice hockey in accordance with the American Development Model (ADM).
2.5.3 Tier III C (complete in house programs) do not need to meet these requirements.

2.5.4 The above policies will be monitored by each local association and AHAI. Failure to comply with the policies will result in sanctions against the respective association as determined by AHAI.

2.5.5 Mite teams will be limited to one (1) out of state tournament travel permit per season.

2.5.6 U8 players may not "play up" to the Squirt U10 or higher level without approval of the AHAI House League or Tier II Committee.

For Girls, please see Rule 20.0.3.2.1.

2.6 AMATEUR PLAY - GENERAL PRINCIPLES

2.6.1 Membership and Activities - Membership in the Amateur Hockey Association of Illinois is limited to amateur hockey players on amateur teams in the AHAI affiliate organizations or participation with other USA Hockey approved teams. All activities must be consistent with AHAI amateurism and amateur play; those activities not in accord shall be prohibited and subject to the full spectrum of AHAI sanctions.

2.6.2 Permitted Aid - A scholarship, grant, or financial aid, administered by an Affiliate pursuant to a written policy of the Affiliate which grants assistance to players based upon the written evidence of financial need of the player based upon his family’s ability to pay which is available to all players that meet the criteria, and which is administered consistently with the directives of AHAI, is permitted and will not be considered pay in any form.

2.6.3 Permitted Benefits – Funds raised by an Affiliate organization or any of its subdivisions including individual teams to defray the expenses in organizational activities or in team activities is permitted; but those raised or earmarked for a particular player are prohibited. The benefits which inure to the team as a whole may be expended to reduce the expenses of each and every team player member equally; provided the benefit is available to all who meet the criteria within the participating group. Permitted expenses are limited to actual and necessary coaching, travel and per diem, equipment, team equipment, including but not limited to: wearables, jerseys, and expenses for practice and competition. Further, another player’s parent or another adult may make donations directly to the club, as long as the decision as to how the money is used rests exclusively with the club. The donations may not be earmarked by the donator of the club for a specific individual (e.g. cannot be donated for a specific player). Other particular expenses approved by AHAI in writing may be permitted.

2.6.4 NCAA Provisions on Amateurism – Commencing with the first game played in the 9th grade, present NCAA regulations apply to all college-bound athletes and NCAA restrictions as to amateurism, may disqualify players from further participating at the college level. Special attention is called to the NCAA Amateurism Website: http://www.ncaa.org/governance/working-groups/rules-working-group-bylaw-12-amateurism. under Bylaw Article 12: Amateurism, etc., as amended from time to time. NCAA Amateurism Rules do
not allow for an arrangement where an athlete is sponsored or is provided money to cover player fees either directly to the player who cannot pay the fee or specifically to cover that player’s fees.

2.6.5 **Waiver** - An Affiliate club may waive the player fees provided the individual qualifies for the waiver under the club’s established waiver policy and athletics ability is not a part of the criteria under such a policy.

2.7 **TIER II CHOICE/MOVEMENT RULES**

*(The purpose of this rule is to emulate the concept of community based hockey in the State of Illinois).*

2.7.1 A player’s choice or choices are defined as any Tier II team that the player has played with up until the beginning of the 2013/2014 Fall season. This does not include any spring or summer participation. A player currently playing or moving to the U16/U18 *(Midget level)* will be allowed an additional choice as long as they meet the requirements outlined in the Two choice By-Law/Rules.

Note, if players have already received a substitute choice before the 2012/2013 season, they will not be eligible for an additional choice at the U16/U18 level.

AHAI 8U Two Choice Clarifications

In an effort to clarify the AHAI Tier II Choice Rule as it applies to 8U/Mites, AHAI releases the following:

ANY USA Hockey registered 8U/Mite players for the playing seasons *(beginning in the 2014/15 season)* will not be assessed with a choice exception toward the AHAI rule; Article 2.7.

2.7.2 Players playing in the U16 and U18 level will be allowed One (1) additional choice in addition to their current choice Associations. A player does not receive three new choices at the U16/U18 level. If a player has had a 3rd choice approval from the AHAI Tier II Committee before the player reaches their U16/U18 level, the player will not receive an additional choice and must choose between the players current 2 choices and the players past association that was substituted.

The Tier II Choice Application process shall begin on July 15th of each year. There shall be three (3) hearings on this matter held beginning on July 15th and concluding no later than September 15th of each year. The Tier II Choice Application process shall close on September 15th of each year. Specific hearing dates will be published each year by the Tier II Choice Committee.

2.7.3 **THE 2 CHOICE RULE**

2.7.3.1 A Request for a choice substitution shall be provided electronically to the Tier II Committee Chair. The Chair will provide a link to the Form to be filled out on line.

2.7.3.2 That the predicament of the player is due to unique circumstances that were not created by the player; If a Substitution is based on an Organization’s R&E or any other issue, the petition must be accompanied by the Associations R&E findings and supporting documentations

2.7.3.3 Individuals who played for a club that does not field a team at a level will not count against the maximum for the club in which the player moves.
2.7.3.4 That the purpose in requesting the substitution is not based exclusively upon a desire to be rostered on a team that is perceived to be better;

2.7.3.5 That the granting of the substitution furthers the goals, objectives and policies of USA Hockey and the Amateur Hockey Association Illinois, Inc.;

2.7.3.6 That the granting of the substitution is not detrimental to amateur Tier II travel hockey or undermining the "community based principles" of Tier II hockey;

2.7.3.7 If a player requests a substitution the player must give up a past choice; The choice that the players gives up then becomes the automatic 3rd choice at the U16 level.

2.7.3.8 "Financial Hardship" is not a basis for substitution. Further, it is not intended that every player must have two (2) viable options at any given time. The rule states two (2) Choices, not two (2) viable options.

2.7.3.9 No additional 3rd choice or substitution shall be given to any player in the U8 or U10 playing level without the approval of the AHAI Board of Directors or it’s designated representative. If the player and family move from the rink of the first choice which is within 10 mile of the home and the new residence is at a distance of 20 miles or more from the prior choice, they may petition the Tier II Committee for a second choice. The two choices then become permanent until the player reaches the U16 level.

2.7.3.10 Players staying with in their two Association choices can move back and forth between those two Associations.

2.7.3.11 Players that were rostered on a Tier I, Tier III or High School team do not count as a Choice.

2.7.4 At the discretion of the Board of Directors, the substitute choice granted by the Board of Directors may be permanent or for a specific playing season.

2.7.5 2/4/6/8 Rule — Youth & Girls

All Mite Tier II teams are limited to a maximum of two players who played for another Illinois Tier II team the previous Fall/Winter season.

2.7.5.1 All Squirt Tier II teams are limited to a maximum of four players who played for another Tier II team the previous fall/winter season.

2.7.5.2 All Pee Wee Tier II teams are limited to a maximum of six players who played for another Tier II team the previous fall/winter season.

2.7.5.3 All Bantam Tier II teams are limited to a maximum of eight players who played for another Tier II team the previous fall/winter season.

2.7.5.4 There is no limit on Tier II player movement at the Midget level.
There are two exceptions to the 2/4/6/8 player limit:

2.7.5.4.1 Individuals who previously played with a Tier II club, as one of their Two Choices, will not count against the maximum, regardless of their club affiliation the previous Fall/Winter season.

2.7.5.4.2 Individuals who played for a club that does not field a team at a level will not count against the maximum for the club in which the player moves.

Penalties:

Clubs violating the 2/4/6/8 Tier II Rule will be referred to the AHAI Rules & Ethics Committee along with the coach from the team violating the 2/4/6/8 Tier II Rule. The recommended consequences include disqualification from the state tournament and referral to their Tier II league for further penalties as well as AHAI Rules & Ethics for possible further sanctions.

Examples:

A new player can play NIHL 8U/ mite this year and not be assessed with a choice. Player who played AHAI/NIHL 8U beginning in the 2014/15 season and wants to play this season, 2017/18, will not be assessed with a choice.

Players are allowed to play in NIHL and other leagues (including non USA registered) at the same time.

Players who played on any 8U registered team during or before the playing year 2013/14 would not be assessed with a choice or choices based on the current rule.

2.7.6 COACHES — FOR YOUTH & GIRLS TEAMS

2.7.6.1 Coaches who move to a new Tier II Association cannot coach any of the same players from the past seasons AHAI / USA roster of the past Association for a period of one season with the new Tier II Association (this includes even if the player is making its second choice).

2.7.6.2 Coach is any rostered Head or Assistant Coach for a Tier II Association during the USA Hockey playing season. This will also include a coach that is not rostered, but, coaches the team or is on the bench for more than 33% of the season.

2.7.6.3 Players would be any player who was rostered on the same Tier II Association roster as the Coach.

2.7.6.4 The only exception would be a family member or relative of the coach.

2.7.6.5 An AHAI registered Hockey Director of a Tier II Association shall not count as a Coach, if listed on all Association rosters as an Assistant Coach. If a Hockey Director is listed as the Head Coach of a team, Article 2.7.6.1 rule applies. If there are unique circumstances that a hockey Director becomes a Head Coach of a team during the season, the new Association may petition the Tier II Committee for a ruling on the eligibility of the coach, before the next season. This rule does not obviate to 2.7.6.1 as 2.7.6.1 takes precedent.

2.7.6.6 The AHAI Board of Directors shall promulgate Rules and procedures establishing the criteria and circumstances for Coaches to coach players from a prior Association.
ARTICLE 3
REGISTRATION ACTIVITIES

3.0 All teams joining AHAI are required to register their team with AHAI using the AHAI Registration portal and the AHAI Web Tool.

3.1 All players and coaches participating on USA Hockey registered teams must be registered with USA Hockey by completing—their individual member registration with USA Hockey. Registration is required once each year (September 1st through August 31st) regardless the number of teams the member participates on.

3.2 If a registered team wishes to travel and to play teams outside of Illinois it is necessary to apply to the AHAI Registrar for a Travel Event Permit for each travel event; either for the USA, a USA and Canada or an International Travel Permit. For Tier III teams, the team will apply for travel permits.

3.3 As per By-Law Article 4.1, all Leagues in Illinois must register with AHAI and be approved by the AHAI Registrar.

3.4 It is also necessary to submit an application to the AHAI Registrar to have USA Hockey approve any amateur hockey tournament being contested in Illinois.

3.5 The Rules and Regulations governing amateur hockey in Illinois are covered in the USA Hockey Annual Guide, USA Hockey Rule Book, and the AHAI Official Guide. It is the Registrar’s responsibility to distribute this literature and to help members complete the proper Registration procedures.

Below are some items that should be noted:

3.5.1 Included in the USA Hockey portion of your registration fees is a mandatory liability and catastrophic injury insurance premium. For Midget/High School teams and younger, this fee includes excess medical insurance.

3.5.2 The USA Hockey registration fee includes a subscription to American Hockey Magazine for each player and coach.

3.5.3 Each Association, League or team must designate one person to handle the required registration responsibilities and to receive all AHAI notifications concerning registration. (See Article 19).

3.5.4 Zero, Hat Trick and Playmaker awards will only be presented when the Player meets all of the qualifications outlined in the USA Hockey Annual Guide. All of these requests should be directed to the AHAI Registrar.

ARTICLE 4
CLASSIFICATIONS AND DIVISIONS

The following Classifications and/or Age Divisions are recognized by the AHAI and may be used to sanction leagues and tournaments.

4.0 Adult - limited to amateurs 18 years of age or older.

4.1 Junior - all players wishing to play Juniors must contact the AHAI Registrar BEFORE they are rostered or play on a Junior team to determine eligibility. No player may actively participate on a Junior team and be simultaneously rostered on a Youth team in Illinois. Any player leaving his youth hockey team must be stricken from the Youth roster and may only return to Youth hockey in Illinois with the approval of the AHAI Board of Directors.

4.2 College Student - restricted to amateurs who are full time, under graduate students enrolled and attending college, junior college or university designated on the team and player registration.
4.3 **High School Student** - restricted to amateurs who are full time students (grades 9-12), and under 20 on December 31st of the Playing Season, not to exceed eight (8) consecutive semesters starting with their freshman year, who are enrolled and attending the school designated on the team's and player's registration form.

*Clarification: Those High School students graduating mid year, are no longer full time students and therefore, are not eligible to play on the High School hockey team, effective on their last day of attending classes full time as defined by the school.*

*Also see Article 1.3.7 for expanded High School definitions.*

4.4 **High School: 7th and 8th Grade Skates** - Pursuant to the Rules, players and/or students not attending a high school may not participate in any team and/or club activities of an Illinois high school hockey program. The following policy will allow high school teams to provide 7th and 8th grade students the opportunity to participate in two (2) high school hockey program on ice activities each year, subject to the following: .

4.4.1 Each high school program is limited to two (2) events per season *(season defined as September 1 through March 31).*

4.4.2 Each club must provide written notice to the High School Committee and the HS Hockey League *(of which the program is a member)* of any date(s) chosen for an on ice 7th/8th grade event and receive approval from the High School Committee and the League.

4.4.3 Only 7th or 8th grade students are eligible to participate.

4.4.4 Each participant must provide a written consent form executed by a parent or guardian consenting to the student participating in the event.

4.4.5 Each participant in the event must be a U.S.A. Hockey registered player or coach and have U.S.A. Hockey insurance.

4.4.6 Each participant must at all times wear full equipment during all on ice activities.

4.4.7 Current high school players and/or students are not allowed on the ice during these skates.

4.4.8 High school program will only allow proper U.S.A. Hockey registered and/or certified coaches from that organization on the ice during the event.”

4.6 - **Youth Hockey**

| 4.6.3 Midget 15 | 15 years of age – Players born only in 2005. |
| 4.6.6 10U  | 10 & Under – Players born between |

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January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2010.

4.6.7 8U - 8 & Under – Players born January 1, 2011 and later.

4.6.8 Mini-Mites - limited to amateurs who were born in 2012 or later.

4.6.9 Girls Division - Nineteen & Under 19U Born in 2000-2002
Sixteen & Under 16U Born in 2003-2004
Fourteen & Under 14U Born in 2005-2006
Twelve & Under 12U Born in 2007-2008
Ten & Under 10U Born in 2009-2010
Eight & Under 8U Born 2011 or later

4.7 Old Timers - unrestricted as to citizenship and unlimited so as to include amateurs and/or reinstated professionals. Players shall be 35 years of age or older.

Special Note: Players under 21 who reside in the U.S. with Parent(s) working in the U.S. are eligible regardless of citizenship.

2019-2020 — Fee Schedule

Individual Membership Registration: .........................$53/Player/Year (All Age Groups)

Players With Date of Birth 2011 and after ....................................................No Charge

Coaches Registration .............................................................................$53/Coach/Year

Team Membership Registration................................................................. None

Travel Permits: USA Travel Only ...............................................................$50/Team

Travel Permits: USA and Canada .............................................................$100/Team

Screening Application .............................................................................$58 per Application

Tournament Fees

USA Hockey Member Teams Only .....................................................$125/Tournament

Canadian or other Foreign Teams ......................................................$175/Tournament

USA Hockey 3 On 3 Member Teams Only ......................................................$100/Tournament

Due Dates for Team Registration and Rosters

• All Tier I, Tier II and House B teams must have a certified roster prior to their first on ice activity. No games can be played without a certified roster.

• House C and Adult teams must capture their players in the USA Hockey Registration portal and send an update to the AHAI Webtool prior to the player's first on ice activity.

• Teams planning to participate in the state, regional or national tournament must
have a certified roster prior to their first game.

- All Tournament Teams must have a certified roster prior to playing their first game. October 15th is the last date to submit a supplemental roster for High School, Tier I, Tier II and Girls teams.

- December 31st is the last date to add a player to a Tier I, Tier II, Tier III, Girls or High School roster for teams.

- October 15th is the last date to file a team roster for Tier I, Tier II, Tier III, Girls or High School Adult and Women's teams may add players on a supplemental roster at any time during the Playing Season.

ARTICLE 5
AHAI STATE TOURNAMENTS

5.0 All state tournament competitions shall be under the control and supervision of:

5.0.1 **AHAI Youth Tournament Committee** - responsible for all tournaments Mites through and including Midgets. This group is further sub-divided into a Tournament Committee for Tier I and a Tournament Committee for Tier II State Tournaments.

5.0.2 **AHAI High School Tournament Committee** - responsible for all High School related tournaments, including Boys High School teams and Girls High School teams. "State Tournament Official" as used hereafter means a member of the Tournament Committee, a person appointed by the Chairperson of the appropriate Tournament Committee or any other Officer or Director of AHAI.

5.0.3 **AHAI Girl's Tournament Committee** - responsible for all Girls' State Tournaments, except the Girls High School State Tournament.

5.0.4 **AHAI Adult Women's Tournament Committee** - responsible for all Adult Women's State Tournaments.

5.0.5 **AHAI Adult Tournament Committee** - responsible for all Adult Men's State Tournaments.

5.1 Complete state tournament bulletins containing fee schedules, playoff structures, methods of pairings, qualifications and deadlines shall be prepared by the appropriate tournament committee, approved by the Board of Directors, and distributed to all member teams as early as possible. The Tournament Director must receive a written copy of the Return to play form.

5.2 Each team may dress a maximum of twenty (20) players including goalkeepers for each state tournament game. In order to qualify in the State Tournament, a player must play in 75% of the total amount of games that the team played from the last date that the player was certified to the team by the AHAI registrar and also played in a minimum of ten (10) games with the team. The deadline to be added to a roster and be eligible is December 31st.

5.2.1 No 12U aged youth players may participate on any National bound 14U teams.

5.2.2 Up to three (3) 12U aged Girls may participate on any National Bound 14U teams, per USA Hockey Rules & Regulations IX, Section I(3). As twelve (12) year old may not be added at the expense of an organization’s current 14U player to be cut simply to move up a 12 year old player, nor at the expense of
the Organization’s 12U team. All Organizations with 12 year old players on a 14U roster, regardless of the number of players, will be required to submit a petition to include player’s name & birth years to the AHAI Girls Committee for review of compliance prior to certification by the AHAI Registrar.

5.2.3 Girls may play in two (2) State Tournaments, once for a girls only team and once for a youth team, as long as neither are nationally bound teams.

5.3 For High School Only: then seventy-five percent (75%) of the teams total games (as a part of the team that is rostered and plays in the State Tournament, except for Girls High School which shall be sixty percent (60%) of the teams league games.

High School Teams (i) must have played at least 20 games as a high school unit or as many games as the league/division has in its schedule during the season and each rostered player must have participated in at least 15 games with that team/unit or (ii) must have played in a High School league or division and (iii) during that High School league or division schedule, including playoff games, each rostered player must have participated in at least 75% of those total games with that team/unit.

Any High School player approved to join the team after the October 15 roster submission deadline but before December 31 must participate in 75% of the teams remaining games.

High School players NOT dual rostered to a club (at any point in the season) other than the High School club are eligible to play in the state tournament regardless of the number of league games in which the player participated. A non-dual rostered player would obviate the 75% eligibility requirement.

If a player were dual rostered on a second team aside from the high school club that player must meet the 75% rule for state tournament eligibility.

Intent of the rule: A player that is completely pure to the high school club, meaning he is not playing for any other organization should not be denied varsity state tournament eligibility because he has not played in 75% of the total games. High school clubs are free to use their players on varsity or JV as long as the players are not playing for a second club.

A high school club has the right to field the best possible varsity team. If a JV player at the end of the year is of sufficient talent to play on the varsity team, the organization has the right to move the player to the varsity roster. If the JV player is playing for two (2) clubs he/she must meet the 75% requirement on the JV team in order to qualify for the varsity state tournament.

Any player approved to join the team after December 31 may not participate in the state tournament, unless that player has been approved as a transfer player by the High School Chairperson.

5.4 Each team may select its players in any manner it sees fit, as long as it conforms to all of the AHAI By-Laws, Rules and Regulations.

5.5 Protests during tournaments must be made immediately and as soon as practical. Hearings and appeals must be conducted as soon as practical. Protests of Player eligibility must be filed in writing to the Tournament Committee Chairperson immediately upon knowledge of the protesting
party. Protests on an event occurring during a game must be made in writing by noting the protest on the scoresheet of that game prior to signing the scoresheet at the end of the game with the protesting party providing the Tournament Committee Chairperson with a copy immediately. Protests on other matters must be filed in writing with the Tournament Committee Chairperson immediately but no later than twenty-four (24) hours after completion of the game or incident under dispute. All protests must be accompanied by a $125.00 protest fee that will be returned only if the protest is upheld. No protests of judgments, rulings by referees or linesmen shall be permitted. All protests will be decided by the Tournament Protest Committee appointed by the Tournament Committee Chairperson and the decision of the Tournament Protest Committee shall be final unless a notice of appeal is filed as set out below. Due to time constraints and the need to have an efficient tournament, decisions of the Tournament Protest Committee are final except appeals may be filed only if the grounds are: (1) there is new evidence not known to the appealing party prior to the original hearing with the Tournament Protest Committee or (2) there is no rational basis for the decision of the Tournament Protest Committee and there is sufficient time to hear the protest prior to the completion of the tournament without postponement or undue disruption of the tournament.

5.6 The playing of an ineligible player automatically forfeits the game he/she participated in and disqualifies the team on which he/she played from state tournament or USA Hockey competition and makes the player, team, coach, manager, and sponsoring organization (any or all) subject to possible suspension.

5.7 USA Hockey rules shall prevail at all state tournament games with any exceptions to be detailed by the State Tournament Committee.

5.8 The length of periods, both stop time and running time, shall be determined by the State Tournament Committee for each classification and category.

5.9 It is required that all teams entering State Tournament competition be properly uniformed, (i.e. each player in the same colored jersey with each jersey numbered).

5.10 No team shall play in more than one age division in the State Tournaments.

5.11 In order to compete in the State Tournament, a Tier II Team must be from an association or club having at least three Tier II Teams playing at three different age levels, Squirt thru Midget. In order to compete in the State Tournament, an Tier I Team must be from an association or club having at least three Tier I Teams playing at two different levels, Squirt Major thru Midget.

5.12 Any team that enters the State Tournament shall fully participate. Any team not fully participating shall be referred to the Tournament Protest Committee and Rules and Ethics Committee for appropriate action.

5.13 Any school which "Boards" students is not eligible for State Tournament play. "Boards", for the purpose of this rule is defined as rooming and living on the campus of the school or housing provided by the school of which the student is attending.

5.14 The High School Tournament Committee shall have the final say as to the placement of teams in the "Red", White", "Blue" and Combined divisions.

5.15 The Divisions for the State Tournament are:

5.15.1 **Club Division**

All club organizations which have the following number of teams
at a given age division:

3 Teams =
1st Team will play in the “AA” Division
2nd Team will play in the “A” Division
3rd Team will play in the “B” Division

4 Teams =
1st Team will play in the “AA” Division
2nd & 3rd Teams will play in the “A” Division
4th Team will play in the “B” Division

5 or more Teams =
1st Team will play in the “AA” Division
2nd & 3rd Teams will play in the “A” Division
4th & 5th and additional Teams will play in the “B” Division

“B” Exemption
You may apply for an exemption to play in the “B” Division if your organization has formed only two (2) teams at as level (Squirt, Pee Wee, and Bantam) and your team is the 2nd team.

“AA” Requesting to Play “A”
You are qualified to apply for an exemption to play in the “A” Division if: You are the only team formed at a level by your organization (Mite, Squirt, Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget).

The judging criteria for all exemption requests will be developed solely by the Blackhawk Youth State Tournament Committee.

5.15.1.1 A team may participate in only one of the following club division tournaments and must declare which division it will participate in at the time the team files its tournament registration.

5.15.1.2 Red Division - USA Hockey District/National qualifying tournament. Champions of this bracket must represent Illinois in the USA Hockey District and National tournaments. All Open or Non-Tier II teams may enter only this tournament. Any association or club whose team registers for the Red Division tournament and fails to fully participate therein or which qualified for the subsequent USA Hockey District and/or National tournaments and fails to fully participate therein will not be permitted to enter ANY team in the State Tournament at any age level in the succeeding Playing Season and shall be referred to the Rules and Ethics Committee for appropriate action.

In the event there is no Red Division Tournament at any age level, there will be no representative from Illinois in the USA Hockey District and National Tournaments unless otherwise approved by the AHAI Board of Directors.

5.15.1.3 White Division - This tournament shall be for all Tier II Teams which are rated “AA” and teams that are rated “A” who wish to participate in this tournament.

5.15.1.4 Blue Division - This tournament shall be for all Tier II Teams that are rated “A” and House League “B” & “C” level teams who wish to participate. All “A” rated teams must have played at least 75% of their games during the season against other “A” rated teams at the same age level or participated in an
"A" level league.

5.15.2 High School Division

5.15.2.1 Red Division - Varsity State Championship. Open to all registered High School "REGULAR" Teams as defined in Article 1.2.7.1.

5.15.2.2 Combined Varsity - "COMBINED" teams as defined in Article 1.2.7.1 until 1.2.7.14.

Blue Division - Junior Varsity State Championship. Open to all registered "REGULAR" Junior Varsity Teams.

5.15.2.3 Combined Junior Varsity - "COMBINED" Junior Varsity Teams who have played 75% of their games against other Junior Varsity Teams, meet the definition of "COMBINED" teams as it appears in Article 1.2.7.1 and have been approved for participation in the State Tournament after submission of their application to participate.

5.15.2.4 Girls Division - Open to those girls High School Varsity and High School Junior Varsity teams approved by the AHAI High School Committee. Girls High School Combined and Pure teams may be in one division. Girls High Schools with six (6) or more schools are not permitted to participate in the State Tournament.

Note: Teams will be ranked for placement in the Tournament by the High School Committee at the scheduled ranking meeting.

5.15.3 Girls/Women Divisions

5.15.3.1 Girls - Open to all girls teams 19 & Under, 16 & Under, 14 & Under, 12 & Under, 10 & Under and 8 & Under classifications.

5.15.3.2 Adult Women - Open to all adult women classifications.

5.15.4 Adult Men's Divisions

5.15.4.1 Red - Open USA Hockey National Qualifying Tournament. Champion may represent AHAI in USA Hockey National Adult Open Tournament. All Open Adult teams must enter this tournament. Each team must have played at least twenty (20) games during the season as a unit and each rostered Player must have participated in at least fifteen (15) of those games.

5.15.4.2 White - House League. Open to all registered House League teams. Each team must have played at least fifteen (15) games as a unit during the season and each rostered Player must have participated in at least ten (10) of those games.

5.15.4.3 Blue - Old Timers. Open to all registered "Old Timers" League teams. Each team must have played at least fifteen (15) games during the current season as a unit under "Old Timers" rules of No-Check-No-Slapshot hockey and each rostered Player must have participated in at least ten (10) of those games.

5.16 Non-Illinois Residents Participation in the AHAI State Tournament. It is the intent of the Amateur Hockey Association of Illinois (AHAI) to focus on the development of the players and participants who are residents of and
AHAI’s intent is the development of “our own” players. To that end, AHAI will not permit players who are not Illinois Resident Players to participate in the AHAI State Tournament, without an exception approved by the applicable Tournament Committee and AHAI Board of Directors.

Some types of potential exceptions to this Rule, not absolute, and require approval shall be (i) for Non-Illinois resident players from the states of Indiana, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri and Kentucky that are actually in closer proximity to rinks and club organizations in Illinois that they are to a rink or club organization in their own state. To be eligible for this exception the player must play for that rink and club organization in closer proximity, (ii) players who just recently moved into the State of Illinois with their parent or guardian and who have not had the time to become a resident after reasonable efforts, (iii) foreign exchange students on an student exchange program attending school full time will be permitted to participate under USA Hockey Rules and Regulations, Article III Classifications, Sections Youth, Girls, Women.

ARTICLE 6
OTHER TOURNAMENTS

6.0 No tournament may be held within the jurisdiction of AHAI, without the procurement of a Tournament Permit for each age level participating in the tournament as set forth by the Board of Directors of AHAI.

A tournament is designated as:

6.0.1 Any number of games played with teams outside of your normal league competition and/or teams from outside of Illinois.

6.0.2 An entry fee is required.

6.0.3 Playdown games required to determine a final winner in any division.

6.0.4. All sanctioned invitational tournaments.

6.1 All Players participating in such tournaments must be on their respective AHAI or other Affiliates USA Hockey roster and the Tournament Chairperson must submit rosters of all teams in the tournament to the AHAI Registrar prior to the commencement of the tournament.

6.2 All tournaments must be approved by the AHAI State Registrar and USA Hockey District Registrar.

6.2.1 Registration must be completed by the Associate Registrar in the AHAI webtool.

6.3 The Tournament Director is responsible to provide a copy of the following: a listing of participating teams and where the games are to be played and a copy of all rules and procedures of the tournament.

Note: The Tournament Chairperson/contact person does not have the authority to allow mixed or additional players on rosters. This practice will jeopardize a team’s registration. All participating teams must have an official USA Hockey certified roster. Only members approved on the specific team roster may participate.

6.4 Fall/Winter Season TournamentTeams

When a AHAI/USAH Member Association has a properly registered team for the Fall/Winter season (“Original Team”) that does not have sufficient players that are rostered on the Original Team because of absences (“Absent
Players”) due to illness, injury or vacation conflicts, to attend a specific AHAI/USAH/CHA sanctioned weekend tournament during the Fall/Winter season (“Tournament”) and wishes to substitute players for the absent player to enable the team to attend a specific Tournament, this Rule shall apply.

A “tournament Team” may be formed during the regular Fall/Winter playing season from September 1st through March 31st to participate in an “in State or out of State” AHAI/USAH/CHA sanctioned tournament subject to the Rules set out in this Rule. (“Tournament Team”) (For International Travel, contact the AHAI Registrar for more information).

The following rules and restrictions will apply to all “Tournament Teams”:

6.4.1 The local Association Registrar of the AHAI/USAH member association must register the team using the USA Hockey USA Hockey Registration portal and electronically upload the team to the AHAI webtool. The team must be identified as a “Tournament Team” and registered as an invitational tournament on the USA Hockey Registration portal. If a team is participating in a tournament outside of Illinois, the team must register and pay for a Travel Permit for the tournament team.

6.4.2 The electronic roster must be approved by the AHAI State Registrar before the team departs for the tournament.

6.4.3 The original players who will not be on the Tournament Team must be indicated together with the reason they will not attend the Tournament. This letter must be submitted and approval given by the AHAI State Registrar before the team departs for the tournament.

6.4.4 The Tournament Team shall be comprised of the Original Team, less the Absent Players, plus the substitute players who will take the place of the Absent Players. The Tournament Team shall not have a roster with more players than the Original Team.

6.4.5 The “Tournament Team” Roster, and Travel Permit are valid only for the weekend dates of and for the AHAI/USAH/CHA sanctioned Tournament listed on the travel permit. It is not good for any other tournament. The tournament name and dates must be listed on the remittance form when submitting the paperwork to the AHAI Registrar. This information must be submitted and approval given by the AHAI State Registrar before the team departs for the tournament.

6.4.6 Officially “rostered players” on the Original Team may not be left home or removed from the official team roster in order to make room for other players on a “Tournament Team”.

6.4.7 Only players from within the AHAI/USAH member association of the Original Team may participate with the written permission of the Association President. All documentation must be submitted before a “Tournament Team” application can be approved.

6.4.8 Tier I Youth teams may only roster players from other Tier I Youth teams within their own AHAI/USAH member association. Tier II Youth teams may only roster players from other Tier II Youth teams within their own AHAI/USAH member association. Girl’s teams may only roster players from within their own AHAI/USAH member association. House League teams may only roster players from within their own AHAI/USAH member association. “Tier I Major players may not be rostered on Tier I Minor teams for “Tournament
Team” purposes. Tier II “AA” players may not be rostered on Tier II “A” teams for “Tournament Team” purposes. Tier I “Minor” players may be moved up to Tier I “Major”. Tier II “A” players may be moved up to “AA”.

6.4.9 High School teams (“Pure” or “Combined”), may not register tournament teams.

6.4.10 AHAI shall have complete jurisdiction over AHAI/USAH registered teams when they play inside Illinois or travel outside Illinois. No team leaving or playing outside the State of Illinois shall use any Player not on its official USAH or “Tournament Team” roster and all teams, players, coaches and organizations registered with AHAI USAH shall comply with all AHAI By-Laws, Rules and regulations and Policies whether they play in Illinois or out of State.

6.4.11 This “Tournament Team” will not be eligible for the AHAI State Tournament or any District/Regional National Championship play.

6.4.12 A “Tournament Team” will not have the voting rights of a regular season team.

Any “Tournament Teams” formed for play in the Spring, from April 1st to August 31st, are governed by the rules found in the AHAI Guide, Article 13, Spring/Summer.

ARTICLE 7

U.S.A. / CANADA TRAVEL PERMIT

7.0 The possession of a current season Travel Permit is necessary for any member team leaving the State of Illinois to play games. All teams and organizations requiring a Travel Permit shall apply to the AHAI State Registrar. Travel Permits are not required for league games.

7.1 Any team that does not obtain the proper travel permit from the AHAI Registrar will be referred to the AHAI Rules & Ethics Committee for appropriate disciplinary action.

7.2 AHAI shall have complete jurisdiction over USA Hockey/AHAI registered teams when they travel outside the State of Illinois any form of team activity, including competition.

7.3 A special CAHA and USA Hockey Travel Permit are required for member teams traveling to Canada to play games. Application for such Permit should be made to the AHAI State Registrar, who will obtain the required approvals of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association and USA Hockey District Registrars.

7.4 No team leaving or playing outside the State of Illinois shall use any Player not on said team’s official USA Hockey roster and all teams, players and organizations registered with AHAI/USA Hockey shall comply with all AHAI By-Laws, Rules and Regulations and Policies whether they play or are in Illinois or out of state.

ARTICLE 8

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL PERMIT

8.0 All teams, organizations, and individuals planning to travel to a foreign country other than Canada, or planning to host foreign teams other than Canadian Amateur Hockey Association Members shall apply to the AHAI State Registrar, in writing, for an International Travel Permit. Upon satisfactory completion of said application, an International Travel Permit may be granted upon receipt
of international fees as established by AHAI and USA Hockey.

8.1 International matches involving USA Hockey member teams will be played under the jurisdiction of the International Ice Hockey Federation and USA Hockey. IIHF Playing Rules shall be used.

ARTICLE 9
DISCIPLINARY ACTION

9.0 Violations of the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, Guidelines, decisions and/or requests of AHAI (including its Committees) and/or USA Hockey, and conduct deemed by the Rules & Ethics Committee of AHAI to not be in the best interests of amateur hockey, the purpose and/or intent of the By-Laws, Rules & Regulations, Guidelines, decisions and/or requests of AHAI (including its Committees) and/or USA Hockey constitutes conduct detrimental to and not in the best interests of hockey and makes the Player, Parent, Spectator, Coach, Manager, Team, League, Administrator, Minor Official, Referee and/or Linesman, Person, Organization and/or Sponsoring Organization subject to disciplinary action with possible suspension(s) by the AHAI Board of Directors and/or its Committees so empowered constitutes conduct detrimental to hockey and makes the Player, Parent, Coach, Manager, Team, Minor Official, Referee and/or Linesman and/or sponsoring organization subject to a disciplinary action with possible suspension(s) by the AHAI Board of Directors and/or its Committees so empowered.

9.1 Normally, sanctions (other than playing rule sanctions) may be imposed only upon notice and a hearing, which is interpreted to be a reasonable opportunity to be heard. However, under certain circumstances, sanctions may be imposed without a hearing.

9.2 The general procedure for imposition of sanctions are: Notice; a reasonable opportunity to be heard which may be formal or informal, including discussions in person, by telephone or in writing; they may also include the statements or attendance of factual witnesses and the production of documents; and a decision which normally will be in writing, setting forth the sanctions and time periods as appropriate.

9.3 Sanctions may, however, be imposed without hearing:

9.3.1 where there is no factual dispute and the sanctioned party does not request a hearing, setting out facts supporting a factual dispute, in writing within seven (7) days of receipt of written or verbal notice of the sanctions.

9.3.2 where the Committee determines that the conduct is such that immediate sanctions are necessary in the best interests of hockey. Some examples of conduct that may require immediate sanctions are: physical, sexual or mental abuse of a player or person, physical striking of a player or person, fighting, causing a fight, use, sale or giving of non-prescription mind altering substance, violation of USA Hockey policies or AHAI policies of a comparable nature or the allegation of any of the above. These are examples but they are not exhaustive nor limiting in any manner.

The sanctioned party shall be advised of the sanction or sanctions verbally or in writing. If verbally, it shall be confirmed in writing together with the right to request a hearing. The sanctioned party may request a hearing in writing, in accordance with this Rule within seven (7) days of receipt of written notice of the sanction or sanctions. The request for a hearing shall set out facts and reasons supporting the need for a hearing and why immediate sanction(s)
are not appropriate and shall be sent to the Chairperson of the Committee imposing the sanction(s). If the sanctioned party provides this notice requesting a hearing in accordance with this Rule, a reasonable opportunity for a hearing shall be provided within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notice by the Committee Chairperson or the sanctions shall be suspended on the thirty-first (31st) day after receipt of the notice by the Committee Chairperson, until a reasonable opportunity to be heard is provided. Where a reasonable opportunity to be heard is provided, the sanction(s) shall remain in effect until the hearing is conducted and a decision by the Committee provided.

9.3.3 Playing Rules sanctions.

9.3.4 Notice requesting a hearing shall be sent to the Chairperson of the Committee imposing the sanctions.

9.3.5 Receipt of written notice of sanctions will be presumed three (3) days after deposit of the written notice, pre-addressed and correctly stamped in the United States Mail.

9.3.6 A Coach who allows a Player who has been suspended by virtue of a gross or match misconduct penalty, to dress or play or participate in practice shall be suspended from any further games until his/her case has been dealt with by the Suspension Review Committee. A reasonable opportunity to be heard shall be provided within thirty (30) days later of the incident or notice to the Suspension Committee or the Coach shall be automatically reinstated.

9.4 A graduated penalty for coaches receiving penalties for “Abuse of Officials” shall be the following:

9.4.1 The first occurrence would receive the One (1) game prescribed by USA Hockey.

9.4.2 The second occurrence in the same season would require a three (3) game suspension.

9.4.3 A third violation in one season would require an indefinite suspension pending a hearing before the Suspension and Review Committee.

9.4.34 This rule applies to ALL AHAI Hockey levels.

9.5 Zero Tolerance — In an effort to make ice hockey a more desirable and rewarding experience for all participants, AHAI has a very simple definition of Zero Tolerance and it will not be tolerated. The definition is: Any lack of Respect or Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated and will be a violation of AHAI’s Zero Tolerance Policy. This campaign is designed to require all players, coaches, officials, team officials and administrators, parents and spectators to comply with the Zero Tolerance Policy.

Each organization, player, coach, officials, team officials and administrators, parents and spectators are expected to enforce this Policy. In addition, AHAI has instructed the Officiating Program to adhere to certain points of interest to enforce this Policy in all USA Hockey sanctioned games.

Thus, the following points of emphasis must be implemented by all On-Ice Referees and Linesmen:
9.6 PLAYERS
A minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct (Zero Tolerance) shall be assessed whenever a player.

1. Openly disputes or argues any decision by an official.
2. Uses obscene or vulgar language at any time, including any swearing, even if it is not directed at a particular person.
3. Visually demonstrates any sign of dissatisfaction with an official’s decision. Any time that a player persists in any of these actions, they shall be assessed a misconduct penalty. A game misconduct shall result if the player continues such action.

9.7 COACHES
A minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct (Zero Tolerance) shall be assessed whenever a coach:

1. Openly disputes or argues any decision by an official.
2. Uses obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time.
3. Visually displays any sign of dissatisfaction with an official’s decision including standing on the boards or standing in the bench doorway with the intent of inciting the officials, players or spectators.

Any time that a coach persists in any of these actions, they shall be assessed a game misconduct penalty.

9.8 OFFICIALS
Officials are required to conduct themselves in a businesslike, sportsmanlike, impartial and constructive manner at all times. The actions of an official must be above reproach. Actions such as “baiting” or inciting players or coaches are strictly prohibited.

On-ice officials are ambassadors of the game and must always conduct themselves with this responsibility in mind.

ARTICLE 10
APPEALS

10.0 Appeals of any AHAI Committee decision, except the Tournament Protest Committee which are covered in Article V, may be made to the Board of Directors, or at the Board’s discretion, an Appeals Committee of the AHAI Board of Directors’ (which for the purposes of this Article may be referred to as “Board of Directors” or “Board”) by the following procedure:

10.0.1 Appeals for consideration by the AHAI Appeals Committee must be submitted in writing to the President of AHAI by the affected individual, member teams’ association officers and/or directors. The appeal must state the reason and basis for the appeal.

10.0.2 Must be accompanied by a $125.00 Filing Fee that shall be paid by “certified check” only.

10.0.3 Must be received by the President within ten (10) calendar days of the Committee decision (Forms can be found on...
10.0.4 Must complete and submit to the President of AHAI an "Appeal Form" within ten (10) days of submitting the appeal. The form must include a written statement of why the decision should be modified or reversed together with any documents to be considered on appeal. The Appeal Form, including the written statement and documents, shall be delivered by the appealing party, to the original decision making body Chairperson at the same time it is submitted to the AHAI President.

10.0.5 Only the evidence and theories explicitly presented to the initial decision making body for consideration prior to the rendering of its decision and made part of the Appeal Form shall be presented or considered for appeal.

10.0.6 The AHAI appeal authority (AHAI Board of Directors or the Appeals Committee) may hold a hearing, at its option, or consider the appeal on the written submissions of the parties to the appeal. If the appeal is only based on written submissions, the Board shall provide the original decision making body the opportunity to respond, in writing, to the appealing party's Appeal Form. Notice of a Hearing shall be given to all parties. In the event the AHAI Appeals Committee determines to hold a hearing, individual, member team officers, and/or directors and persons with knowledge, must appear before the AHAI Appeals Committee at the time and place specified by the Appeals Committee and present the appeal.

10.0.7 Decisions of the AHAI Board of Directors or the Appeals Committee will generally be given to the individual, member team officer and/or directors within seven (7) calendar days after the hearing.

10.0.8 An appeal is not a rehearing of the facts. An appeal is limited to why the decision of the initial hearing body should be modified or reversed. The burden of proof shall be on the person or party attempting to have the decision modified or reversed. Any disciplinary action as a result of the initial or any other hearing or decision shall remain in full force and effect until it expires or the appeal authority modifies it.

10.0.9 All decisions of the Board of Directors of AHAI are final.

ARTICLE 11
OFFICIALS

11.0 Each year, AHAI shall approve, by August 30th of the fiscal year one, (1) referee association to represent and act on behalf of the interest of AHAI in regards to officials. All officials (referees and/or linesmen) must be registered with USA Hockey and AHAI through that approved Referee Association and must wear the current USA Hockey Officials crest as prescribed.

11.1 AHAI Officiating Committee
AHAI establishes the role of AHAI Officiating Scheduler, inclusive of Mentoring, Evaluation and Supervisory Programs. “AHAI Officiating Committee” will also be responsible for the certification of all “Assigners” in the State of Illinois as well as performing the accounting functions of receiving the officiating funds from clubs and events and dispersing those monies to the assigners and officials so assigned. The accounting
process shall be accomplished exclusively through the use of the Ref Ranger software as well as through the rules and regulations which are approved by the AHAI Board of Directors. The Illinois Hockey Officials Association, or IHOA, as voted and approved annually by the AHAI Board of Directors, retains responsibility for certification and training of all official in the state of Illinois.

11.2 AHAI Officiating Committee Mission Statement
Our Mission is to promote, develop and administer a competitive officiating and assignment program. This program is meant to serve the officials of Illinois and surrounding areas. Our principal purpose is to provide officials the opportunity to officiate in a competitive hockey environment by offering (A) high quality education, instruction and knowledge of officiating, (B) adequate mentoring via ice time / assignment of games to gain experience and skill development, (C) exposure to advanced competition through participation in high caliber games and tournaments, and (D) repeated evaluation, supervision and reinforcement of growth potential and development.

11.3 Responsibilities of Organizations and Assigners

11.3.1 All USA Hockey / AHAI sanctioned games must be added to the AHAI database online or by software tools provide to assigners.

11.3.2 All game information including officiating fees, scheduling fees, and service fees must be posted correctly by the assigner(s).

11.3.3 All AHAI/USA Hockey games played in the State of Illinois shall schedule officials via Ref R Ranger Software, or other AHAI approved means.

11.3.4 It is recommended that 5 to 10% of games scheduled be supervised by the assigner or an IHOA, AHAI or USA HOCKEY supervisor and appropriate reporting of such supervision shall be maintained.

11.3.5 All organizations will be billed by AHAI for officials and assignment fees. All officials and assigners will be paid by AHAI through the funds collected by AHAI which are paid by the respective organizations. In this capacity, AHAI merely acts as an escrow agent receiving and paying only those monies collected. AHAI retains the right to collect all monies owed and make payments accordingly. In the event one or more organizations fails to pay monies due to AHAI in a timely fashion, AHAI reserves the right to withhold payment to the respective officials and assigner(s) whose organization(s) failed to pay the monies owed.

11.3.6 AHAI reserves the right to demand prepayment for expected officials' fees, service fees and assigner fees from any organization that fails to pay in a timely manner.

11.3.7 AHAI will send the assigner's team or organization an invoice on 25th or 26th of each month. AHAI will send a reminder if the account is not current by the 2nd of the following month. Officials under 16 should be assigned with adults.

11.3.8 The goal is to provide every official with games they are qualified to officiate. A monitoring tool will be used to evaluate the number of officials assigned. The service fee will be set a rate of $5, or any other sum
determined by AHAI which includes the AHAI and collection fees. The remainder will be used for training and development.

11.3.9 Evaluate 5-10% of officials not previously evaluated
11.3.10 Mentor as many new officials as practical
11.3.11 Assign experienced adults with officials under 16 years old
11.3.12 Assigners must use the AHAI software to manage evaluations and mentoring of officials.

11.4 AHAI has accepted this responsibility on the basis of AHAI By Law Article 3.5.

ARTICLE 12
NON-RESIDENT LEAGUE PLAY WITHIN AHAI JURISDICTION
All non-resident teams participating regularly in league play, which occurs within the jurisdiction of AHAI, must be registered with USA Hockey through their respective Affiliates.

ARTICLE 13
SPRING/SUMMER HOCKEY
13.0 The period from April 1 of the calendar year thru August 31 of the same calendar year is considered the Spring/Summer hockey season. All applicable AHAI By-Laws, Rules and Regulations and Committee findings are in effect with the following exceptions:

13.0.1 A team specifically established for this period must register through an existing AHAI club or organization AHAI. A team may not register as an independent team.
13.0.2 A registered AHAI Player is free to skate with any Spring/Summer team provided said team/players are registered with AHAI.
13.0.3 A Player skating on a Spring/Summer team shall not be required to pay any fees in excess of actual ice costs and expenses.
13.0.4 Spring/Summer teams have no voting rights.
13.0.5 The period from April 1 to August 31 of the calendar year is considered the Spring/Summer Hockey Season. For the Spring Summer season, the age classifications for the following fall season apply. The definition of the age classification for the following season can be found in the Cybersport program under USAH Forms, Age Chart (Next Season). AHAI affiliates may not register players on a spring youth team that do not comply with the age classifications for the following fall season. Spring Leagues may not waive this requirement and allow players that do not comply with the above age classifications. Any House, Tier I or Tier II teams or leagues that do not comply with these rules will be considered non-sanctioned by USAH and AHAI. If an AHAI affiliate does not follow the rules for age classification, the AHAI Rules and Ethics Committee may require a hearing with that affiliate’s board. Organizations that are registered with AHAI as a House, Tier I or Tier II Youth organization may not register High School (Varsity or Junior Varsity) Teams.

13.0.6 High School Organizations may only register Varsity and Junior Varsity teams. They may not register Youth teams (Bantam or Midget). The rules that govern the registration of High School teams
in the Fall also apply to Spring teams. Specifically, pure High School organizations may only register players that are currently enrolled in their school. They may not use players that are not students at their respective school. Combined organizations must adhere to the combinations approved by the High School Committee for the previous Fall season. Any exceptions to the combinations from the previous Fall must be pre-approved by the High School Chair. Current seniors are not eligible to participate on a Spring high school team. Incoming freshmen (current 8th graders) may participate on a high school team on the condition that they are eligible to attend that school and have indicated their intent to attend the school in the Fall. Current 7th graders are not eligible to participate on a Spring High School team. Players may only participate on high school teams from one organization each season.

13.0.7 Girls may be on a girls’ high school team and a Varsity or Junior Varsity team within the same organization. Spring Summer Leagues may not waive these requirements and allow players that do not comply with the above age classifications and rules. Any teams or leagues that do not comply will be considered non-sanctioned by USAH and AHAI. If an AHAI affiliate does not follow the rules for age classification, the AHAI Rules and Ethics Committee may require a hearing with that affiliate’s board.

ARTICLE 14
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

14.0 The AHAI Board of Directors meeting will be held once each calendar month. Further meetings may be scheduled at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 15
COACHES

15.0 AHAI has announced the Coaching Education Program Clinics for the upcoming season. All coaches are required to be certified at the appropriate level for the upcoming season.

15.1 COACH REGISTRATION. 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 coach 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. Junior coaches shall register with and through their teams with the Junior Registrar.

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.

All ice hockey coaches and instructors of registered USA Hockey Youth 18 & Under and below, High School, Girls'/Women's 19 & under and below, and disabled programs must properly wear an approved ice hockey helmet during all on-ice sessions, including practices, controlled scrimmages and all Coaching Education Program clinics and/or workshops. *(Also see 15.10)*

### 15.2 COACHING EDUCATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.

#### 15.2.1 Required Coaching Education Program Levels for Ice Hockey USA Hockey requires that all affiliates and/or districts shall establish the following requirements without modifications for all coaches *(head coaches and assistants)*. All coaches must have the required certification level by January 1 of the current season.

#### 15.2.2 All coaches must enter USA Hockey’s Coaching Education Program at Level 1, and must continue their education each year until, at a minimum, they achieve Level 3. A coach may attend only one *(1)* certification clinic per year *(not including age-specific requirements)*. Coaches who do not coach in continuous years must re-enter the program at the next level when they resume coaching responsibilities. Once Level 3 is achieved, periodic renewal is required for coaches who have not achieved Level 4. Coaches of Tier 1 and Tier II *(National Tournament Bound)* 14U, 16U, and 18/19U teams must complete Level 4 in their fourth season of coaching. Coaches who attain Level 4 certification are not required to attend any further certification clinics but must adhere to the age-specific requirement as outlined in Paragraph *(b)* below.

#### 15.2.3 In addition to the training in paragraph *(a)* above, coaches must also complete age specific training components specific to the level of play they are coaching, if they have not already taken that component. This requirement applies to all coaches at all levels, 1 through 5. Coaches may complete more than one age-specific component in any given season.

#### 15.2.4 *In the event of a concussion of a player, the Head Coach must receive a Return to Play form before the said player may return to participate in any games.*

#### 15.2.5 Coaching certification at Level 3 is valid for two *(2)* seasons, as indicated by the expiration date on the Level 3 sticker. A coach whose Level 3 is due to expire must take the online Level 3 Recertification Track 1 curriculum or they may move up to Level 4. Level 3 Track 1 Recertification is valid for two *(2)* seasons. A coach whose Track 1 Level 3 recertification is due to expire must take the online Level 3 Recertification Track 2 curriculum or move up to Level 4. Level 3 Track 2 Recertification is valid for two *(2)* seasons. Coaches whose Track 2 Level 3 Recertification is due to expire must attend a Level 4 clinic prior to the expiration of their Level 3 Recertification. Coaches must complete the online recertification program in order to recertify their Level 3 certifications. Attending a clinic or workshop is no longer valid for recertifying any certification level.
**Grandfather Clause.** For coaches who enrolled in the Coaching Education Program prior to May 1, 2011, their entry into the above program will be at their current certification level. Level 1 and 2 coaches must adhere to paragraphs (a) and (b) above, effective May 1, 2011. Current Level 3 coaches must adhere to paragraph (b) and (c) above; effective with the season their Level 3 expires.

15.3 The chart below outlines the progression for a new coach. Coaches with pre-existing certifications will enter the new program at their current certification level and must adhere to paragraphs 15.2.2 and 15.2.3 above.

**YEARS OF COACHING**

- Year 1 (ex: 2015-16)
- Year 2 (ex: 2016-17)
- Year 3 (ex: 2017-18)

**CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

- Level 1 clinic + age-specific component
- Level 2 clinic + age-specific component *(if not previously taken for current age level)*
- Level 3 clinic *(expires Dec. 31, 2018)* + age-specific component *(if not previously taken for current age level)*
  - Year 4 (ex: 2018-19)
  - Year 5 (ex: 2019-20)
  - Year 6 (ex: 2020-21)
  - Year 7 (ex: 2021-22)
  - Year 8 (ex: 2022-23)
  - Year 9 (ex: 2023-24)
  - Year 10 and beyond

15.4 **Evidence of Level.** No Level certification required but can attend a Level 4 clinic + age-specific component if not previously taken for current age level.

Complete the online Level 3 Recertification Track 1 *(expires December 31, 2018)*, or attend a Level 4 clinic + age-specific component if not previously taken for current age level.

No Level certification required but can attend a Level 4 clinic + age-specific component if not previously taken for current age level.

Complete the online Level 3 Recertification Track 2 *(expires December 31, 2020)*, or attend a Level 4 clinic + age-specific component if not previously taken for current age level.

No Level certification required but can attend a Level 4 clinic + age-specific component if not previously taken for current age level.

Must attend a Level 4 clinic + age-specific component if not previously taken for current age level.

No Level recertification required but must complete age-specific component if not previously taken for current age level. Coaches are highly encouraged to attend a continuing education course every two years.
All USA Hockey coaches will possess a USA Hockey Coaching Education Program card with valid certification stickers, or printout from the USA Hockey online certification list.

It is the responsibility of the local association to identify those coaches who do not meet the certification requirements. All coaches have until December 31 of the current season to attend a USA Hockey coaching clinic and complete the online playing level component to become properly certified.

Prior to the start of all games throughout the season all coaches are required to indicate their current certification status on the scoresheet, regardless of their certification level. All coaches (except for Juniors) must legibly print their USA Hockey Coaching Education Program (CEP) card number, their CEP Level (Levels 1-5), their online playing level component and the year their CEP level was attained. If a coach cannot produce his/her current USA Hockey Coaching Education Program card prior to the start of the game, it must be noted on the official game score sheet.

Beginning January 1 of the current season, prior to the start of each game, all coaches present are required to sign the designated area of the score sheet in order to verify the accuracy of the playing roster, as it appears on the score sheet, for that game.

15.5 **Penalty and Enforcement.** All coaches must have current certification and online component verification beginning January 1 of the current playing season. Any coach not in possession of these requirements will be ineligible to coach for the remainder of the season. Districts and/or affiliates are required to uphold this penalty. It will be the responsibility of the local association registering the team to enforce the national policy. *(Non-compliance penalties for Junior coaches will be determined by the Junior Council).*

15.6 **Junior Hockey Requirements.** All (head coaches and assistants) Tier I and II coaches are required to be certified at Level 4 *(attendance at Level 1-3 prerequisites not required).* All Tier III coaches (head coaches and assistants are required to be certified at Level 4 *(attendance at a Level 3 clinic is required).*

15.7 **UNDER-AGE COACHES - STUDENT COACHES**

**Purpose:**

a. To help train entry level coaches at an earlier age level *(Mentor Program).*

b. To allow the younger players who wish to do so an opportunity to participate on the ice and help the coaching staff demonstrate teach skills.

c. To give actual on-ice experience to our younger players who aspire to become a coach in the future.

d. To allow these young players protection under the USA Hockey Insurance program.

15.7.1 **Student Coach.** A player age 13 through 17 who is currently properly registered with USA Hockey may serve as a Student Coach.

15.7.2 **Qualifications.** Must attend a training session conducted by the local hockey association

Must always be under the supervision of a properly certified screened adult coach during all practices, clinics, try-outs and in
the locker room.

May help out at practices, clinics, try-outs only. *(May not participate as a player in scrimmages or games when acting as a Student Coach).*

May not act as a head coach or an assistant coach during practices or games.

Must wear a helmet with full face shield, gloves and skates while on the ice.

May only work with players at least one full playing age level below the STUDENT COACH *(e.g., a Bantam age player may act as a STUDENT COACH at the Pee Wee, Squirt or Mite level).*

The organization that is using the STUDENT COACH must provide a form indicating on the team on which he/she is participating as a STUDENT COACH, and, if applicable, what team he/she is properly registered/rostered as a player. *(A model form is available on the usahockey.com website).*

Upon reaching the age of 18, the STUDENT COACH must comply with the USA Hockey Screening Program and meet the USA Hockey Coaching Education Program requirements which will qualify him/her to act as an assistant or head coach.

The Student Coach candidate and their organization/team/parents must completely fill out the USAH Student Coach form *(to obtain this form email jdunne@ahai2.org)* and mail completed form to: AHAI / Student Coach – P.O. Box 1636 – Warrenville, IL 60555.

Once the Student Coach candidate has completed his/her AHAI/USAH recommended Student Coach Clinic conducted by the Club/Organizations’ Hockey Director, the following procedure MUST also be completed in a timely fashion:

15.7.3 The organization which is using the Student Coach must provide a copy of the USAH Student Coach Form indicating on what team he/she is participating as a Student Coach, and what team he/she is properly registered/rostered as a player. This form must be submitted to the AHAI Registrar before participating as a Student Coach. This form must be submitted annually and whenever there is a change of either team.

15.7.4 Only NEW candidates for Student Coach are required to attend a Student Coach Workshop. Any Student Coach that has already attended an AHAI Conducted Student Coach Clinic or Level 1 Clinic as a Student Coach in the past does NOT need to attend again. However, every Student Coach MUST submit the USAH Student Coach Form to the AHAI Registrar as indicated above and also copy mailed to: AHAI / Student Coach – P.O. Box 217 – Batavia, IL 60510

15.7.5 Upon reaching the age of 18, the Student Coach must comply with the AHAI Screening Program and attend the USA Hockey Level 1 Coaching Clinic, which will qualify him/her to act as an assistant or head coach
15.8 COACHING ETHICS CODE

This USA Coaching Ethics Code ("Code") intends to provide standards of ethical conduct for coaches involved with USA Hockey and its member organizations. It provides General Principles and Ethical Standards which cover many situations encountered by coaches, with its principle goals the welfare and protection of participants with whom coaches work. Coaches will respect and protect human and civil rights and not knowingly participate in or condone unfair discriminatory practices.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

15.8.1 Competence
Coaches will maintain a standard of excellence with regard to education and information related to coaching and make an on-going effort to maintain competence in the skills they use.

15.8.2 Integrity
Coaches will exercise integrity in the practice of coaching and be honest, fair and respectful of others.

15.8.3 Professional Responsibility
Coaches will uphold professional standards, clarify professional roles and obligations, accept appropriate responsibility for behavior and adapt methods to the needs of participants.

15.8.4 Respect for Participants
Coaches will respect the fundamental rights, welfare, dignity, values, opinions and worth of all participants and will be aware of cultural and individual differences including those due to age, gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, disability, language and socio-economic status.

15.8.5 Concern for Participants
Coaches will be sensitive to different roles and responsibilities of all participants and not exploit or mislead them.

15.8.6 Responsible Coaching
Coaches will be aware of ethical responsibilities to society and the community in which they work and live as well as comply with the law and encourage the development of policies which serve the interest of the sport and USA Hockey.

ETHICAL STANDARDS

15.8.7 Applicability of the Ethics Code
Although many aspects of personal behavior and private activities may seem far removed from the official duties of coaching, Coaches will be sensitive to their positions as role models for participants and will consistently obey the standards of the Code.

15.8.8 Discrimination
Coaches will not engage in or condone discrimination based upon age, gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, disability, language, socioeconomic status or any other basis prescribed by law.

15.8.9 Sexual Harassment
Coaches will not engage in sexual harassment which includes but is not necessarily limited to sexual solicitation, unwelcome physical advances and verbal or non-verbal conduct. Coaches will not deny any participants the right to participate in any activity based upon
their having made or their being the subject of a sexual harassment claim.

15.8.10 **Hazing / Bullying**
Coaches will not engage in or condone behavior which is harassing, harmful or demeaning to participants.

15.8.11 All USA Hockey ice hockey coaches (*head coach and assistants*) and instructors must abide by the USA Hockey Coaching Ethics Code, and understand that violations may result in full or partial forfeiture of coaching privileges in programs, at sites or events under USA Hockey’s governance.

15.9.12 All coaches have an obligation to be familiar with USA Hockey’s Coaching Ethics Code. Lack of awareness or misunderstanding of an ethical standard is not itself a defense to a charge of unethical conduct.

*(Reference USA Hockey Coaching Code of Conduct And Coaching Ethics Code at www.usahockey.com).*

**15.10 COACH/INSTRUCTOR HELMET REQUIREMENT**
All ice hockey coaches and instructors of registered USA Hockey Youth, Girls, High School and Disabled programs MUST wear an approved ice hockey helmet during all on-ice sessions, including practices, controlled scrimmages and coach and referee clinics (seminars).

It is the duty and responsibility of the Local Program to comply and enforce this USA Hockey requirement. Local Programs will be held accountable for enforcement. The Local Programs may adopt stricter penalties.

**PENALTY (for non-compliance):**

1. First Offense: Automatic 30 Day Suspension
2. Second & Additional Offense: Automatic immediate suspension pending a disciplinary hearing by the AHAI Suspension & Review Committee

**NOTE:** Disciplinary Hearing must be held within thirty (30) days of AHAI’s receipt of notification of the second violation.

15.11 **Coach's Abuse of Officials**
All Ice Hockey Coaches of registered USA Hockey Youth, Girls, High School and Disabled programs will be penalized under USA Hockey Rule 601(e) “Abuse of Official” pursuant to the following schedule:

Penalty for the 1st offense in one season: 1 game suspension

Penalty for the 2nd offense in one season: 3 game suspension

Penalty for the 3rd offense in one season: Indefinite suspension pending a disciplinary hearing.

**Note 1:** Disciplinary Hearing must be held by the AHAI Suspension and Review Committee within thirty (30) days of AHAI’s receipt of notification of the violation.

**Note 2:** Local programs and Leagues may adopt stricter penalties.
16.0 Tier I Committee:
The President shall establish and appoint a Tier I Committee and Chairperson ("Tier I Chairperson"). Each member and the President of every AHAI authorized Tier I organization shall be entitled to vote on the Tier I Committee.

16.1 Authority:
The Tier I Committee shall have responsibility for all matters pertaining to Tier I Member Associations, Tier I Organizations, Tier I Teams and Tier I Hockey, subject to the AHAI Board of Directors review, direction, change and approval. This shall include, but is not limited to, recommending the following: (i) granting or terminating of authority to organize and/or operate a Tier I organization, club or association ("Tier I Organization") and/or field a Tier I/AAA Team ("Tier I Team"); (ii) the total number of Tier I Teams permitted in any age division; and, (iii) establishing guidelines which shall be used to carry out the purpose of the Committee.

16.2 General Intent:
The general intent of Tier I youth hockey in Illinois is to provide an opportunity for youth Players to develop and compete at the highest level of hockey available in the United States at 12 & Under, 14 & Under, 15 year old only level, 16 & Under and 18 & Under age level and Girls age levels 12U, 14U, 16U and 19U, by and through USA HOCKEY and the Affiliate while being guided by the fundamentals and principals set forth in USA Hockey's American Development Model (does not include 8 & Under or 10 & Underage levels). Tier I Hockey in Illinois is limited to those youth players who have the desire and ability to play at a higher level and wish to continue to develop as players by playing Tier I Hockey. Tier I Hockey is not intended to place pressure on any Youth Player to play Tier I Hockey.

16.3 Guidelines for Determining the Number of Teams:
Guidelines for determining the number of Tier I youth teams shall include, but not be limited to the following:

16.3.1 The number of rostered Players in a USA Hockey age division;
16.3.2 The number of rostered Players in the USA Hockey age division who will play Tier I youth hockey;
16.3.3 Not more than four (4) Tier I Youth Organizations fielding not more than eight (8) Tier I youth teams at any age level except for Squirt Major which shall have not more than four (4) teams;
16.3.4 Not more than 15% of the total rostered Youth Players at any age level should play Tier I youth hockey, per the USA Hockey Rule Section F. Paragraph 2, no more than 20% of the total rostered girls per age classifications may play Tier I girls hockey,
16.3.5 No Tier I Youth Organization will be granted Tier I authorization if they fail to field a Pee Wee Minor Team;
16.3.6 No Tier I Youth Organization or Tier I Girls Organization shall have more than one (1) team at an age level, except where the AHAI Rules authorize Major and Minor levels at that age level and then the Tier I Youth Organization may have two teams at

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that age level (i.e. one team at Major and one team at Minor). Tier I Girls are not permitted two (2) teams at an age level. A Minor player is defined specifically as one that is at the first year of that age level, except at the Midget (16 & under - U-16) age level. At the Midget (16 & under - U-16) age level, a Minor player is a player within the first two (2) years of the age group (i.e. no 17 year old player may play on a Midget Minor team). Additionally, each Tier I Youth Organization may field one (1) 15 year old Midget team (all players on the team must be 15 years old only).

16.3.7 No Player may play on any Tier I youth team unless that player is of at least Squirt Major age (under USA Hockey age classifications) for the upcoming season. No Mite or Squirt Minor age (under USA Hockey age classifications) players are allowed to play Tier I youth hockey (also see 16.6.3.3).

16.4 Tier I Organization:

16.4.1 General: A Tier I Organization is an organization duly organized and operating in accordance with the By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and Policies of AHAI and authorized annually by AHAI to field, govern and control Tier I Teams organized by that Tier I Organization in the State of Illinois on a season by season term and which authorization expires annually at the end of the authorized season.

16.4.2 Limitation: Tier I Organizations must be an entirely separate and distinct entity and operation apart from a Tier II Organization. A Tier I Organization or Tier I Team cannot be part of or affiliated with a Tier II Team or Tier II Organization and no person shall be an Officer, Director, Hockey Director, Coach, Coaching Director, Manager, etc. of a Tier I Organization and hold any of the above positions in an Tier II Organization, except any Tier I coach may be an assistant coach on any team that he/she has a AA rostered child. Nothing herein shall be interpreted to preclude any Independent Contractor who is offering his/her services to the public at large from offering and providing his/her services as a skating or skills instructor to any Tier I or Tier II Team. The Independent Contractor shall not be an employee, full-time instructor or representative of either organization nor participate in any manner, directly or indirectly, with the evaluation of players, recruiting or offering Players the opportunity to play for the Organizations which hire the Independent Contractor.

16.4.3 Responsibility: Each Tier I Organization shall govern, control and be fully responsible for its organization, the actions, inactions and/or infractions of its teams, players, coaches, managers, parents, and personnel. This responsibility shall include debts incurred by or in the name of the Tier I Organization or any of its Tier I Teams.

16.5 Tier I Season:
The Tier I Organization season shall commence on August 15th of each year and end on the last day of the Nationals Tournament of each year unless otherwise unanimously approved by the Tier I Committee.
16.6 Tier I Authorization Procedure:

16.6.1 Application:
New Tier I Team Organizations and any existing Tier I Organization who has met all of the Tier I requisites for the previous season (“Existing Tier I Organization”) shall complete and deliver to the Tier I Chairperson, no later than April 1st of each year, or as extended by the Tier I Chairperson, but approximately 30 days prior to any Tier I Organization proposed Tier I Team tryout, the AHAI Tier I Application along with an application fee determined by the AHAI Tier I Chairperson. Each application shall comply fully with the requirements set forth in paragraph 16.6.3 below. No new or existing Tier I Organization shall have the authority to operate or otherwise participate in Tier I Hockey in any capacity unless it has received its authorization in writing. The Tier I Committee and the Tier I Chairperson shall recommend to the AHAI Board of Directors the acceptance or denial of the application. The recommendation shall be in writing and shall clearly state any and all reasons.

16.6.2 Notification:
Existing Tier I Organizations will be notified in writing of the acceptance or denial of its application by May 1st by the Tier I Chairperson, or his/her designee. New Tier I Organizations will be notified in writing of the acceptance or denial of its application by June 1st by the Tier I Chairperson, or his/her designee.

16.6.3 Minimum Requirements:
Every authorized new or existing Tier I Organization shall comply with the minimum requirements set forth in this Article, AHAI and USA Hockey By-Laws, Policies, Rules and Regulations, which include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

16.6.3.1 A Tier I Youth Organization must have at least one Pee Wee Minor Youth Team and at least one additional Youth Team from one of the following divisions: Squirt Major, Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget.

16.6.3.2 No Tier I Youth Organization may apply for or have more than one Minor and one Major team at any given age level authorized by AHAI. A Minor team must consist of all Minor age Players.

16.6.3.3 No authorization will be given for any Mite or Squirt Minor teams.

16.6.3.4 A list of Officers and Directors, the number of Tier I Teams at each level and the names of the Coaches for each team with written proof that each Coach has obtained the appropriate Coaching Certification level, complied with AHAI’S Screening, completed Safe Sport training requirements (See Article 21) or has the ability to and will obtain those by the applicable deadline.

16.6.3.5 Financial and Historical information demonstrating that the Tier I Organization is financially solvent and stable with the ability to finance the next season.
16.6.3.6 Documentation demonstrating that the Tier I Organization is able to procure sufficient ice to support an appropriate number of home games and practices consistent with the size of its program, its season and this Article.

16.6.3.7 A Fact Sheet as defined in 16.7.11 below.

16.6.3.8 Written information setting out the structure, organization and responsibilities of the Tier I Organization and each Tier I Team, its coach, manager and any administrators.

16.6.3.9 Written By-Laws, Rules and Regulations.

16.6.3.10 Current compliance and a statement of future ability, intent and procedures to comply with the USA Hockey and AHAI By-Laws, Policies, Rules and Regulations as well as the Guidelines and Policies established by the Tier I Committee.

16.6.3.11 Internal Revenue Service 501(c)(3) tax exemption status under the Internal Revenue Code.

16.6.3.12 All Tier I games played in Illinois must have officials assigned by IHOA assignors authorized for Tier I Hockey.

16.6.3.13 The Tier I Organizations shall be committed to USA Hockey’s American Development Model which integrates training, competition and recovery programming with relation to biological development and maturation. Tier I Organizations and coaches promise to offer equal opportunity for recreation and competition as opposed to the “win” at all cost approach.

16.6.3.14 Tier I Organizations agree to voluntarily comply with the recommended maximum game limitations per year as follows:

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16.6.3.15 Tier I Organizations shall institute a minimum 3 to 1 practice to game ratio. Practice hours shall include all on and off ice sessions.

16.6.3.16 All Tier I Organization coaches shall sign a coaching code of conduct and coaching ethics form mandating principals and mandatory guidelines for coaching conduct promulgated by the AHAI Tier I Chairperson.

16.6.3.17 Coaches shall have the responsibility to develop equally all players chosen for the team with a de-emphasis on winning.

16.6.3.18 Any and all other information or requirements determined to be necessary by the Tier I Committee or Chairperson, or his/her designee.
16.6.3.19 Failure to strictly comply with the requirements set forth above, especially as to minimum ice practice hours, minimum off-ice practice hours, game counts or de-emphasis of winning at all costs at the Squirt and Pee Wee level shall be the basis to deny any team the right to participate in the Tier I State Championship Tournament and/or renewal of the Tier I Organization’s charter for the following season.

16.7 Team Selection Process:
16.7.1 Procedures:
Each Tier I Organization shall institute procedures to select the best Players available. Guidelines for team selection process shall include, but not be limited to the following:

16.7.1.1 Each Tier I Organization shall hold open tryouts. Tryouts may not be announced or advertised until the Tier I Organization has received written notification of acceptance of its application for the ensuing season by the Tier I Chairperson.

16.7.1.2 Spring/Summer announcements, in any form, can not be made until February 15th.

16.7.1.3 Personal invitations for tryouts are permissible but tryouts must be announced publicly through a general publication or individual mailing to all Players at each level and website, inviting any Player who wishes to try out. This announcement shall take place at least thirty (30) days prior to any tryouts.

16.7.1.4 The announcement must contain a minimum of at least the following information:

1) Organization name
2) Levels of tryouts and Coaches name, if known
3) Contacts with phone numbers
4) Dates, Location, and Times of tryouts
5) Brief statement about the program
6) A Tier I invitation
7) The date contact is permitted
8) Costs

16.7.1.5 Each Tier I Organization shall provide a Fact Sheet that shall be provided to anyone who makes an inquiry.

16.7.1.6 No Player, Coach or Manager shall be solicited nor shall the possibility of playing Tier I youth hockey be discussed with any Player, Coach or Manager of a National Bound team until 48 hours after the last game is played in the Tier I Youth National Championships except for an existing Tier I youth player for the particular Tier I youth organization for which that Player played during the existing season and then only by that Tier I youth organization. Players, coaches and managers of Non-Nationally Bound teams may conduct discussion at the conclusion of the State Tournament.
If a Tier I youth player initiates contact with another Tier I youth organization, the Tier I youth organization will advise it cannot discuss the matter and will advise the individual/individuals of the date after which contact is permitted.

**Player Card - Parental Consent:**
Players must sign a "Player Card" and the Player’s parents must sign an "Acknowledgment Form" that they have received a Fact Sheet and have been fully informed of all terms and conditions, including financial, required for play on that Tier I Team.

**Submission to Tier I Chairperson:**
The signed Player Card and Parental Acknowledgment Form must be submitted to the Tier I Chairperson by the dates set out in these Rules or designated by the Tier I Chairperson.

**Rosters:**
USA Hockey Rosters must be submitted to the Tier I Chairperson by the dates set out in these Rules or designated by the Tier I Chairperson (at a minimum by the team’s 1st game).

**Number of Players Cards:**
Each Tier I Organization shall be permitted twenty (20) Player Cards per Team.

**Issuance of Player Cards:**
Player Cards (which must be signed completely or returned to the Tier I Committee Chairperson) will be issued to all Tier I Organizations on the last day of tryouts for each level of the upcoming Playing Season.

**Player Commitment:**
Any player who signs a Player Card is irrevocably committed to that Tier I Organization and Tier I Team for the ensuing Playing Season and cannot play for another team, Tier I or otherwise, except Girls, High School, Junior College, College or University. Any player who signs a Player Card for any Tier I Organization shall not be recruited by or on behalf of any other Tier I Team or Organization and cannot be removed from that Tier I Organization Team’s roster without the approval of the AHAI Board of Directors.

**All Player Cards Return:**
All “Player Cards” and parental Acknowledgment Forms shall be returned to the Tier I Team Chairperson by September 1st (5:00 p.m.) of the current playing season for Squirt Major, Pee Wees and Bantams and by November 15th (5:00 p.m.) of the current playing season for Midgets, after which date NO PLAYER may be signed or deleted from a Tier I Team except by approval of the AHAI Board of Directors.

**Roster - Return:**
USA Hockey rosters for Tier I Teams must be submitted to the AHAI Registrar by September 10th for 10U, 12U and 14U and September 15th for 18U, 16U and 15 only of the ensuing Playing Season (or by the team’s 1st game — no game may be played prior to obtaining a certified roster).
16.7.10 **Commitment Date:**
Aside from tryouts, no Tier I Player shall be required to participate in ANY Tier I activity prior to August 15th of the ensuing Playing Season.

16.7.11 **Fact Sheet:**
Tier I Teams and Tier I Organizations shall post on its website and furnish each Player and his/her parent(s), in writing, before any tryouts and prior to signing a Player Card, a Fact Sheet, providing full disclosure about Tier I Hockey by the Tier I Organization indicating all costs, *which shall, at a minimum, include coaches' salaries, fund raising requirements, any additional funds or monies due from the player* number of games and practices, amount of travel, any "rules" of the Tier I Organization/Team, and the actual costs of playing for the Tier I Team and Tier I Organization.

**ARTICLE 17**
**PLAYING RULES**

17.0 The Amateur Hockey Association Illinois, Inc. shall follow the Official Playing Rules of USA Hockey. Any exceptions or additions to these Playing Rules must be approved by the AHAI Board of Directors.

17.1 The AHAI Board of Directors enacted the following playing rule for all 8 & Under games played after September 8, 2003:

A Blue Puck *(weighing between four and four and one half ounces)* must be used for all games *(league or practice)* in the State of Illinois. Failure to use a Blue Puck in Illinois, either in a league game or a practice game, will result in the referee completing an Incident Report, naming all adults on the Home team bench and forwarding the Incident Report to the AHAI Rules and Ethics Committee for appropriate action.

**ARTICLE 18**
**REFEREE REGISTRATION**

18.0 A referee who is properly registered with USA Hockey/AHAI and the AHAI approved referee association will be eligible to officiate any and all games played between USA Hockey/AHAI properly registered teams. Teams not properly registered with USA Hockey/AHAI will not be allowed to use the services of the AHAI approved referee association.

**ARTICLE 19**
**AFFILIATE AGREEMENT**

19.0 **Affiliate Definition**

19.0.1 **Affiliate:** Affiliate means group of Members as defined in AHAI By-Law Article 4 that comprise at least three *(except High School and Juniors which may have one team)* Member teams in an organization *(“Organization”) that is authorized on a nonexclusive basis as an “Affiliate Association” under AHAI.*

19.1 **Authority-Jurisdiction**

19.1.1 **Affiliate Status/Authority:**

An Affiliate is to develop players and teams in Illinois and intended to do so primarily of Illinois players, and conduct the affairs of the Affiliate in order to promote the sport of amateur hockey in Illinois within the level authorized by AHAI in accordance with the By-Laws, Rules & Regulations of AHAI and USA Hockey *(“Authorized Level”).*
19.2 Authority:

19.2.1 **Separate Organization:** Affiliate is and shall be a separate organization and entity from AHAI.

19.2.2 **Conduct Its Affairs and Programs:** Affiliate is the organization who shall have initial authority to and shall conduct its affairs and programs and be responsible for the conduct of its affairs and programs, including, at least, the conduct of its directors, officers, officials, players, parents, coaches, referees, administrators, fans, participants, and members in accordance with the By-Laws, Rules & Regulations of AHAI and USA Hockey.

19.2.3 **Annual Basis:** The Affiliate’s authorization shall be on a year to year basis, but at all times shall be subject to disciplinary action including suspension or termination for failure to comply with the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations and decisions of AHAI and USA Hockey.

19.2.4 **Subject to AHAI and USA Hockey:** Affiliates must comply with the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations and decisions of AHAI, including its Committees and USA Hockey (including conduct that is not detrimental to hockey) whether within the State of Illinois or anywhere in the world. The By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of AHAI and USA Hockey and their decisions shall take precedence over and supercede all similar governing documents, authority and/ or decisions of the Affiliate.

19.3 **Fees and Fund-Raising:** The Affiliate is authorized to do the following:

19.3.1 **Fees:** to assess and charge a reasonable fee for participants/members within its Authorized Level for participation in the Affiliate’s program, in addition to the regular AHAI and USA Hockey fees. The amount of any charge shall be communicated in writing to each participant/member prior to tryouts/evaluations and any obligation of the participant/member.

19.3.2 **Fund-Raising:** to operate fund-raising programs to support its functions as an Affiliate Association of AHAI, including special charge on paid gate tournaments, games or events sponsored by the Affiliate but not on events sponsored by AHAI, nor may such events conflict with AHAI events, unless specifically authorized by AHAI.

19.4 **Authorized Services:**

19.4.1 Affiliate is authorized to perform and/or provide other services functions to promote and regulate the play of the sport of amateur hockey as an Affiliate of AHAI in the Affiliate’s Authorized Level.

19.5 **AHAI Cooperation/Name**

19.5.1 **AHAI Recognition of Teams:** AHAI will accept the recognize only those individuals and teams (i) within an Affiliate’s Authorized Level which hold and continue membership in good standing with an Affiliate or (ii) those that are authorized in an AHAI sanctioned league, all of which must be in good standing with AHAI and USA Hockey.

19.5.2 **Cooperation:** AHAI and Affiliate will cooperate with each other in the administration of the sport of amateur hockey within Affiliate’s
Authorized Level. It is understood, however, that the initial responsibility is with the Affiliate.

19.5.3 **AHAI Name:** Affiliate has no right to the name Amateur Hockey Association of Illinois, AHAI, or their logos ("AHAI Names") and shall not use AHAI Names or any affiliation with AHAI except as approved, in writing, by AHAI. Use of the words “Sanctioned Affiliate of AHAI” is approved.

19.6 **By-Laws and/or Policies That Must Be Adopted By The Affiliate:**

19.6.1 **By-Laws or General Guidelines:** Affiliate shall have written By-Laws or General Guidelines of the governance and authority of the Affiliate. It is recommended that they be By-Laws or a Constitution.

19.6.2 **Operating Policies, Rules & Regulations:** Affiliate shall have written Operating Policies, Rules, Regulations and Policies that will inform the participants/members (which in most instances when those terms are used shall include any potential member/participant) of the organization, of its day to day operating procedures, including any concept that Affiliate wishes to enforce and shall make them reasonably available to its participants/members prior to the earlier of (i) tryouts/evaluations of (ii) selection of any team. “Reasonably available” shall mean (i) if requested or inquiries are made, (ii) at tryouts evaluations or at registration and (iii) at conditioning clinics. The fact that an Operating Policy, Rule, Regulation or Policy is not in writing will not necessarily make it unenforceable, but will be taken into consideration.

19.7 **Organization Structure of Affiliate**

19.7.1 **Organizational Structure:** Affiliate shall prepare a written organization structure with sufficient detail of responsibilities on a REGISTRATION FORM, provided by AHAI and register the Affiliate on or before August 1 (or a date set by AHAI) of each hockey season. The REGISTRATION FORM shall be reasonably available to its Members.

19.7.2 **Corporation 501(c)(3) Status:** Except as set out in the AHAI By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, each Affiliate shall have a corporate structure and at all times maintain a tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or other acceptable and comparable IRS category and/or have a good faith application for IRS 501(c)(3) pending that shall be approved by the IRS within 180 days of submission of the application or other comparable IRS category status.

It is recognized that High School Affiliates may have some difficulty obtaining 501(c)(3) status. High School Affiliates shall be an Illinois Not-For-Profit corporation and it is strongly recommended to be a 501(c)(3) corporation. The High School Affiliates shall use reasonable efforts to become a 501(c)(3) corporation.

It is recognized that Tier III or Adult Affiliate structures may vary between governmental, not for profit and for profit organizations. If any Tier III Affiliate (House League) or Adult structure, because of its structure, believes the governance requirements do not fit with their structure, the Affiliate should contact the appropriate AHAI Committee prior to any issue being raised to resolve the matter.

19.7.3 **Protecting Affiliates:** Based upon the special skills, expertise and background in hockey and sports administration of the AHAI
Board of Directors, it is determined that it is vital to maintain the independence of 501(c)(3) and Not-For-Profit Affiliates from undue influence, potential conflicts of interest, inappropriate financial dealings, undermining of their IRS status or adversely influencing the Affiliate's compliance with the AHAI and/or USAH By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and Policies. The intent of this Rule set forth in this Article 19, shall govern and control over any specific language set out as restrictions. Therefore, except as set out in the AHAI By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, no Affiliate shall suffer (submit to or tolerate) or permit an officer, director, coach, hockey director or similar position, or team manager, directly or indirectly, by attribution or otherwise, to have any relationship as, nor shall such person or entity be, an officer, director, elected official, landlord, ice provider, an interest holder, or have a financial interest, investor or loan or debt holder relationship of another Affiliate nor in any business entity of whatsoever nature that interacts with the Affiliate operations other than an arms length business relationship or adversely influences or attempts to influence or control the Affiliate.

An Affiliate with any existing such relationship shall immediately advise AHAI in writing, identifying the person(s) or entity(ies) and the relationship and take reasonable steps to comply with this Rule, but, shall comply with this Rule within 90 days from the effective date of this Rule.

An exception to this Section 19.7.3 shall be that a Tier II or Girls Affiliate can be affiliated with a Learn to Skate, House League Affiliate, which affiliation shall be reported to AHAI in writing prior to implementing any such affiliation.

Another exception is the operation by the Affiliate of the Affiliate’s rink owned by the Affiliate, or the Affiliate’s rink in joint rink-ownership with other Affiliates who own the rink, each as approved in writing by the AHAI Board of Directors.

AHAI may from time to time set out specific examples or clarifications of prohibited conduct under this Section 19.7.3 and publish them on the AHAI web site and those are incorporated by reference in this Rule. However, if there is any question to the application or compliance with this Rule, the Affiliate and/or the person interacting with the Affiliate has the affirmative duty to inquire in writing from the AHAI Board of Directors prior to entering into any such relationship.

19.8 Governance

19.8.1 Government and Responsibility: The government and authority of Affiliate (other than a official governmental entity) shall be vested in a Board of Directors composed of at least five (5) representatives, as determined by Affiliate, who shall be representative of the Affiliate and its programs and fundamentally fair to all the participants members of the Affiliate. For Tier I, Tier II, High School and Girls Affiliates, the Board of Directors shall be composed predominantly of parents who have or have had a child in the program, (except for High School, which may have representative(s) who are employed by the High School) as set out in the Affiliate’s By-Laws, Rules and Regulations. It is recommended that there be multiple representatives for each level of the Affiliate’s program. The burden of proving fundamental fairness is on the Affiliate. It is recommended
that the terms of directors and officers be staggered. It is required there be one person ultimately responsible for the Affiliate as an officer and that there be a Treasurer, (or someone responsible for the financial aspect of the Affiliate), a Registrar, (or someone responsible for the registration of the Affiliate, its players and teams and other similar activities), a Coaching Manager (or someone who is responsible for all coaching aspects of the Affiliate), and a Referee Coordinator (someone who is responsible for coordinating and scheduling referees).

19.8.2 Annual Meetings: The Affiliate shall hold an annual meeting of its participants/members with reasonable notice of such meeting given.

19.8.3 Communication: The Affiliate shall establish reasonable methods of communication with its participants/members.

19.9 Minimum Principles

19.9.1 Affiliate Reflect Principles: Affiliate’s organization, structure, policy, By-Laws and/or operation of Affiliate shall reflect, and shall not violate, the following principles:

19.9.2 Team/Player Members: All registered teams, players and coaches of Affiliate, as a consideration of membership in good standing or participation with Affiliate, shall also be required to be “Registered Team Members”, players and coaches in good standing of AHAI and USA Hockey.

19.9.3 Overview of Program: Affiliate shall prepare and distribute to its members/participants and overview of its program, including its philosophies and associations (i.e. with Learn to Skate or Park Districts) the teams, ice times, team selection, and individual fees and costs, how team and individual fees and costs were determined and Grievance Procedure. This Overview shall be available and provided to participants/members prior to the earlier of (i) tryouts/evaluations of (ii) selection of any team.

19.9.4 Financial Reports/Dues and Assessments:

19.9.4.1 Financial Stability: Affiliate shall be able to prove financial stability.

19.9.4.2 Financial Overview: each participant/member must be provided in writing prior to any participation or obligation, a description of what will be provided to participant, the total cost to participant and any payment deadlines or rules.

19.9.5 Fees, Dues and Assessments: All fees, costs, dues and assessments by Affiliate shall be reasonable in relation to the programs it offers to its participants member.

19.9.6 Publication of Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations: Affiliate shall make its Constitution, By-Laws and other governing documents, including all amendments, available to its participants/members. Copies shall also be available upon reasonable request.

19.9.7 Equal Opportunity/Discrimination: Advise AHAI: In the event of any allegation of discrimination, Affiliate shall notify the AHAI Rules and Ethics Committee (AHAI R & E) in writing immediately upon knowledge of any allegation and keep AHAI R & E advised, in writing, (including but not limited to any investigation, action taken or recommended).
19.9.8 **Abuse:** (Adherence to the Safe Sport Policy in Article 21)

19.9.8.1 **Advise AHAI:** In the event of any allegation of abuse or potential abuse, *(including but not limited to ethnic, racial, sexual, physical or mental)* Affiliate shall notify the AHAI Rules & Ethics Committee (“AHAI R & E”), in writing, immediately upon knowledge of any allegation and keep AHAI R & E advised, in writing *(including but not limited to any investigation, action taken or recommended).*

19.9.9 **Mood Altering Substances/Advise AHAI:** In the event of any allegation of consumption, use, sale, gift or abuse of mood altering substances, the Affiliate shall advise the AHAI Rules & Ethics Committee (“AHAI R & E”) in writing immediately upon knowledge of any allegation and keep AHAI R & E advised in writing *(including but not limited to any investigation, action taken or recommended).*

19.9.10 **Grievance/Suspension Procedure:** Affiliate shall provide a written grievance procedure for the prompt and equitable resolution of grievances of its participants members. This procedure shall include, as a minimum, accordance with the Rules of AHAI and USA Hockey and generally provide for fair notice and an opportunity to be heard.

19.9.11 **Turnover Files:** Affiliate shall use reasonable efforts to prepare and have available “turnover” files for each of its operations with the intent of smooth transitions of personnel.

19.10 **Availability of Ice**

19.10.1 **Show Availability:** Affiliate shall be able to show sufficient availability of ice to support its program and promote that program in accordance with the By-Laws and Rules of AHAI and USA Hockey.

19.10.2 **Ice Contracts:** Affiliate shall have each ice contract it anticipates entering into or enters into reviewed by the USA Hockey Risk Manager for Illinois prior to entering into each contract.

19.11 **Insurance**

19.11.1 **General Liability:** Affiliate shall, at all times, obtain and be covered by the general liability insurance policy maintained by USA Hockey. The limited of that policy may be made by USA Hockey at its sole prerogative. Affiliate may also obtain whatever additional insurance overage it may desire, at its own expense, but agrees to name AHAI as an additional insured of any such policy. By purchasing and maintaining the USA Hockey general liability insurance policy, USA Hockey and AHAI do not assume, and indeed disclaims, any liability for any actions or omissions of Affiliate.

19.11.2 **Officers and Directors Liability:** Affiliate shall use reasonable efforts to purchase, acquire or provide, and maintain in full force and effect at all times, directors and officers’ liability insurance, and *(to the extent such insurance is not obtained through USA Hockey)* name USA Hockey and AHAI as an additional insured under any such policy *(Reference USA Hockey Affiliate Agreement 3H).*

19.11.3 **Crime Insurance:** Affiliate shall use reasonable efforts to purchase, acquire or provide, and maintain in full force and effect at all times, crime insurance, and *(to the extent such insurance is not obtained*
through USA Hockey) name USA Hockey and AHAI as an additional insured under any such policy (Reference USA Hockey Affiliate Agreement 3H).

19.12 Cooperation in Any Litigation

19.12.1 **AHAI and Affiliate Cooperate:** AHAI and Affiliate shall reasonable cooperate with each other in any litigation and provide reasonable support in connection with that cooperation, including but not limited to advice and testimony upon reasonable request; provided, however, that such cooperation shall not require AHAI to incur any out of pocket expense not reimbursed by Affiliate.

19.13 Responsibility

19.13.1 Every Affiliate shall be fully responsible to AHAI for including, but not limited to, the actions and/or infractions of its teams, players, coaches, managers, parents and personnel. This responsibility shall include, but not be limited to, debts incurred by or in the name of the Affiliate or any team of that Affiliate.

### ARTICLE 20

**WOMEN’S & GIRL’S**

#### 20.0 General Principles

20.0.1 **AHAI’S Philosophy on Girls/Women’s hockey** is as defined by USA Hockey in the USAH Annual Guide: To provide an innovative grassroots foundation for the growth and development of USA Hockey, designing programs aimed at increasing participation, improved skills and a responsible environment for the conduct of youth and girls’ hockey.

20.0.2 **All Affiliates fielding Girls’ teams including All-Inclusive Girls’ Affiliates** are required to adhere to AHAI Rules & Regulations Article 19 – Affiliate Agreement.

20.0.3 **All Affiliates fielding Girls’ teams including All-Inclusive Girls’ Affiliates** are required to adhere to all of AHAI’s Policies, By-Laws, Rules & Regulations unless otherwise specified in this Article.

20.0.4 **All Affiliates fielding Girls’ teams including All-Inclusive Girls’ Affiliates** are required to appoint and identify to the AHAI Girls’ Committee Chair a dedicated Girls’ Representative within their Affiliate’s Board Structure (Director of Girls’ Hockey).

20.0.5 **For purposes of clarity - Girls’ classifications will be designated as follows:**

- **Tier I (1) = AA Level**
- **Tier II (2)/Tier III (3) = A Level**

#### 20.1 All-Inclusive Girls’ Affiliate Application Process

The “Applicant” is defined as a rink, park district or any other organization recognized by USA Hockey and/or AHAI as having the qualifications to operate an affiliate organization. A proposed All-Inclusive Girls’ Affiliate is required to begin their program at the lowest level of play (8 & Under or 10 & Under) or the grassroots level (learn to skate programs following the USA Hockey ADM-American Development Model).

20.1.1 **Every Applicant must submit a signed “Application Verification and Acknowledgement” form along with their other required information.**
20.1.2 Girls Tier I – AA Level

(Refer to Section 20.3 of this Article)

20.1.3 Girls Tier II/Tier III – A Level

The provisions of Section 20.1.3 apply only to Tier II and Tier III – A Level programs

20.1.3.1 Affiliate Agreement: All entities submitting an application for a new All-Inclusive Girls’ “A” Level Affiliate must include within their by-laws the following statement: “The ________ Affiliate of the Amateur Hockey Association of Illinois shall adhere to all of the by-laws, rules, regulations and policies of USA Hockey and AHAI, including Article 19 of AHAI’s Rules & Regulations and Article 10 of USA Hockey’s By-Laws.

20.1.3.2 Deadline for new application submittal: An Applicant must submit their application and related materials to the AHAI Girls’ Committee no later than January 15th of the current playing season in order to be considered for beginning operations in the next year’s fall/winter season.

20.1.3.3 Determination: The AHAI Girls’ Committee is responsible to review the application, request additional information as the Committee deems necessary, undertake an in-person interview with the proposed Affiliate’s representatives as deemed warranted, and to conduct all other actions the Committee deems appropriate in acting upon the application. The Committee will submit its recommendations on the application to the AHAI Board, which will make the final decision on the application. The Committee will complete its work on all timely-submitted applications so that the AHAI Board may make its decision by April 15th of the season in which the application was submitted (or a later date in April after the AHAI Board’s April meeting). Written notification of the AHAI Board’s decision on the application will be sent to the Applicant.

20.1.3.4 Application: An Applicant for an All-Inclusive Girls Affiliate is required to submit a formal application to the AHAI Girls’ Committee Chair. The application must include but is not limited to the following:

- Brief description of the parties involved in submitting the application;
- Proposed Affiliate’s By-Laws;
- Identification of Board positions and job descriptions – Individual Names, if known;
- Location/name of the rink the proposed Affiliate will use as its “home rink” (defined as 51% or more of Applicant’s total ice utilization);
- Financial solvency data on the new Affiliate which demonstrates its financial ability to commence operations and to maintain the Affiliate’s operations year after year (i.e. player fees, ice costs, coach’s expenses, etc. – proposed budget);
- Proof of adequate ice contracts to sustain teams year after year based on average total per team hours per season.
20.1.3.5 Player recruiting restrictions: A new All-Inclusive Girls Affiliate may NOT obtain players from another AHAI Affiliate unless said current Affiliate has NO currently registered/rostered All Girls’ team(s) for the first (1st) regular playing season. A proposed All-Inclusive Girls’ Affiliate is required to begin their program at the lowest level of play (8 & Under or 10 & Under) or the grassroots level (learn to skate programs following the USA Hockey ADM-American Development Model).

20.1.3.6 Affiliate Teams Eligibility to Play: An approved new All- Inclusive Girls’ Affiliate will not be eligible for participation in the State Tournament until the Affiliate’s 2nd full year in existence. In the second year, the new All-Inclusive Girls’ Affiliate may have 8 and Under & 10 and Under teams participate in the State Tournament. In the third year of existence the Affiliate may add a 12 and Under team; and in each succeeding year the Affiliate may add the next higher age level.

(The purpose of this is to introduce more females to the sport in a given area while supporting the integrity of existing Affiliates.)

20.1.3.7 Player Registration: All players of a newly approved All-Inclusive Girls’ Affiliate will be required to be registered with USA Hockey through the USA Hockey portal

20.1.4 Combining Girls’ Programs – Existing Affiliates

20.1.4.1 Affiliates that cannot consistently sustain girls’ teams’ season to season may consider joining with another Affiliate in close geographic proximity to create a new All-Inclusive Girls’ Affiliate, but only under the approval, supervision and guidance of the AHAI Girls’ Committee. The proposed combined All-Inclusive Girls’ Affiliate under this rule cannot adversely affect any already- established Affiliate with sustained Girls’ programs/teams.

20.1.4.2 No more than two (2) Affiliates may be on the formal application except by specific exemption by the AHAI Girls’ Committee

20.1.4.3 Both Affiliates must jointly submit the application

20.1.4.4 The application must contain all information required in Section 20.1.3 and in addition the following information must be provided in the application:

a. Reason for the proposed combination;

b. Historical information on the number of female players within their respective Affiliates for the past five (5) seasons;

c. What types of hockey programming have been offered at both Affiliates to attract and retain girls for the past five (5) seasons.

20.1.4.5 The proposed combined Affiliate must show proof that they will be able to roster a minimum of one 10 & Under team and one 12 & Under team from within.

20.1.4.6 NO players already playing for another Affiliate will be allowed to be added to the proposed newly combined Affiliate at any age level the first (1st) regular playing season. (Spring/Summer are not considered part of the regular playing season)
The purpose is to create more opportunities for new players to join an All-Inclusive Girls’ Affiliate in a geographic area where otherwise they would play on a youth team or would cause a player to travel a further distance.

20.2 Girls Age Classifications / Game Limits

20.2.1 Age Classifications as designated by USA Hockey beginning with the 2019-2020 Season - Refer to AHAI Rules & Regulations Article 4, section 4.6 and subsection 4.4.9

20.2.1.1 8-year old players may play up on a 10 & Under team provided that the number does not exceed 50% of the total players rostered

20.2.1.2 9-year old and 10-year old players may play up on a 12 & Under team

20.2.1.3 At the 14 & Under, 16 & Under and 19 & Under age levels a player may play up one (1) age level

20.2.2 Game Limits — The intent of this rule is to increase the practice to game ratio of all AHAI affiliate teams and to emulate the introduction of the USA Hockey American Development Model. Accordingly, commencing with the 2009-2010 season, AHAI has imposed team game limits at the Tier II/Tier III levels. (Refer to AHAI Rules & Regulations Article 1 section 1.3)

20.2.3 Tier II/Tier III teams may NOT participate in Tier I leagues, showcases, tournaments or games above 20% of their published game count for the current playing season.

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20.2.4 Explanation: Tier II/Tier III teams shall only be allowed to play 20% of the total amount of the maximum published game limits against any Tier I or Tier II/Tier III team, respectively. For example—The 12 & Under maximum game limit is 45. Therefore, no 12 & Under Tier II/Tier III team may play more than 9 games (20%) against any Tier I team. Tournament weekends, no matter the number of games a team plays at the tournament shall count as 3 games played at that tournament’s registered level. All Showcase events count for the exact number of games actually played in the event. League playoff games and the State Tournament games are NOT included in determining maximum game counts.

20.2.4.1 Definition of a game: For the purposes of this rule, the definition of what constitutes a ‘game’ shall include the definition of that term as found in Section VIII-A of the USA Hockey Rules and Regulations and shall also mean the following, whichever is more expansive: A contest between two separate, rostered teams that uses one or more Officials, is played under the applicable USA Hockey Official Rules of Ice Hockey and a time clock is used regardless of the length of the periods.
20.2.5 Non-Compliance: Affiliates violating the Maximum Game Limits and/or the 20% Rule will be referred to the AHAI Rules & Ethics Committee along with the coach from the team violating this rule. The recommended consequence includes but is not limited to disqualification from the State Tournament, notification to the league the team plays in and possible forfeiture of an Affiliate's current membership status.

20.3 Girls Tier I (AA Level)

The Girls’ Committee will work closely with the AHAI Tier I Committee on all matters pertaining to Girls Tier I hockey.

20.3.1 Authority: The AHAI Tier I Committee shall have responsibility for all matters pertaining to Girls hockey within Tier I Member Associations, Tier I Affiliates, Tier I Teams and Tier I Hockey, subject to the AHAI Board of Directors review, direction, change and approval.

For all other applicable regulations, refer to Article 16, Tier I (Open or AAA Teams) of the AHAI Rules and Regulations and USA Hockey Team Memberships & Registrations subsection “F” Girls’ Tier I Standards & Criteria.

20.4 Girls Early Tryouts

20.4.1 Any approved AHAI Affiliate fielding Tier I Girls’ teams will be eligible to hold tryouts beginning May 15th and ending May 31st.

20.4.2 Any Tier I Girls’ team from an AHAI Affiliate wishing to tryout in this window of time must submit in writing their intent to do so no later than April 1st. Letters of intent will be emailed to the Tier I Committee Chair. Confirmation of receipt will be sent within 24 hours.

20.4.3 Tier I Girls’ Affiliates wishing to tryout in the early time window may not field more than one team per age level per Affiliate.

20.4.4 All approved AHAI Affiliate teams requesting to tryout early in this window of time will be scheduled in a grid so as to avoid conflict. This tryout window will apply to the following age groups: 12u, 14u, 16u and 19u. Age groups younger than 12u are not eligible for early tryouts.

20.4.5 Each team shall furnish each player and her parent(s), in writing, before any tryout and prior to signing a player card, a fact sheet, providing full disclosure about the team indicating all costs, number of games and practices, amount of travel, any “rules” of the team.

20.4.6 Signed player cards must be delivered to the AHAI Tier I Committee Chair no later than June 2nd and will be binding to those players for the ensuing hockey season. These player cards will commit all signed players to play for that team that season. Players may not “opt out” once a player card has been signed. Any player who signs a qualified player card is committed to that Tier I team.

20.4.7 A team will be qualified by a minimum of twelve (12) players and one (1) goaltender. Any Tier I Girls’ Affiliate not fielding twelve (12) players and one (1) goaltender on a team by June 2nd, (as evidenced by 13 players signature cards, will not be allowed to field a team at that age level for the coming season. The team will be disbanded and those players’ names may be submitted to the AHAI Girls’ Chair for distribution amongst other Tier II Affiliates.
20.4.8 Player additions to a qualified Tier I team roster (supplemental roster) may take place from June 2 – June 16. Those rosters will be frozen from June 16 – September 15. Thereafter teams may add players to their early tryout roster. A player may not be cut from a team after signing the player card without AHAI approval.

20.4.9 No player shall be required to pay monies in excess of actual ice time cost or participate in mandatory team activities prior to August 15th of the ensuing playing season. The season shall commence on August 15th of each year and end on the last day National Tournament for National Bound age levels. 12 & Under team’s season will end with the completion of the Illinois State Tournament.

20.4.10 Players who are cut from the early tryouts from an AHAI Tier I Affiliate may choose to have their names submitted to the AHAI Girls Committee Chair for release to other Affiliates who may need players. This is an optional program for players. Player information is submitted to other AHAI Affiliates upon request only.

20.5 Later Tryout Option

20.5.1 Any team from an AHAI approved Affiliate not participating in the early tryout window may begin tryouts on August 15th.

20.5.2 These teams will be designated “A” Level of play for the State Tournament.

20.5.3 These teams will be responsible for continuing on to the Tier II/III Girls’ District and/or National Tournaments should they win the State Tournament.

20.5.4 Players who are cut at early tryouts or from any of these Affiliates may choose to have their names submitted to the AHAI Girls’ Committee Chair for release to other Affiliates who may need players. This is an optional program for players. Player information is submitted to other AHAI Affiliates upon request only.

20.6 Girls Tier II/Tier III (A Level)

The intent of Girls Tier II/Tier III hockey is to emulate community-based hockey; meaning you play in geographic proximity to where you reside.

20.6.1 Affiliate Playing Restriction

20.6.1.1 Tier II/Tier III female players must play on teams based within AHAI. Players may not choose to play on Tier II/Tier III teams in another State unless they do not have a Tier II/Tier III team in their playing age category within their State. The intent of this rule is to help Affiliates within each USA Hockey Affiliate to develop programs at the Tier II/Tier III level of play and to encourage players to develop locally.

20.6.2 General Intent: The general intent of Tier II/Tier III Girls Hockey in Illinois is to provide an opportunity for female players to develop and compete at the travel level with a Community-Based Affiliate while being guided by the fundamentals and principals set forth in USA Hockey’s American Development Model (Does include Girls’ 8 and Under & 10 and Under age levels).

20.6.2.1 General: A Tier II/Tier III Affiliate is an Affiliate duly organized and operating in accordance with the By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and Policies of AHAI and USA Hockey.
20.6.2.2 Limitation: Tier II/Tier III Affiliates MUST be an entirely separate and distinct entity and operation apart from a Tier I Affiliate

20.6.2.3 Responsibility: Each Tier II/Tier III Affiliate shall govern, control and be fully responsible for its Affiliate’s actions, inactions and/or infraction of its teams, players, coaches, managers, parents and personnel. This responsibility shall include debts incurred by or in the name of the Tier II/Tier III Affiliate or any of its Tier II/Tier III teams

20.6.2.4 Tier II/Tier III Season: The season shall begin on August 15th of each year and end on the last day of the Nationals Tournament of each year unless otherwise approved by the AHAI Girls’ Committee

20.6.2.5 Affiliates’ Growth: It is NOT the intent of Tier II/Tier III Affiliates, their personnel, coaches or players to solicit, recruit, steal players from other AHAI Affiliates but rather to maintain a Community-Based environment where geographically possible

20.6.3 Tryouts: All Affiliates must publicly announce their tryout dates. This announcement must be in place at least thirty (30) days in advance of the first date but under no circumstances prior to forty-eight hours after the conclusion of the Women’s and Girls’ National Tournaments

20.6.3.1 Tryouts may begin August 15th of each year

20.6.3.2 Announcement of tryouts must include the following:
   a. Affiliate name
   b. Levels of tryouts and Coaches names, if known
   c. Contacts with phone numbers
   d. Brief statement about the program
   e. Dates, times and location(s) of tryouts
   f. Costs

20.6.3.3 Player cuts should be sent to the AHAI Girls Committee Chair for assistance in placement within another AHAI Affiliate

20.6.4 Team and Player Eligibility: Refer to Article 2 of the AHAI By-Laws, Rules & Regulations (Note: Two-Choice Rule applies to Girls’ Hockey as does the 2/4/6/8 Rule)

20.6.5 Team Registration and Rosters: (Refer to Article 3 and 4 of the AHAI Rules & Regulations)

20.6.5.1 Rosters must be submitted to the AHAI Registrar for certification and be certified prior to any on or off ice team functions, practices or games

20.7 Girls High School

The Girls Committee will work closely with the High School Committee on all matters pertaining to Girls High School Hockey

20.7.1 High School Team Definition (Also refer to Article 1 for the definition of a High School Team): A High School Team shall consist of a group of players that, having complied with all the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of AHAI, must have played at least twenty (20) games during the season as a unit. The deadline to be added to a roster and be eligible is December 31st.
A girl High School player may double roster on a boy’s High School team provided that she is not on the roster of ANY other team. Youth, Tier I or other. The rules of what program a girl skater may play for are the same as for boys.

20.8 Coach(es) Movement

20.8.1 Coaches who move from one Tier II/Tier III Affiliate to another Tier II/Tier III Affiliate cannot coach any of the same players from the previous season’s AHAI/USAH rostered team for a period of one season with the new Tier II/Tier III Affiliate.

20.8.2 Classification: Coach is any rostered Head or Assistant Coach for a Tier II/Tier III Affiliate during the USA Hockey playing season. This includes a coach that is not rostered but coaches the team or is on the bench for more than 33% of the season.

20.8.3 Classification: Player is any player who was rostered on the same Tier II/Tier III Affiliate’s roster as the Coach (Exception: family member or relative of the coach).

20.8.4 Classification: Hockey Director of an AHAI registered Tier II/Tier III Affiliate shall not count as a Coach if listed on all of the Affiliate’s rosters as an Assistant Coach. If a Hockey Director is listed as the Head Coach of a team the rules of sub-section 20.4 of Article 20 then apply. If there are unique circumstances that a Hockey Director becomes a Head Coach of a team during the season, the new Affiliate may petition the AHAI Girls Committee for a ruling on the eligibility of the coach before the next season.

20.8.5 Coaches coaching players from a prior Affiliate see AHAI Rules & Regulations Article 2 – Team & Player Eligibility section 2.7.6

20.9 Girls 2, 4, 6, 8

20.9.1 All 8 & Under Tier II/Tier III teams are limited to a maximum of two players who played for another Tier II/III Girls team the previous regular fall/winter season.

20.9.2 All 10 & Under Tier II/Tier III teams are limited to a maximum of four players who played for another Tier II/III Girls team the previous regular fall/winter season.

20.9.3 All 12 & Under Tier II/Tier III teams are limited to a maximum of six players who played for another Tier II/III Girls team the previous regular fall/winter season.

20.9.4 All 14 & Under Tier II/Tier III teams are limited to a maximum of eight players who played for another Tier II/Tier III Girls team the previous regular fall/winter season.

20.9.5 Non-Compliance: Affiliates violating the 2, 4, 6, 8 Tier II/Tier III Girls Rule will be referred to the AHAI Rules & Ethics Committee along with the coach from the team violating this rule. The recommended consequence includes but is not limited to disqualification from the State Tournament, notification to the league the team plays in and notification to the AHAI Suspension Committee for possible additional sanctions to the Affiliate President and or the Head Coach in violation of this rule.
20.10 Girls Two-Choice

20.10.1 Every female hockey player playing Girls’ Hockey in the State of Illinois may choose between two (2) Tier II/Tier III Affiliates as to where to play amateur Girls’ hockey. For the purposes of this section, a Tier II/Tier III Affiliate is defined as any AHAI Affiliate that fields ALL Girls’ teams either as an all-inclusive Girls’ Affiliate or part of a youth Affiliate. If one of those choices ceases to be a viable choice due to cessation of operations that player shall automatically receive a new choice.

20.10.2 The Girls two-choice rule is in effect beginning with the 2019-2020 regular playing season. (Youth choices do NOT count as part of the Girl’s Two-Choice Rule & vice versa).

20.10.3 Counseling: Every player and her family first entering a Girls’ team shall be counseled as to their opportunities, special considerations and choices, but it remains the responsibility of the player and her parent(s)/guardian(s) to obtain information and to be fully informed as to all the regulations and obligations that may apply. This may be done by contacting the AHAI Girls’ Committee Chair via phone or email.

20.10.4 The Two-Choice Rule applies to those players playing on teams at the following age levels: 8 & Under, 10 & Under, 12 & Under, 14 & Under.

20.10.4.1 A request for a choice substitution shall be provided to the Girls’ Committee Chair in writing (via the on-line request form) if a player and her parent(s) are seeking a third choice.

20.10.4.2 That the predicament of the player is due to unique circumstances that were not created by the player: If a substitution request is based on an Affiliate’s R&E or any other issue, the request must be accompanied by the Affiliate’s R&E findings and supporting documentation.

20.10.4.3 Individuals who played for an Affiliate that does not field a team at a level will not count against the maximum if a player chooses to move to a new Affiliate.

20.10.4.4 That the purpose in requesting the substitution is not based exclusively upon a desire to be rostered on a team that is perceived to be better.

20.10.4.5 That the granting of the substitution furthers the goals, objectives and policies of USA Hockey & AHAI.

20.10.4.6 That the granting of the substitution is not detrimental to either of the two previous Affiliates or undermining the “Community Based Principles” of Tier II/Tier III Hockey.

20.10.4.6 If a player and her parent(s) request a substitution they must give up a past choice.

20.10.4.7 ‘Financial Hardship’ is not a basis for a request for substitution. Further, it is not intended that every player must have two (2) viable options at any given time. The rule states two (2) choices not two (2) viable options.

20.10.4.8 No additional third (3rd) choice or substitution shall be given to any player in the 8 & Under or 10 & Under playing age levels without the approval of the AHAI Board of Directors or it’s
designated representative. If the player and family move from
the rink of the first choice which is within ten (10) miles of the
home and the new residence is at a distance of twenty (20)
miles more from the prior choice, they may petition the Girls’
Committee for a second (2nd) choice. The two choices then
become permanent until the player reaches the 16 & Under
level

20.10.4.9 Players staying within their two (2) choice Affiliates may move
back and forth between these Affiliates

20.10.4.10 At the discretion of the AHAI Board of Directors, the substitution
choice granted by the AHAI Board of Directors may be
permanent or for a specific playing season

20.10.4.11 Players who submit a request for substitution of a choice may
not participate in any of the possible third Team’s or Affiliate’s
function until such time as the request has been approved

20.10.5 An additional choice will be given to those players entering 16 &
Under & 19 & Under if one or both of the previous Affiliates are not
fielding teams at these age levels

20.11 Girls Dual/Double Rostering

20.11.1 Dual Rostering: Defined as a female player that is rostered on more
than one team within the same Affiliate.

20.11.1.1 A female player rostered on a Girls’ team and a Youth team in
the same Affiliate

20.11.2 Double Rostering: Defined as a female player that is on more
than one team in two different Affiliates.

20.11.2.1 A female player rostered on both a Youth team for one
Affiliate and a Girls’ Team for another Affiliate

20.11.2.2 A female player may also play on a High School Team
(boys or girls) if not prohibited by the High School Club

20.11.2.3 Players may NOT roster on an Adult Women’s Team and
a Youth or Girls’ Team except as otherwise permitted
by the AHAI Girls’ Committee and the AHAI Women’s
Committee

20.11.2.4 Players on a Girls’ 16 & Under roster may play-up on
their Club’s 19 & Under team for a maximum of ten (10)
games. No play-up is allowed after December 31st. Only
appropriate birth year players (15-year old & 16-year old
birth years) on the 16 & Under roster can play-up to 19
& Under. All games played count toward the maximum
number of ten games. Rosters cannot exceed the USA
Hockey limit of 20 players. The number of players playing
up is limited to the number of open slots on a twenty (20)
player roster

20.12 Girls’ State Tournament

20.12.1 Tier I (AA)

20.12.1.1 State Tournament rules and deadlines will be published by the
Tier I Tournament Director/Committee with the assistance of
the AHAI Tier I Committee Chair & the AHAI Girls’ Committee
Chair
20.12.2 Tier II/Tier III (A & B)

20.12.2.1 State Tournament rules and deadlines will be published by the AHAI Girls’ State Tournament Director/Committee with the assistance of the AHAI Girls’ Committee Chair.

20.12.3 Girls High School

20.12.3.1 State Tournament rules and deadlines will be published by the AHAI High School State Tournament Director/Committee with the assistance of the AHAI High School Chair & the AHAI Girls’ Committee Chair.

20.13 Declarations of National Bound Team

20.13.1 In the event a player is registered on more than one team that participates in games leading towards a USA Hockey National Tournament, the player must declare, in writing, by December 31st to the Central District Registrar, the AHAI Registrar and the AHAI Girls’ Committee Chairperson for which tournament bound team the player wishes to be eligible to advance with. If the player does not indicate which team the player wishes to advance with by such deadline, the Central District Registrar shall have the final authority to certify the eligibility of any such player solely based on the effective date of the receipt of the earliest Team’s Roster Registration.

20.14 Non-National Bound Levels

20.14.1 The following age levels are considered non-National bound and therefore are not required to submit a declaration and may play in both State Tournaments.

a. Girls’ 10 & Under
b. Girls’ 12 & Under
c. Girls’ 14 & Under (14B division only) – rosters where there are 11-year olds listed or rosters where there are more than three 12-year olds listed and those with a combination of both
d. Girls may play in two (2) State Tournaments, one for Girls and one for Youth, so long as neither is a National Bound level.

20.15 National Bound Levels

Beginning with the 2020-2021 regular playing season 12-year olds will no longer be eligible to be rostered on a 14 and Under or above National Bound age level team.

20.15.1 The following age levels are considered National bound and therefore are required to submit a declaration by the deadline date and to the persons listed above.

a. Girls’ 14 & Under – pure rosters only (effective beginning the 2020-2021 regular playing season) or those rosters where there are no more than three 12-year olds (this will NO LONGER be in effect after the 2019-2020 regular playing season)
b. Girls’ 16 & Under
c. Girls’ 19 & Under

20.15.2 All teams entering the State Tournament at the National Bound level do so with the intent of advancing to Districts and Nationals including but not limited to the State Championship Team (At-Large Bids are a possibility at all levels of Girls Hockey).
20.15.3 National Bound Girls’ 14 & Under teams with 12-year olds

a. Up to three (3) 12U aged Girls may participate on any National Bound Girls’ 14 & Under team, per USA Hockey Rules & Regulations IX, Section 1(3) (ONLY in effect for the 2019-2020 regular playing season)

b. A twelve (12) year old player may NOT be added to an Affiliate’s Girls’ 14 & Under team at the expense of a current 14U player

c. NOR at the expense of the Affiliate’s Girls’ 12 & Under team regardless of the number of players, will be required to submit a petition to include player’s names and birth year to the AHAI Girls’ Committee Chair for review of compliance prior to the certification of the roster by the AHAI Registrar

20.15.4 Player Restrictions: Once a declaration is announced, the player will be bound to that team for the State Tournament and may NOT play with the player’s other team in the State Tournament even if the declared team does not advance beyond the play-in or round robin games

20.15.5 Player Eligibility: Only players on the certified USAH/AHAI roster are eligible to participate in the State Tournament. All players are required to have played in a minimum of 75% of the team’s scheduled season games.

a. Scheduled tournaments will count for a maximum of three (3) games provided the tournament is a 3-game guarantee

b. Injured players who are noted as such on the score sheet shall be allowed to count the missed game as a game played

20.15.6 Team Eligibility: - Each team may dress a maximum of twenty (20) players including goal keepers for each State Tournament game with a maximum of eighteen (18) skaters

a. The deadline for teams to add players to the roster and be eligible is December 31st

b. Team seeding will be determined by the Girls’ State Tournament Committee after all teams have registered and completed their rankings of the participating teams in their respective age divisions (this is not applicable for Tier I (AA) Girls’ Teams)

c. All information will be distributed and posted by the Girls’ State Tournament Committee with the aid of the AHAI Girls Committee

20.16 Women’s (Adult)

20.16.1 Adult Women’s teams may not actively solicit or recruit players under the age of 18

20.16.2 Adult Women’s teams must submit a roster before any games are played

20.16.3 Adult Women may roster with multiple Adult Women’s teams. All female players must be 18 years of age or older to play on an Adult Women’s team

20.16.4 All Adult Women’s teams are eligible to participate in the Adult Women’s State Tournament. Deadlines and tournament rules will be published by the AHAI Women’s State Tournament Committee

20.16.5 All female players must be at the age of maturity to play on an Adult
Women’s team. There is a provision for a one-year waiver under special circumstances if approved by a Waiver Committee after a review of each case.

20.16.6 Adult Women’s teams may hold tryouts for the subsequent playing season only after the completion of the current season’s USA Hockey Women’s and Girl’s National Tournaments.

ARTICLE 21
SAFETY

21.0 Safety

The safety of its participants is of paramount importance to USA Hockey. This includes not only on-ice safety, but also off-ice safety in any part of USA Hockey’s programs.

USA Hockey has ZERO TOLERANCE for abuse and misconduct. USA Hockey Safe Sport is a program that includes, and is focused on, the organization’s off-ice safety efforts.

The USA Hockey Safe Sport Handbook addresses the following:

- Policies prohibiting the following:
  - sexual abuse
  - physical abuse
  - emotional abuse
  - bullying, threats and harassment
  - hazing

- Other policies included address areas where misconduct can occur and are intended to reduce the risk of potential abuse, including:
  - a locker room policy
  - an electronic communications policy
  - a travel policy
  - a billeting policy
  - an education and awareness training policy
  - Screening and background check program
  - Reporting of concerns of abuse
  - Responding to abuse and other misconduct
  - Monitoring and supervision of the SafeSport Program

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

Mandatory Reporting law requires that (a) all adult members of an National Governing Body (NGB) body or a facility under the jurisdiction of an NGB or at any event sanctioned by an NGB, and (b) all adults authorized by such members to intract with an amateur athlete, immediately report an allegation of child abuse of an amateur athlete who is a minor to: (i) The Center for Safe Sport, and (ii) to law enforcement.
For the complete USA Hockey Safe Sport Handbook, visit www.usahockey.com/safesport.


Note: These are subject to change by federal statute and/or USOPC requirements at any time.

ARTICLE 22
SCREENING

22.0 General: AHAI has implemented a screening program. For the 1998-99 playing season (including Spring and Summer) and thereafter all ice hockey coaches, managers and on-ice officials (“persons to be screened”) (and AHAI recommends that all member association’s administrators) must consent to be screened, complete an Authorization to Release Information, be fingerprinted at an AHAI authorized Fingerprint Service Center, retain and produce upon inquiry by AHAI or the organization for which the individual persons to be screened, a Receipt stamped by the authorized Fingerprint Service Center showing that the person to be screened was fingerprinted and provided the Authorization to Release Information Form.

22.1 Deadlines: All Tier I, Tier II and Tier III Coaches and Managers must be Screened through the AHAI Screening Program BEFORE they are allowed to participate in ANY On-Ice or Off-Ice activities. All on ice officials must be screened upon their 18th birthday or they will be suspended and their names will be placed on a Temporary Suspended List (not allowed to schedule games) until compliance with the Screening Policy.

In compliance with the USA Hockey Central District Policy: any adults on a Men's or Women's team that roster a player under the age of 18 must all be Screened by the AHAI Screening Program. The exception to this would be any Special Needs Hockey Teams (i.e. teams such as the Tomahawks or Hornets Sled Hockey teams).

22.2 Screening Results and Procedure: Each person to be screened will be advised in writing regarding any adverse information as a result of the screening process and of the person’s options. Certain adverse information may result in immediate suspension with the opportunity to have a hearing with the AHAI Screening Committee in accordance with USAH ByLaw 10 “Summary Suspension”. Other adverse information may result in the person being screened being advised and provided the opportunity to have a hearing with the AHAI Screening Committee and action taken to and including suspension.

22.3 Compliance: Each member association and person to be screened shall comply with the forms and instructions issued by AHAI.

22.4 Procedures To Implement: The AHAI Screening Committee may prepare and distribute additional rules and procedures to implement this policy.

22.5 Refusal to Be Screened: Any individual required to be screened who does not consent to be screened and complete the Authorization to Release Information Form shall not be allowed to participate in amateur hockey in Illinois or in any sanctioned USA Hockey event and will be placed on permanent suspension until they comply with this Policy and have a hearing with the AHAI Screening Committee.
22.6 Non-Compliance: Any member association and/or person to be screened not complying with this Rule other than those covered under Section C and F will be referred to the AHAI Screening Committee for appropriate action up to and including suspension.

ARTICLE 23
LACERATION PROTECTORS

23. 0 Players must wear neck guards for all on ice activities. If a player is observed on the ice without a neckguard, the official will remove that player from the ice until he/she is in compliance. Neck guards must be worn according to the manufacturers specifications. They must fit properly, not oversized, pushed down, unzipped, rolled over, taped or in any way altered. If they are modified in any way they are neck guards and the player will be removed. Failure to leave the ice will result in a delay of game penalty. A misconduct penalty shall be assessed to any player or goalkeeper of that team for a subsequent violation during that game.

Neck Guard Definition: Neck guards are specifically designed by the manufacturer to protect the neck. They are clearly labeled as such. There are the shirt type that zip up or the band type that attach to velcro. Arm bands, head bands, plain turtle necks and moc turtle necks are not neck guards.

NOTE Additional rules which may be required to be enacted by the AHAI Board of Directors that are “in the best interests of hockey” may not be included in this publication. Please consult the AHAI web site for the most current version of the AHAI Rules and Regulations.
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Plan to keep this date open for you and your family as many new and exciting events are planned for this night.

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1st St. Viator — 2nd Loyola

**Combined Division Varsity Tournament Winner & Runner Up**
1st Waubonsie — 2nd Glenbard

**Combined Division Junior Varsity Tournament Winner & Runner Up**
1st Wheaton West Black — 2nd Prairie Ridge Black

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2019 HIGH SCHOOL COACHES ALL-STATE TEAM

The AHAI Coaches Illinois All-State team is selected from votes cast by the High School Varsity Coaches.

GOALKEEPERS
Jack Blanchard  SR  Neuqua Valley
Charles Doherty  SR  St Ignatius
Jacob Grabarek  SR  Oswego
Brennan Nein  SR  Glenbrook North
Nathan Rutledge  SR  Wheaton West
Andrew Shearson  SR  Loyola Gold

DEFENSE
Jacob Baxter  SR  Wheaton West
Thomas Burke III  SR  Glenbrook North
Joseph Dalton  SR  OPRF
Dominic Fischer  SR  St Ignatius
Connor Fullick  SR  Sandburg
William Jeffers  SR  Brother Rice
Christopher Lee  SR  York
Nicholas Liebers  SR  Loyola Gold
Brian Lolli  SR  St Viator
Anthony Salemi  SR  Maine Township
Jack Sheahan  SR  Lane Tech
David Wilcox  SR  Glenbrook North

FORWARDS
Richard Araujo  SR  Hinsdale Central
Mark Ashmore  SR  New Trier Green
Connor Bauman  SR  St Viator
Justin Cuddy  SR  PREP
Thomas Davis  JR  Providence Catholic
Patrick Doyle  SR  St Ignatius
Maxwell Dukovac  JR  Oswego
Jack Ferrino  JR  Hinsdale Central
Aidan Finegan  SR  Loyola Gold
George Giese  SR  Highland Park
Giovanni Gulino  SR  Leyden
Jack Jones  JR  Barrington
William Kopka  SR  Stevenson
Eric Kurpiewski  SR  BGHW
Tyler Kuta  SR  Wheaton West
Zachary Lupori  SR  Glenbard
Luke J. Napleton  JR  St Rita
Jack Nimrod  SR  St Viator
Eamon O’Brien  SR  Loyola Gold
Billy Paschen  SR  York
Zachary Pearce  JR  Waubonsie
Colin Ries  SR  Providence Catholic
Will Sammons  SR  Benet
Griffin Slobodnik  SR  Lake Forest
2019
AHAI YOUTH DIVISION
BLACKHAWK CUP
STATE CHAMPIONS

TIER I
Squirt AAA Major
PeeWee AAA Minor
PeeWee AAA Major
Bantam AAA Minor
Bantam AAA Major
Midget 15
Midget AAA Minor
Midget AAA Major

CHAMPIONS
Chicago Fury
Mission
Chicago Fury
Mission
Chicago Fury
Mission
Mission
Chicago Fury

RUNNER-UP
Chicago Mission
Team Illinois
Young Americans
Team Illinois
Chicago Mission
Young Americans
Young Americans
Chicago Mission

TIER II
Squirt B
Squirt A
Squirt AA
PeeWee B
PeeWee A
PeeWee AA
Bantam B
Bantam A
Bantam AA
Midget AA Minor
Midget AA Major

CHAMPIONS
Sabres
Chicago Blues
Chicago Jets
Chicago Bulldogs
Chicago Jets
Falcons
Chicago Blues
Falcons
Chicago Hawks
Falcons
Cyclones

RUNNER-UP
Hawks
Falcons Blues
Chicago Blues
Chicago Hawks
Bulldogs
Sabres
Express
Falcons
Bulldogs
Vikings
Falcons

GIRLS
Girls 10 & Under "A"
Girls 12 & Under "A"
Girls 12 & Under "AA"
Girls 14 & Under "A"
Girls 14 & Under "NB-A"
Girls 14 & Under "AA"
Girls 16 & Under "A"
Girls 16 & Under "AA"
Girls 19 & Under "A"
Girls 19 & Under "AA"

CHAMPIONS
Warhawks
Sabres
Mission
Warhawks
CIGHA
Young Americans
Chicago Bruins
Mission
Sabres
Mission

RUNNER-UP
Leafs
Glenview
Team Illinois
Chicago Bruins
Franklin Park
Mission
Warhawks
Team Illinois
Chicago Bruins
Young Americans
Congratulations to the following athletes from Illinois who were selected to play for the United States in international competition.

All of us in Illinois are proud of their hard work and dedication and we continue to support them as they represent Illinois and our nation.

2019 ILLINOIS PLAYERS DRAFTED BY NHL
Alex Turcotte • Alex Vlasic • Owen Lindmark • Cole Coskey

2019 USAH MEN’S WORLD UNIVERSITY TEAM
Joe Kinsella • Zach Mitchell • Tyler Oplika • Jack Rowe

2019 USAH WOMEN’S WORLD UNIVERSITY TEAM
Darby Edmondson • Jasmine Malinowski • Christy VonAulock

2019 USAH MEN’S NATIONAL U18 SELECT TEAM
Cameron Rowe • Owen Lindmark • Alec Turcotte • Alex Vlasic

2019 ALL AMERICAN PROSPECTS TEAM
Owen Lindmark • Cameron Rowe • Alex Turcotte • Alex Vlasic

2018-19 USA HOCKEY NTDP UNDER 17 TEAM
Sean Berens • Jack Devine

2019 USAH HOCKEY NATIONAL SLED HOCKEY TEAM
Travis Dodson • Kevin McKee • Brody Roybal

2018-19 USA NATIONAL WOMEN’S SLED HOCKEY TEAM
Erica Mitchell

2019 USAH HOCKEY NATIONAL SELECT SLED CAMP
Ethan Burkhardt • Juan Rodarte
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We also wish to recognize those players who have attained the next level of success as part of the USA Hockey Player Development program.

2019 USAH UNDER 18 WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM
Abbey Murphy

2019 USAH WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM
Megan Bozek • Jesse Compher • Kendall Coyne Schofield

2019 USAH HLINKA CUP TEAM
Donald Kempf

2019 USAH U17 MEN'S SELECT TEAM
David Burnside • Simon Motew • Jack Silich

2019 USA HOCKEY CENTRAL DISTRICT 16 CAMP
Al Babich
Oliver Band
Jackson Baker
Trevor Burns
Jonah Copre
Grayden Daul
Colin Doherty
Tyler Haskins
Ryan Hintz
Geno McEnery
Simon Motew
Kyle Muhr
P. George Pavlus
Dominick Rivelli
Hunter Scanlon
Hayden Siegel
Jack Silich
Trevor Stachowiak
Jayden Tiu
John Wojciechowski

2019 USA HOCKEY SELECT 17 FESTIVAL
Jack Horbach
George Keane
Maxwell Itagaki
Hunter Longhi
Matthew Romer
Kyle Smolen
John Waldron
Matthew Basgall
Donald Kempf
Wyatt Schingoethe
Caden Varga

2019 USA HOCKEY SELECT 16 FESTIVAL
Tyler Haskins
Dominick Rivelli
Jonah Copre
Grayden Daul
Colin Doherty
Simon Motew
Jack Silich

2019 USA HOCKEY SELECT 15 FESTIVAL
Christopher Able
Aidan Dubinski
Kendel Geier
Brennan Ali
Jackson Reda
John Small
Ian Spencer
Lucas Szyszka
Carson Walters

2019 USA HOCKEY CENTRAL DISTRICT 17 CAMP
Nicholas Addante
James Barbour
Matthew Basgall
William Bowman
Maxwell Dukovac
Jack Horbach
Max Itagaki
Dessmond Johnson
Donald Kempf
Jack Kolb
Matt O'Donnell
Walter Oliphant
Graham Padgitt
Luke Panchisin
Robby Pustulka
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Kyle Smolen
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2019 USA HOCKEY CENTRAL DISTRICT 15 CAMP

Chris Able
Brennan Ali
Michael DeAngelo
Aiden Dubinsky
Zachary Frenzel
Kendal Geier
Sam Kamienski
Jack Keane
Max Matthews
Zach Mohammed
Ray Owens
Connor Picard
Jackson Reda
Mario Scalise
John Small
Ian Spencer
Lucas Szyszka
Nicholas Turek
Carson Walters
Jaxon Wilson

2019 USA HOCKEY IN-DISTRICT BANTAM CAMP

Jack Ahne
Colin Budd
Michael Buenzow
Michael Burchill
Anthony Cardilli
Tristan Cardei
Samuel Crane
Cade Duffin
Cooper Eberhardt
Thomas Enrietto
Dominick Gatto
John Gedrattis
Jack Gricus
Sammy Grimaldi
Jacob Jastrzebski
Jaden Johnson
Andrew Kuzma
Edwin Liang
Anthony Lisanti
Jackson Macejko
Brayden Macko
Frank Muscarello
Riley Pawinski
Noah Powell
Michael Ryan
Zachary Sharp
Aiden Shirey
Trey Sluga
Andrew Strathmann
Max Weilandt
Joseph Zheng

2019 USA HOCKEY GIRLS SELECT U18 CAMP

Alexa Bollnow
Margaret Culp
Ella Huber
Emmy Garcia
Lyndie Lobdell
Abbey Murphy
Taze Thompson

2019 USA HOCKEY GIRLS 15 SELECT CAMP

Tatum Blacker
Callista Chong
Molly Henderson
Tessa Janecke
Gretta Kropp
Brynn Levinson
Lane Lewis
Margot Norehad
Alejandra Ubarri

2019 USA HOCKEY GIRLS 16/17 CAMP

Veronica Bac
Deanna Buenzow
Addison Carr
Margaret Culp
Emmy Garcia
Courtnie Hogan
Kylie Makuh
Lyndie Lobdell
Paige Taborski
Emma Thomas

2019 USA HOCKEY GIRLS 15 SELECT CAMP

Alexa Bollnow
Margaret Culp
Ella Huber
Brynn Jones
Kylie Makuh
Abbey Murphy
Peyton Rose Norman
Grace Kedziora

2019 CENTRAL DISTRICT GIRLS 2002 CAMP

Aiden Shirey
Trey Sluga
Andrew Strathmann
Max Weilandt
Joseph Zheng

2019 CENTRAL DISTRICT GIRLS 2003 CAMP

Veronica Bac
Simone Bednarik
Courtnie Hogan
Natalie Hogan
Claire Sammons
Katie Strauts
Emma Thomas
Deanna Buenzow
Addison Carr
Ella Ridge
Leslie Steiner
Paige Taborski

2019 CENTRAL DISTRICT GIRLS 2004 CAMP

Chloe Baker
Tatum Blacker
Jaidyn Britt
Callista Chong
Alexandra Cuellar
Kelly Gorbatenko
Menami Gordon
Fiona Gallagher
Emma Gull
Emily Hansen
Emma Heinig
Gabrielle Iwinski
Karly Kolssak
Tessa Janecke
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Annabelle Merkel
Caroline Mower
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Marina Piszczor
Luzia Santos
Cuora Sullivan
Alejandra Ubarri
Mikayla Vasilevich

2019 CENTRAL DISTRICT GIRLS 2005 CAMP

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Alessia DiSilvestro
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Danika Gorbatenko
Sophia Jiminez
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Aunnah Schulte
Alexa Milz
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Lindsey Smolen
Annika Nelson
Brie Jump
Mei Diesing
Ainsley Saling
Rosie Klein
Carli Kreiling
Kate Pura
Stacy Steiner
Courtney Swenson
Arissa Vettraino
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Allison Zack
Taylor Hannafan
Julia Matyas
Reese Doty
Pearl Steinhouse
These players were selected to represent Illinois in Tournament Play including competing in America's Showcase, the premier National High School Hockey Event.

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Tom Dillon - New Trier

1989
Brian Henning - York

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Mike Fitzpatrick - Loyola

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Keith Johnson - St. Laurence

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Mike Kelly - St. Rita

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Sean Carter - St. Laurence
John Gilley - St. Viator

1994
Joe Adamczyk - St. Viator
Mike Brown - Loyola
Mike Tricroce - Fenwick

1995
Bobbie Boope - John Hersey
Sam Eaton - New Trier
Dan Kirby - Plainfield
Dan Roark - York

1996
Randy Gallagher - York
Joe Garofalo - Schaumburg
William Kujawa - Mt. Carmel
Joseph Moore - St. Laurence
Erik Schnotala - Loyola

1997
Jason Abbey - Niles West
Kevin Carroll - Loyola
John Khym - Mt. Carmel
J.J. O'Connor - Loyola

1998
Mike Boettcher - Highland Park
Derek Graham - Lyon Township
Andrew Havrill - Buffalo Grove
Daron Taylor - Marist

1999
Matt Bleecher - Marist
Chris O'Malley - Naperville C.
Dane Paulsen - Driscoll
Brian Tilden - York

2000
Jacob Casali - Hinsdale South
Pat Clyde - Wheeling
Craig Hensley - St. Laurence
Ryan Osberg - Stevenson
Grant Paulsen - Driscoll
Joseph Uhlrik - Schaumburg

2001
Andrew Bramnik - Deerfield
Timothy Chapp - Maine West
Justin Hooper - Neuqua Valley
David Krydynski - Marist
Michelle Radziki - Lyons Township
Travis Tingley - New Trier
Ted Zimmerman - Fenwick

2002
Frank Cirone - St. Viator
Chris Gomez - Hinsdale Cen.
Matthew Ingersoll - Bro Rice
Steve Lake - New Trier
Dennis Morrin - Mt. Carmel
Justine Skibbe - Buffalo Grove

2003
Brian Kenney - Neuqua Valley
Daley Pringle - New Trier
Adam Stasica - St. Joseph
Tim Ryan - Mt. Carmel

2004
Janelle Korbas - Warren Township
Bobby Laing - Highland Park
Dave DeCarlo - Fremd

2005
Alexander Azuma - Naperville Central
Nathaniel Corwin - Oak Park/RF
Jordan Pringle - Barrington

2006
Kelsey Forsberg - New Trier
Benjamin Kim - Naperville North
Thomas O'Connell - Wheaton

2007
Jason Didier - Addison Trail
Kale Frank - Highland
Patrick McAuliffe - Providence

2008
Adam Goldblatt - Glenbrook North
Sean Mills - Neuqua Valley
Daniel Moir - Naperville North

2009
Tyler Gregory - Fremd
David Svac - Neuqua Valley
Brooke Wittleder - New Trier

2010
Bianca Bonfim - Oak Park/RF
Donald Cuba II - Lyons Township
Jacob Kancherlapalli - Bartlett

2011
Frank Alvino - St. Viator
Bri anne Mahoney - Nazareth Academy
Trevor Santoro - Evanston

2012
Laura Brennan - Oak Park/River Forest
Stephanie Jackson - Neuqua Valley
Jacob Wachlin - Cedar Grove Academy

2013
Michael Buche - St. Laurence
Duncan Coogan - Glenbrook North
Jaclyn Story - Guerin College Prep

2014
Grace Hwang - New Trier
Dan Lorden - Jones College Prep
Elek Wellman - Sacred Heart/Griffin

2015
Joseph Orecchio - St. Viator
William Spell - Brother Rice
Margot Werner - Latin School

2016
Justin Cruz - St. Viator
Jacob Rose - Glenbrook North
Lucas Trojanowski - Montini Catholic

2017
Anders Lindgren - Momence
Trevor Cianci - St. Rita
Nolan Sornson - Deerfield

2018
Patrick Nasta - Prairie Ridge
AJ Salmon - Pekin
Evan Wellman - Sacred Heart - Griffin

2019
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Luke Carter - Carl Sandburg
Brett Wiseman - Mt. Carmel
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Eamon O'Brien
Loyola Academy

Cammie Granato
2019 GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Madeline Babnik
New Trier Girls

2019 DISABLED COACH OF THE YEAR
Rich Jecmen
Blackhawks Warriors

2019 AHAI LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Jim Clare

2019 AHAI COACHING ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

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Lena Flores
Maya Gonzalez
Mairead Harris
Kayla Johnson
Grace Olsen
Samantha Steciak
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Latin Varsity
Latin Varsity
Loyola Academy
Maine Township
Naper Valley

DEFENSE
Madeline Babnik
Adelaide Budington
Margaret Culp
Emmy Garcia
Kathleen Gorman
Sadie Heller
Caroline Jenkins
Karlyne Kolssak
Margaret Korneta
Lyndie Lobdell
Gina Magro
Sarah Steadman
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Fenwick
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Barrington
Fenwick
FORWARDS
Michelle Byker
Gabriella Ciesla
Devyn Doti
Ryan Foreman
Emily Franciszkowicz
Katherine Gobber
Kelly Gorbatenko
Ella Huber
Cecilia Jenkins
Elle Joubert
Elaina Kaiser
Madeline King
Julia Laden
Charlotte Lawrence
Kaylee Liberty
Kylie Maku
Sara Martino
Kathryn McLaughlin
Kelly Millins
Jordan Moore
Kathryn Pohl
Erin Proctor
Sabrina Shvartsman
Kennedy Stein
Warren Township
Loyola Academy
Warren Township
Lake Forest
Fenwick
Fenwick
Barrington
New Trier
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Loyola Academy
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ARCTIC ICE ARENA ADULT
ARCTIC ICE ARENA YOUTH
AWF HS HOCKEY
BARRINGTON GIRLS HS HOCKEY
BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BRONCOS
BENET HS HOCKEY
BEVERLY BOMBSHELLS
BLACKHAWKS WARRIORS VETS
BLAZE WOMENS HOCKEY
BLOOMINGTON MONDAY MORNING HOCKEY CLUB
BLOOMINGTON RECREATIONAL HOCKEY
BROTHE RICE HS HOCKEY CLUB
BUFFALO GROVE HERSEY HS HOCKEY
CAN LAN ADULT HOCKEY
CAN LAN YOUTH HOCKEY
CAN LAN WEST DUNDEE
CARMEL CATHOLIC HS HOCKEY
CENTER ICE OF DUPAGE ADULT HOCKEY
CENTRAL ILLINOIS GIRLS HOCKEY ASSN
CENTRAL ILLINOIS SLED HOCKEY
CENTRAL ILLINOIS WARRIORS HOCKEY
CHAMPAIGN URBANA HS HOCKEY
CHAMPAIGN-URBANA YOUTH HOCKEY
CHI TOWN SHARKS
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS BLIND HOCKEY
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS SPECIAL HOCKEY
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CHICAGO BULLDOGS YOUTH HOCKEY
CHICAGO FROZEN SNAPPERS WOMENS HOCKEY
CHICAGO FURY AAA HOCKEY
CHICAGO HAWKS HOCKEY CLUB
CHICAGO HORNED FROGS
CHICAGO INFERNO WOMENS HOCKEY
CHICAGO JETS HOCKEY CLUB INC
CHICAGO MISSION AAA HOCKEY CLUB
CHICAGO RIVER DOGS
CHICAGO SOUTH HS HOCKEY
CHICAGO X-FACTOR
CHICAGO YOUNG AMERICANS
CHIEFS HOCKEY CLUB
COBRA S HS HOCKEY CLUB
COUGARS WOMENS HOCKEY
CRYSTAL LAKE SOUTH HS HOCKEY
CYCLONES AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
D100 FURY BELVIDERE HS HOCKEY
D155 PRAIRIE RIDGE HS HOCKEY
D211 AND 214 GIRLS HS HOCKEY
D211 CHFS CHIEFS HS HOCKEY
D308 OSWEGO HS HOCKEY
D46 MID VALLEY RAMPAGE HS HOCKEY
DAISY CUTTERS HOCKEY CLUB
DANVILLE YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
DE LA SALLE HS HOCKEY
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DEERFIELD HS HOCKEY
DHS HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY
ELK GROVE PROSPECT RM HS HOCKEY
ELMHURST MOTHER PUCKERS
ELMHURST YMCA ADULT HOCKEY
EVANSTON HS HOCKEY
EVANSTON YOUTH HOCKEY
FALCONS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
FENWICK HS HOCKEY
FIFTH THIRD ICE ARENA ADULT HOCKEY
FIGHTING SQUIRRELS WOMENS HOCKEY
FIREWAGON YOUTH HOCKEY
FOX VALLEY HS HOCKEY
FOX VALLEY ICE CENTER ADULT HOCKEY
FRANKLIN PARK ADULT LEAGUE
FRANKLIN PARK ICE ARENA
GLACIER ADULT LEAGUE
GLASA FALCONS SLED
GLENBARD HS HOCKEY
GLENBROOK GIRLS HS HOCKEY
GLENBROOK NORTH HS HOCKEY
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February 1—21, 2020 Qualifying Rounds “B”, “A” and “AA” & Girls
February 20—February 23, 2020 AHAI Tier I Round Robin Series (“AAA”)
February 27—March 1, 2020 AHAI Girls State Round Robins @ Various Sites
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March 6—March 8, 2019 AHAI Tier II State Championships
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AHAI HIGH SCHOOL STATE TOURNAMENT
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CENTRAL DISTRICT WOMEN’S CHAMPIONSHIPS
To Be Determined if Necessary

CENTRAL DISTRICT TIER I & GIRL’S CHAMPIONSHIPS
March 13-15, 2020
Tier I Youth & Girls Tier II 19U - Omaha, NE — Girls Tier I & Girls Tier II 16U - Location TBD

USA HOCKEY HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
March 26 - March 30, 2019 — Dallas, Texas
Tier I & Tier II National Championships
April 2-6, 2020
Tier II - 14 & Under — Kalamazoo, Michigan
Tier II - 16 & Under — Troy, Michigan — Tier II - 18 & Under — Irvine, California
Tier I 14U - Chicago, Illinois — Tier I 15— Plymouth, Michigan
Tier I 16U/ Tier I 18U — Rochester, Michigan

ADULT WOMEN’S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
April 2-5, 2020
Adult Women “A”, “B”, “C” Divisions — Blaine, Minnesota

GIRL’S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
April 2-6, 2020
Girls Tier I - Blaine, Minnesota — Girls Tier II - West Chester, Pennsylvania

AHAI ADULT MEN’S/WOMEN’S STATE TOURNAMENT
(All Divisions)
April 23 — April 26, 2020 — Edge Ice Arena, Bensenville, Illinois

USA DISABLED HOCKEY FESTIVAL
March 26-29, 2020 — Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania — Special, Blind, Deaf, Amputee, Warrior Divisions
April 2-5, 2020 — Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania — All Sled Divisions

USA ADULT SLED HOCKEY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
April 2-5, 2020 — Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
MEN’S ADULT NON CHECK
30 & OVER, 40 & OVER, 50 & OVER, 60 & OVER, 65 & OVER & 70 & OVER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
April 16-19, 2020 — Florida Hospital Ice Center — Wesley Chapel, Florida

HIGH SCHOOL AMERICA’S SHOWCASE
April 16-20, 2020— Maryland Heights, Missouri

WOMEN’S ADULT 30, 40 & 50 & 60 OVER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
April 23 - 26, 2020
— Florida Hospital Ice Center — Wesley Chapel, Florida

TIER II JUNIOR A (NAHL) NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT
May, 2020 — Location TBD

TIER I JUNIOR A (USHL) NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT
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April 2-6, 2020
Girls Tier I - Blaine, Minnesota — Girls Tier II - West Chester, Pennsylvania

AHAI ADULT MEN'S/WOMEN'S STATE TOURNAMENT (All Divisions)
April 23 — April 26, 2020 — Edge Ice Arena, Bensenville, Illinois

USA DISABLED HOCKEY FESTIVAL
March 26-29, 2020 — Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania — Special, Blind, Deaf, Amputee, Warrior Divisions
April 2-5, 2020 — Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania — All Sled Divisions

USA ADULT SLED HOCKEY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
April 2-5, 2020 — Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

MEN'S ADULT NON CHECK
30 & OVER, 40 & OVER, 50 & OVER, 60 & OVER, 65 & OVER & 70 & OVER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
April 16-19, 2020 — Florida Hospital Ice Center — Wesley Chapel, Florida

HIGH SCHOOL AMERICA'S SHOWCASE
April 16-20, 2020 — Maryland Heights, Missouri

WOMEN'S ADULT 30, 40 & 50 & 60 OVER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
April 23 - 26, 2020 — Florida Hospital Ice Center — Wesley Chapel, Florida

TIER II JUNIOR A (NAHL) NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT
May, 2020 — Location TBD

TIER I JUNIOR A (USHL) NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT
May, 2020 — Location TBD
FUTURE USA HOCKEY & NCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

2020
Youth and Girls' National Championships........................................... April 2-6, 2020
Women's NCAA Tournament.........................................................March 20-22, 2020
USA Hockey Women’s National Championships.............................April 2-6, 2020
Men’s NCAA Tournament.............................................................April 9-11, 2020
Men’s NCAA Tournament D-III.....................................................March 27-29, 2020
Easter Sunday ...........................................................................April 20, 2020

2021
Youth and Girls' National Championships...................................March 24-29, 2021
Women’s NCAA Tournament.........................................................March 19-21, 2021
USA Hockey Women’s National Championships............................April 9-12, 2021
Men’s NCAA Tournament.............................................................April 8-10, 2021
Men’s NCAA Tournament D-III.....................................................March 26-28, 2021
Easter Sunday ...........................................................................April 4, 2021

2022
Youth and Girls' National Championships............................March 30 - April 4, 2022
Women’s NCAA Tournament.........................................................March 18-20, 2022
USA Hockey Women’s National Championships............................April 7-11, 2022
Men’s NCAA Tournament.............................................................April 7-9, 2022
Men’s NCAA Tournament D-III.....................................................March 25-27, 2022
Easter Sunday ...........................................................................April 17, 2022

2023
Youth and Girls' National Championships..........................March 30 — April 3, 2023
Women’s NCAA Tournament.........................................................March 17-19, 2023
USA Hockey Women’s National Championships............................March 31 — April 2, 2023
Men’s NCAA Tournament.............................................................TBD
Men’s NCAA Tournament D-III.....................................................TBD
Easter Sunday ...........................................................................April 9, 2023

2024
Youth and Girls' National Championships....................................April 4-8, 2024
Women’s NCAA Tournament.........................................................March 15-17, 2024
USA Hockey Women’s National Championships............................April 4-7, 2024
Men’s NCAA Tournament.............................................................TBD
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SEASON SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 2019

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8 9 10 11 12 13 14
15 TCF 16 WSH 17 DET 18 DET 19 BOS 20 BOS 21
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OCTOBER 2019

SUN MON TUES WED THUR FRI SAT
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NOVEMBER 2019

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DECEMBER 2019

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JANUARY 2020

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FEBRUARY 2020

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MARCH 2020

SUN MON TUES WED THUR FRI SAT
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8 STL 9 SJS 10 OTT 11 MTL 12 WSH 13 BUF
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APRIL 2020

SUN MON TUES WED THUR FRI SAT
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