



**IAHA FALL MEETING
August 26 & 27, 2020
by Zoom Meeting**

AGENDA (all times are MDT)

1. 6:30 PM – Introductions, Call to Order, and Quorum – J. Heinrich
John Heinrich (IAHA President, voting), Gordon Murdoch (IAHA Vice President, voting), Sarah Benson (IAHA Treasurer, voting), Joanne Tirocke (IAHA Secretary, voting), Kaila Tanner (McCall, voting), Bob Nelson (Coeur d’Alene Youth, voting), James Williamson (IAHA webmaster), Lee Ann Schlake (Boise – Idaho Ice World), Donna Kauffman (USA Hockey, Vice President), Kory Scoran (Boise-Idaho Ice World, voting), Jared Bragg (Salmon, voting), Travis James (Boise – Idaho Ice World), Vince Hughes (KYRO Cristeros, voting), Marvin Jackman (Idaho Falls, Risk Manager), John Rifelj (Idaho Falls, voting), David Asher (BYAHA Jr. Steelheads, voting), Heather Daves (Sun Valley, voting), Shelly Lehto (IAHA Registrar), Bill Combo (Idaho Falls), Darla Thompson (RMD Registrar), Mark Enegren (IAHA SafeSport Coordinator), Shawn Luteyn (Coeur d’Alene Academy, voting), Jan-Erik Peterson (BYAHA Jr. Steelheads), Brian Green (Teton Valley), Tate Jarry (Teton Valley, voting), Bobby Noyes (IAHA RIC), Chris Storhok (Polar Bears Girls Hockey), Miranda Milligan (Teton Valley)

2. Approval of Spring (June 6) Meeting Minutes – J. Heinrich
Motion by David Asher to approve the minutes of the Spring 2020, June 6, meeting as submitted. Seconded by John Rifelj. Motion passed.

3. Association Reports – All
Reports are attached as an appendix. No additional reports were made.

4. President’s Report – J. Heinrich
Written report attached as appendix. Season will be fluid, keep John apprised of situations and any challenges with which he might assist you.

5. Treasurer’s Report – S. Benson

A. Financials

Welcome to Sarah Benson as the new IAHA Treasurer. Former Treasurer Lori Johnston was sick with Covid but managed to transition. Fiscal year runs through June 30. Finances were reviewed including an expected budget increase due to a change in affiliate fees. Expect need to increase the budget for background checks because of an increase in the cost of screenings.

Motion by John Rifelj for Lori Johnston to be removed from IAHA bank account and for Sarah Benson to be added as IAHA Treasurer. Seconded by Kory Scoran. Unanimously approved. Motion passes.

B. Budget 2020-2021

It was a secretarial oversight that budget was not distributed to the Board before the meeting. Motion by Joanne Tirocke to table the approval of the budget until tomorrow’s session. Seconded by Heather Daves. Unanimously approved. Motion passes.

6. Registrar's Report – S. Lehto

News from RMD

- RMD: Registrations are slow, last year at this time we had 80% of annual registrations.
- 174 sanctioned tournaments in RMD/ 56 in Idaho
- Utah, Colorado, and Arizona had tiered tryouts, New Mexico is not open for hockey.
- Rocky Mountain District would like Girls Growth Coordinator from each affiliate to work with Kristin Wright, USAH
- For teams going to Nationals, don't assume you don't need games, try to reach counts (10/20 game requirement), minimum of 15 players on the roster. Will be dependent on affiliate and a process is outlined for the district registrars and directors to look at situations that arise
- Tournament Sanctions will go up in cost next year: \$100 from \$50 (breakdown is \$50 for USAH, \$50 for RMD), and \$125 from \$75 for those with international teams, extra fees go to district – for district tournaments? **Action Item:** Request for Darla to ask District Commissioner how that fee increase is going to be spent.
- District Tournament is March 4-7, 2021 in Arizona, November 15 deadline to declare.
- State Tournament needs to be completed by February 17 if tiered teams coming out.
- RMD Camp will be in Dallas this season.
- Try Hockey for Free will be sanctioned only through the National Office, dates for this season are Saturdays, November 7 and February 20.
- SafeSport is an annual requirement, new or refresher, USA Hockey number needed to complete. 17 year olds need to complete, and player cannot be rostered until SafeSport completed
- Background screens – if you have completed a background screen after 4/1/19, you should be good in the portal for this season.
- Encouraging coaches to get their coaching clinics done instead of opting for temporary card, temp card applications need to be done before 12/31. Levels online and can go to any clinic.
- For players coming from another state and moving affiliate to affiliate, both must agree to a player playing up into another age classification, p.138 of Annual Guide.
- Covid – covid language added to all rosters that games must be in compliance with all federal, state, and local guidelines
- Covid - similar language in all tournament rules for sanctioning: "all sanctioned games will be conducted in compliance with local, state, and federal guidelines and regulations in force at the time and location of the activity" and include what those local guidelines are because they can differ from location to location
- Covid - If you find conflicting guidelines between state and local guidelines, contact USAH Legal for direction
- Covid Membership Relief Fund – allows donors to contribute to help families pay fees, also USAH will cover the registration fees ([USA Hockey Foundation Membership Relief Fund](#))
- There is a new form for Invitational Tournament Application (Form 3-T-NAT, rev. 8/20) to sanction your tournaments ([Find Form 3-T-NAT here](#)).
- CCM World Invite is not USAH sanctioned. Will not have USAH liability insurance if team participates. If team wears their regular uniform and participates, can be in more trouble because looks like
- Donna indicates that an emergency meeting with insurance people to be held.

7. Webmaster Introduction - J. Heinrich

Welcome to James Williamson, webmaster for Jr Steelheads and now IAHA and Rocky Mountain District. He does web design and hopes to improve the face of ID & Rocky Mountain hockey. Send James info to post (jjwilliamson0605@gmail.com). Many thanks to Neil Emerizy for the years of service he has put in as the IAHA Webmaster.

8. Referee-in-Chief Report – B. Noyes

Last year of the existing rulebook so it's a rule change year. Deadline to propose a change is 11/1/2020. Official seminars will be online. Registrations are down. Some concern about new level 1 officials missing the on-ice session and getting the practice to do their jobs on the ice, suggest contact with local rink to have one-on-one interactions to instruct new officials in puck drops, positioning, etc.

9. SafeSport Report – M. Enegren

Mark recommends that an association should not be able to get their teams rostered for the season without having their SafeSport Compliance Agreement completed. Not approving rosters affects players. There should be another way to handle associations who do not submit the required paperwork, could be part of the application process for renewing memberships. Also, Mark would like to make sure that there are funds budgeted for expenses incurred for SafeSport investigations. Sarah indicated that it falls under Hearings, Penalties & Compliance but there could be a separate line item for SafeSport expenses. **Action Item:** SafeSport Compliance Agreement was sent to all Directors with expected return date of tomorrow, Thursday, August 27, or by September 1.

10. Girls Hockey Report – L. Schlake & S. Benson

Team Idaho Girls teams have had their tryouts. Have enough girls for Tier II 14U, 16U, and 19U teams. To streamline information sharing with Girls programs, Sarah has reached out for names of directors and/or head coaches of girl's programs. Have about 50-55 girls interested and more families moving to Idaho so more likely. Thanks expressed to Kory for help with tryouts and to the Academy in Coeur d'Alene for their help.

11. Risk Management Report – M. Jackman

Kelly Grover will connect with Marv if there is any new information to share following the meeting Donna mentioned. Marv is available to answer any questions about the accident, catastrophe, general liability, or Directors & Officers insurance that he can otherwise answer.

12. Coach-in-Chief Report – John Heinrich

(Jim not in attendance on 8/26.) Coaching clinics available from other states online if you can get in. Some affiliates reserving space for their own coaches. Get the clinic if you can instead of asking for a temp card.

13. ADM Report – K. Scoran

Kory says to spend time working on development if you can't have games, get creative with your use your space on and off the ice, keep the kids busy and continue their development.

Darrell Hay is a Level 4 Coach that has been working with Kory and may come out with him. No ADM training going on right now but with Darrell's broad hockey background, he'll be an asset.

14. Grow the Game Coordinator Report – J. Rifelj

We should increase Try Hockey for Free advertising, get it on the website, have and publicize Girls' Jamborees throughout the state to help grow the game. Two and Two Challenge Initiatives are on hold right now. If new dates come out, they will be circulated. Focus is on the re-opening now and how to do that safely. Kevin Erlenbach and Joe Bonnett will have information and materials to help with planning, activities, social distancing on the ice, etc. All Try Hockey for Free will be through the National Office.

15. Old Business – J. Heinrich

A. Policies & Procedures

Tied into New Business with Committees to finish up some areas. John has revised copy. Donna hopes to finish by the end of September and have a meeting to vote on it. Committees have stuff to add. Registrar has corrections to make; those changes should go to Donna. Living document so fluid and can be changed as we go.

B. Voting Directors

Seventeen voting directors including the At-Large Director. At-Large Director represents associate members who register players in the state. Lots of teams get registered but don't know how organized. Good exercise to find out who the associate members are and to reach out to them to introduce yourself as At-Large Director representing them in the state hockey association.

Motion by Heather Daves to approve Lee Ann Schlake as the At-Large Director. Seconded by Kory Scoran. Motion passes.

C. PDC Date – **proposed February 19-21, 2021**

Much discussion occurred over the scheduling of the camp and determining the best timing to maximize participation without shortening the season for those who wouldn't participate. Proposed date during the 3rd week of March, following the District Tournament. Removing blackout for this year, due to the compressed scheduling of the post-season events, is suggested to allow another weekend of play. Discussion will be taken up after recess.

Motion by Heather Daves to recess until tomorrow. Seconded by Kory Scorn. Motion passes.

August 27, 6:30 PM MDT

In attendance: John Heinrich (IAHA President, voting), Gordon Murdoch (IAHA Vice President, voting), Sarah Benson (IAHA Treasurer, voting), Joanne Tirocke (IAHA Secretary, voting), Kaila Tanner (McCall, voting), Bob Nelson (Coeur d'Alene Youth, voting), Lee Ann Schlake (Boise – Idaho Ice World), Donna Kauffman (USA Hockey), Kory Scoran (Boise-Idaho Ice World, voting), Jared Bragg (Salmon, voting), Travis James (Boise – Idaho Ice World), Vince Hughes (KYRO Cristeros, voting), Marvin Jackman (Idaho Falls, Risk Manager), John Rifelj (Idaho Falls, voting), David Asher (BYAHA Jr. Steelheads, voting), Heather Daves (Sun Valley, voting), Shelly Lehto (IAHA Registrar), Bill Combo (Idaho Falls), Darla Thompson (RMD Registrar), Brian Thomas (Lewiston, voting), Shawn Luteyn (Coeur d'Alene Academy, voting), Mike Schroeder (Coeur d'Alene Academy), Jan-Erik Peterson (BYAHA Jr. Steelheads), Brian Green (Teton Valley), Tate Jarry (Teton Valley, voting), Bobby Noyes (IAHA RIC), Chris Storhok (Polar Bears Girls Hockey), Jim DiSanza (IAHA CIC)

Survey of team intentions:

Idaho has no teams going as Tier I.

Teams thinking about Tier II:	18U	-	19U	Team Idaho
	16U	CdA Academy	16U	Team Idaho
	14U	CDA Academy, Jr Steelheads	14U	Team Idaho

Nationals are early because Easter is early, last week of March. District Tournament March 4 – 7

How would IAHA address two teams at Tier II and who would advance? Play outside of state tournament, Best of 3 weekend, or games over a couple/several weekends (neutral site?)

15. Old Business (continued from 8/26)

C. PDC Date

Motion by Heather Daves to host PDC in Idaho Falls on the weekend of Feb 19 -21, 2021. Seconded by Vince Hughes. Motion passed.

Motion by Vince Hughes to suspend the blackout for PDC this 2020 – 2021 season. Seconded by Shawn Luteyn.

Arguments for the motion included that teams only have 4 weekends to play in February to play so should not lose one weekend of play when not everyone would attend PDC anyway. Also that not all teams travel and expense of attending PDC weekend can be exclusive for some players. Another consideration is league play has scheduled play-offs or championships that conflict with the IAHA event. Reservations for removing the blackout is that the numbers of attendees at PDC is impacted. Suggestion that if better attendance is wanted at the state tournaments that maybe those weekends should be blacked out. Question arose regarding the availability of an attendance waiver for an in-state player if they miss PDC due to games. When you have a lot of waivers and do not get to see players in person, there is more guesswork involved in the selection. That does not benefit IAHA.

Motion by Vince Hughes to suspend the blackout for PDC this 2020 – 2021 season. Seconded by Shawn Luteyn. Motion passed with 1 opposing vote.

In Idaho, the camp is mostly developmental. Players are exposed to better players to aid in player development and the camp benefits Idaho hockey. A date later in March can be considered.

12. (revisited) Coach-in-Chief Report

USAH wanted each state to put on state clinics but none of the local CEP instructors had time to create the content for a clinic. Virtual clinics are listed online ([USAH Coaching Clinics](#)). Suggest registering as early as possible for your virtual clinic. Look to Washington state for clinics, they will keep holding them into December. Temporary cards are available but the preference is for coaches to attend a clinic. Temporary cards issued this season will not count against your once in a lifetime application.

16. New Business

A. Process for reimbursement for background screening costs

If IAHA registers the same number of players, can expect a \$7300 increase in fees from the approved \$2 increase in affiliate fee voted on in June. Budgeted for \$9000 for screening costs in 2019 but only paid \$4000. Lori Johnston amended 2020 budget to \$5000 based on amount paid but did not account for the increase in the screening fees. Given the current pandemic and that registrations are only at 893 so far, it is hard to forecast both number of volunteers (payout) as well as the number of players registering (income).

Motion by Vince Hughes for IAHA to allocate \$15000 for background screening cost reimbursements to be allocated to associations on a pro rata basis. Motion did not receive a second. Motion failed.

Discussions from June were reviewed as to justification in raising the affiliate fee. Some associations don't have budget to cover everyone's screening costs and in good faith, since we increased fees, money should be allocated toward subsidizing those costs. Solutions suggested would be to budget the money for background screenings and see where we are at the end of the season. Link proportion of budget to fees collected via affiliate fees. Reimburse in May when we know how much money we have collected. Suggestion for raising budget to \$11600 for screening cost reimbursements and reassessing the situation in May.

Motion by Heather Daves, second by David Asher, to approve budget with the increase in fees from \$5000 to \$11600 for the background screens. Unanimously approved.

B. Committee interest/assignment (Directors)

Committees – solicit replies via emails to get a good cross-section of personnel (geographical, association size) on committees. Rotate personnel over years to cross-train them. Ok to ask association members to volunteer but get their agreement and contact info. Develop new leaders, get diverse viewpoints, harness enthusiasm, and increase engagement. Committee members will come up with definition for P & P.

Committee descriptions

Membership: bylaws, registering associations, building growth

Audit/finance: budget, reimbursement, policies, retention (docs)

Discipline: Bylaw 10, fair, setting standards

Nominating: recruitment, looking for new leaders, know people and what they can contribute
Tournaments: event people, improving player experience, rules

Action item: Send email with committee options, ask for interest, and develop committee assignments.

C. Election of At-Large Director: Nominee Lee Ann Schlake (Bio attached)

Occurred under Old Business, Directors

17. Post Season Bids and Location Selections

An uncontested bid was received for the HS or State Tournament in Hailey/Sun Valley. A preference was expressed for 3 distinct locations for the post-season events.

Sun Valley/Hailey would prefer HS Tournament preferred but have some flexibility, Boise indicated that with its smaller numbers, they could likely host PDC and stay within current health guidelines. Idaho Falls would be willing to host the State Tournament.

Motion by Vince Hughes to reconsider the location of PDC for 2021, moving it from Idaho Falls. Seconded by Kory Scoran. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by John Heinrich to have PDC in Boise, State Tournament in Idaho Falls and HS Tournament in Sun Valley/Hailey, seconded by Vince Hughes. Motion passed with 1 opposing vote.

Other business:

Vince offered a name for consideration for a northern ADM coordinator. Darin Schumacher recommended. Darin Hay is a goalie coach for ADM that Kory brought on board; lots of experience. **Action item:** Vince will email northern associations to discuss a candidate for a northern ADM coordinator.

There was a question about whether the game requirement for state tournaments was going to be waived or modified. Keep John posted if teams have trouble getting games, ideally let him know by the end of December. He doesn't want to see teams playing the same other team 10 times but will keep the situation in mind but do work toward getting the games.

Action item for associations: Send Sarah Benson any scheduled tournaments and information on Girls' Directors, Head Coaches, and programs.

Receipt of some SafeSport Compliance Agreements was acknowledged and associations were asked for remainder to be submitted

January 26 and 27th, next scheduled meeting of the IAHA Board of Directors

Donna indicated we will have a Special meeting at the end of September for the P&P

18. Adjournment: Motion by Vince Hughes, seconded by Bob Nelson, to adjourn.



August 22, 2020

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We're all trying to figure out how to get our kids back on the ice safely as possible as we prepare for the upcoming season. There are extra challenges that will need to be addressed regarding how local associations and rink operators plan to make parents and players comfortable enough to begin playing hockey again as well ensuring newcomers feel welcome to joining the sport.

I'm assured that you know your communities and facilities better than I do and will act accordingly in getting your programs started in a healthy environment. In saying that, please be aware of our state, county, and municipal mandates for prevention of the spread of COVID-19 and work within those guidelines. As we have all seen, there have been both increased spikes and declines in all communities across the state. Blaine county saw one of the first major spikes in the country in March and April. The community reacted swiftly, and cases dropped significantly. I'm hoping your community won't have to respond to the same situation. Play it smart, play it safe!

Nationally, USA Hockey has been working diligently with the goal of getting kids back on the ice. As you can imagine, registrations are down compared to last year and we're all coming up with a creative solution in meeting the challenges of the upcoming season. As you many of you know, this is a waiting game, but we hope to see our kids back on the rink sooner rather than later.

With the travel restrictions in place, our Idaho teams may not get the required amount of games needed to qualify for District and National tournaments. With that being said, we will certainly take that into consideration for our State and High School tournaments.

Additionally, please don't forget to put our end-of-season tournaments on your schedule. We offer "A" and "B" divisions in each tournament and we would love to see better participation.

I want to thank the Bylaw and Policy and Procedure committees for the work they did on updating these documents. Donna Kaufman (USAH Youth Council), Kathleen Smith (RMD Director) and Steve Stapleton (USAH Legal Counsel) were paramount in getting the Bylaws completed. There is more work to be done on the Policy and Procedure manual. Please think about what you would like to see to make IAHA a better organization.

There will be much to discuss in this week's meetings, I'm hoping all of you will be able to attend. Thank you to everyone for making Idaho hockey the best it can be.

Best,

John B. Heinrich
President
Idaho Amateur Hockey

LEWIS CLARK AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Fall 2020– IAHA Report

Lewis Clark Amateur Hockey Association is currently working hard on preparation for the 2020-21 season. There have been many changes within the association, including covid 19, but nevertheless, lots of excitement for the upcoming season.

We believe that we will have one house team for each of the following divisions: Jr. Mites, Sr. Mites, Squirts, and Pee Wees. Thus, the Bantams age group is yet to be determined but we are crossing our fingers that numbers grow. Nevertheless, we do have a slight potential for two Midget teams. Our house teams participated in the Inland Northwest Hockey League that was formed four years ago and are on board to continue with it again this season. The majority of our teams have a mix of female and male players. The increase in female participation over the past few years is on par for the younger divisions and we had 25 new Jr. Mites last season which led to the development of two teams.

Our early registration numbers are just starting to become active and looking decent. We have unfortunately lost 7 players to the Academy but wish them success. We will start early October practices again this year, due to excellent 2019/20 participation. We are currently publishing our tournament dates and are planning to again host spring tournaments at each age division with the exception of midgets and Bantams.

We will be offering early Learn to Play Hockey classes, led by several of our USA Hockey certified coaching staff. Furthermore, we anticipate several of these participants on multiple levels as in years past to convert and play hockey this fall in our house program. LCAHA participated in the Fall Try Hockey event and plans to stay on track again this season with these opportunities which is typically good recruitment. Last year's Try Hockey For Free numbers were excellent. In addition to increase exposure, we are delivering over 1500 fliers to the local schools of Lewiston, ID, Clarkston, WA and nearby surrounding areas in efforts to recruit more kids to try hockey. Furthermore, we are exposing ourselves in as many local community events as possible.

We continued fundraising efforts over this past summer, which included our annual "Friends of Hockey Golf Tournament". This fundraiser was again very successful and we anticipate even more growth in years to come.

We have a new board of directors in place as of June 1, 2020. All seven members have kids in the program at different levels. Furthermore, we recruited a new Safesport Coordinator, Jeremiah Coburn, a non-board member. The board has been very active and successful in restructuring the business of the LC Ice Arena. The bylaws are still under ongoing review. The policies for "Playing Up" proved effective again in 2019-20, as well as the requirements for mandatory in house meetings/clinics for coaches and other volunteers. In addition, our current board members with banking, accounting, teaching, and business experience have been key in

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the consolidation of expenses and furthermore helped us to get on a better track with managing money with our small program. Some assessment/changes include negotiations on the annual lease of the LC Ice Arena building with the Port of Lewiston (Landlord). Furthermore, we positively assessed association volunteer charges, and restructuring of employees. On the ground changes include rink improvements by donation such as Zamboni maintenance, board maintenance, and interior building maintenance.

Lastly, our Marketing/Sponsorship director has continued aggressively with the sponsoring program. In all, we are seeing more volunteers offering their time, lower costs of doing business, major renovations improving safety and curb appeal resulting in better survival.

With that, like many associations, we are going to be operating month by month at the LC Ice Arena due to covid 19. We will have an operating plan in place and anticipate following CDC and USA/IAHA guidelines for maintaining a safe environment for the kids.

The newly elected board members and our current board are as follows:

President – Brian Thomas
Vice President – Jessica Cleminhagen
Secretary – Annie Stuart
Treasurer – Dan McFetridge
Marketing/Sponsorship – Pat Westbrook
Adult Hockey/Coaching – Kyle Andrews
Rink Scheduling/Operations – Nate Parker

Sincerely,

Brian V. Thomas
LCAHA President



REFEREE IN CHIEF: 2020 Fall Report to IAHA

Bobby Noyes: Idaho State Supervisor of Officials

District News: All seminars will be offered online via zoom meeting protocols.

- Officials can register for any district offered seminar paying attention to the details section of any given seminar.
- There will not be an “on-ice” portion requirement at any level though it is recommended for new level 1 officials to have some sort of local in person meeting to discuss and review local scheduling and rink situations.
- All closed book tests will be done online within a certain time period.

Registration:

Cost to register for level 1 is \$50, for all others (level 2, 3 or 4) is \$90

An official can only stay as level 1 for two years and then must “level up”, unless they are under 16 years of age

All open book tests now have 50 questions, used to be 100 for all levels other than level 1

Open book tests are level specific, used to be one test for all levels

On line modules predicted study time has been reduced

Points of Emphasis for 2017 to 2021 Seasons:

Promote a safe and positive playing environment for all participants

Fair Play and Respect

Intimidation tactics have no place in hockey

“All participants and spectators should observe a level of personal behavior that demonstrates respect for all.”

Seminars: We are currently offering these seminars this fall, again in a zoom format. Possibly more will be scheduled as we get further into the fall and covid 19 restrictions at various rinks become more apparent.

Aug 18	level 3
Aug 20	level 2
Aug 22	level 1 for NEW officials
Sept 22	level 1 for returning level 1 officials
Sept 27	level 2 and 3
Oct 7	level 4

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Summer 2020 Hailey Ice Report

Hailey Ice opened up for eight weeks this summer (June 15-August 7). We implemented safety protocols which included wearing masks entering and exiting the building, contact tracing, spacing on benches, and cleaning all touch points and benches after each group. All participants were required to sign waivers before being able to participate in on ice sessions. We had a six week summer session of curling with 10 teams, and had groups pre-purchase ice with set rosters. We ran five weeks of skill sessions with Chad O'Brien for mite through elite players. OverSpeed Hockey ran two weeks of youth camp July 20-24 and July 27-31st and we also ran our Weekend Warrior Adult Camp the weekend of July 17-19th.

We will be doing an ice plant overhaul in early September and will have ice by mid-September.

Hailey Ice, in conjunction with SVYH, is also interested in hosting an IAHA event for the 2020-21 season. First choice would be IAHA High School State, but would be happy to host any event. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Benson

Executive Director Hailey Ice
Campion Ice House Manager

CDAHA - Coeur d 'Alene Amateur Hockey Association 2019 - 2020 Fall update.

CDAHA has been having regular offseason meetings to review and discuss the current 2020-2021 season and the pandemic's impact. CDAHA has agreed to work on a development program for all ages and groups focusing on inhouse play. Partnering with Frontier and aligning a learn to play and affordable mite program to help bring new area youth to hockey. CDAHA lowered prices and made adjustments to help encourage participation this year. CDAHA adopted a coaches development plan for the year too focusing on new coaches and creating a long and loyal volunteer development path. CDAHA pledged its support of safely reopening and bringing youth back to the rinks through a detailed president's letter. CDAHA also adopted updated safety policies including a COVID-19 waiver, locker room, health and safety for coaches and players and more. CDAHA will cap its numbers this year per age group to help ensure safety, as well as give priority to CDAHA returning players due to the areas other rinks being shut or severely limited. CDAHA has worked closely with the Idaho Falls affiliate to grow girls hockey offering tryouts at Frontier for girls "Viper" program. While it might not work out it was a great step forward. CDAHA has also worked closely with Frontier Ice Arena during the off season and current season to collaborate on a mutually beneficial program.



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Idaho Falls Youth Hockey Association – 2020 Fall Report

2020-21 Season Outlook

- We will again field 10 travel teams two in each respective age division.
- This year with the outlook of the travel season due to Covid-19 we will try to schedule more friendlies with surrounding associations.
- Our tournament schedule should remain consist with what we hosted last year but with Covid-19 we may have to restrict the number of teams allowed within those tournaments.
- With low numbers at Skyline High School we put that program on hold for the next few years consolidating our HS teams down to two total teams. Idaho Falls with strong numbers will remain same. Bonnecrest will absorb the Skyline players remaining the team the Snake River Wolves and will change colors with new uniforms. Because of this move we will now be able to filled two teams in the A bracket for the state tournament and two JV teams in the B bracket.
- We have named Rob Girard our new Coach In Chief and Rob will be working hand in hand with our coaches and Directors in all aspect of on ice coaching. Rob is a Canadian native and comes here from coaching the Florida Eels and Texas Brahmas programs

John Rifelj
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Fall SVYH Report

Many of our players had the opportunity to skate at the Champion Ice House this summer! There were several different types of opportunities to skate. OverSpeed Hockey camp had two, 1 week sessions for the youth, which were very successful. The Champion Ice House did a great job with creating appropriate COVID protocol at the rink. SVYH appreciates the efforts of Sarah Benson and Hailey Ice/Campion Ice House.

We will open our registration in the beginning of September and hope to have similar numbers as last season. We acknowledge that we will need to meet the challenges around COVID. Our board has been meeting throughout the summer to address these issues as best we can. In addition we will be welcoming three new board members to our board.

We will continue to work with Hailey Ice and Sun Valley Company to provide the best ice possible for our players as we plan for the coming season.