

Youth Council
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Youth Council was chaired passionately by Dave Klasnick for many years until his unfortunate death. Keith Barrett, (New England) parent, coach, and ref, was elected to take the reins and continue moving forward.

Youth Council currently consists of a representative from each District, Girls/Women's Section, Registrar's Section, Disabled Section, High School Section, Athlete representative, and Staff Liaison.

Youth Council normally meets once per month and this year the most significant Zoom meetings included: what could be conveyed utilizing Zoom to membership; where was covid most rampant, who was able to travel in an out of their state; who was able to assemble in their state.

Additionally, one of the responsibilities of YC is national tournaments. The sites are selected two years in advance because of the amount of work and resources necessary to effect a quality national tournament at each site selected. This past season we had two sites previously granted to California programs that had to be cancelled because of the covid state conditions. In addition, other sites had to be moved and ultimately Texas was the one state that could assist with additional tournament sites and volunteers in order to effect quality tournaments for each entered team. Staff worked hand in hand with Mayo Clinic to be certain that USAH adhered to the most current precautions to complete each tournament successfully minimizing the risk of exposure.

We have just completed our Annual Meeting and will begin more "normal" meetings for Youth Council for the upcoming season. We are anxious to see youth return to their local ice surface and are particularly looking at programs that might encourage the 8 y.o players to come and try so that we don't have a shortage at any age group.