



WISCONSIN AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, INC.
BY-LAW SUBMISSION FORM

BY-LAW (HEADING): _____ MEMBERSHIP _____

ARTICLE NUMBER: _____ ARTICLE 4 _____

PARAGRAPH : _____ D _____

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CURRENT WORDING IN WAHA BOOK:

D. A new Association must submit a membership application, its proposed Bylaws, a completed Affiliate/Local Association Agreement, any other documents required by WAHA, and a description of their proposed boundaries for WAHA Board approval by March 15.

SPECIFIC WORDING OF PROPOSAL:

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D. A new Association must submit a membership application, its proposed Bylaws, a completed Affiliate/Local Association Agreement, any other documents required by WAHA, and a description of their proposed boundaries for WAHA Board approval by **June 15** ~~March 15~~.

INTENTION OF PROPOSAL:

With board turnover and the conclusion of the season in March, June allows associations and volunteers to mobilize and still gives enough time before the annual meeting to approve.

SUBMITTER NAME: Nick Trentadue – President, McFarland Youth Hockey Association

Include Association Affiliation or Title(Officer, Coach, Manager, Parent)

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Date Received: _____ 3/23/26 _____

PROPOSAL #: _____ 2026 B-20 (new assn app) _____



WISCONSIN AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, INC.
BY-LAW SUBMISSION FORM

BY-LAW (HEADING): MEMBERSHIP

ARTICLE NUMBER: ARTICLE 4

PARAGRAPH : E

SECTION, SUB-SECTION & PAGE #: p. 33

CURRENT WORDING IN WAHA BOOK:

E. Any existing Association wishing to amend their approved boundaries must do so in writing and submit the request to the Secretary of WAHA by March 15.

SPECIFIC WORDING OF PROPOSAL:

(As it should appear with Additions/Changes **Bolded & Underlined**) (Attach Sheet If Necessary For More Wording)

E. Any existing Association wishing to amend their approved boundaries must do so in writing and submit the request to the Secretary of WAHA by **JUNE 15 March 15.**

INTENTION OF PROPOSAL:

With board turnover and the conclusion of the season in March, June allows associations and volunteers to mobilize and still gives enough time before the annual meeting to approve.

SUBMITTER NAME: Nick Trentadue – President, McFarland Youth Hockey Association

Include Association Affiliation or Title(Officer, Coach, Manager, Parent)

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Date Received: 3/23/26

PROPOSAL #: 2026 B-21 (boundaries)



WISCONSIN AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, INC.
BY-LAW SUBMISSION FORM

BY-LAW (HEADING): _____ OFFICERS _____

ARTICLE NUMBER: _____ ARTICLE 6 _____

PARAGRAPH : _____ B _____

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CURRENT WORDING IN WAHA BOOK:

B. Regions. The State of Wisconsin is divided into six (6) regions. Each region shall have a minimum of two (2) directors not residing within the boundaries of the same Affiliate/Local Association (unless elected at large or appointed by the Board of Directors) who shall be elected for a three (3) year staggered term. The three regions with the most registered teams shall have one (1) additional director elected at large. The Board of Directors may appoint additional directors from the state to serve at large.

SPECIFIC WORDING OF PROPOSAL:

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B. Regions. The State of Wisconsin is divided into six (6) regions. Each region shall have a minimum of two (2) directors not residing within the boundaries of the same Affiliate/Local Association (unless elected at large or appointed by the Board of Directors) who shall be elected for a three (3) year staggered term. The three regions with the most registered teams shall have one (1) additional director elected at large. **The Board of Directors may appoint additional directors from the state to serve at large.**

INTENTION OF PROPOSAL:

Directors should always be elected. Special Elections can be called to fill a vacant position in a region.

SUBMITTER NAME: Nick Trentadue – President, McFarland Youth Hockey Association

Include Association Affiliation or Title(Officer, Coach, Manager, Parent)

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Date Received: _____ 3/23/26 _____

PROPOSAL #: _____ 2026 B-22 (Director appt.) _____



WISCONSIN AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, INC. BY-LAW SUBMISSION FORM

BY-LAW (HEADING): OFFICERS

ARTICLE NUMBER: ARTICLE 6

PARAGRAPH: G

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CURRENT WORDING IN WAHA BOOK:

G. Removal. Any director or officer may be removed by a two-thirds majority vote of the entire elected Board of Directors. This action may take place at any regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting, or a 35 meeting called specifically for this purpose. In any case, ten (10) days prior written notice of proposed removal by vote of the Board of Directors (by mail and/or electronic means) must be provided to the officer or director in question.

SPECIFIC WORDING OF PROPOSAL:

(As it should appear with Additions/Changes **Bolded & Underlined**) (Attach Sheet If Necessary For More Wording)

Removal. Any director or officer may be removed by a two-thirds majority vote of the entire elected Board of Directors. This action may take place at any regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting, or a meeting called specifically for this purpose. In any case, ten (10) days prior written notice of proposed removal by vote of the Board of Directors (by mail and/or electronic means) must be provided to the officer or director in question. **Any association president of a WAHA-affiliated association within a region may initiate a vote of no confidence in their Regional Director(S) by submitting a written request to all Regional Directors and the WAHA President and secretary. Upon receipt of such request, the Regional Directors and WAHA President and secretary shall schedule a hearing to be held within TEN (10) days. The hearing shall be conducted virtually, and all association presidents within the affected region, or their designated representative, shall be eligible to attend and have one vote. A vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the eligible association presidents, or their designees, present at the hearing shall constitute removal of the Regional Director. The removed director's position shall be filled in accordance with the vacancy provisions of these Bylaws.**

INTENTION OF PROPOSAL: ACCOUNTABILITY.

Directors can be removed by associations that elect them if they are not representing the region properly.

SUBMITTER NAME: Nick Trentadue – President, McFarland Youth Hockey Association

Include Association Affiliation or Title(Officer, Coach, Manager, Parent)

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Date Received: 3/23/26 (amended 4/14/26)

PROPOSAL #: 2026 B-23 (removal)



WISCONSIN AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, INC.
BY-LAW SUBMISSION FORM

BY-LAW (HEADING): BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ARTICLE NUMBER: ARTICLE 6

PARAGRAPH : NEW - K

SECTION, SUB-SECTION & PAGE #: p. 35

CURRENT WORDING IN WAHA BOOK:
New paragraph

SPECIFIC WORDING OF PROPOSAL:

(As it should appear with Additions/Changes **Bolded & Underlined**) (Attach Sheet If Necessary For More Wording)

K. All WAHA board meetings ARE OPEN TO ACTIVE ASSOCIATION MEMBERS IN PERSON AND VIA virtual STREAMING OPTION. agendas and link to virtual option WILL be posted to public FACING WAHA website 5 business days before the meeting.

INTENTION OF PROPOSAL:

Allowing members to attend meetings creates transparency and trust in the corporation.

SUBMITTER NAME: Nick Trentadue – President, McFarland Youth Hockey Association

Include Association Affiliation or Title(Officer, Coach, Manager, Parent)

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Date Received: 3/23/26

PROPOSAL #: 2026 B-24 (open meetings)



WISCONSIN AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, INC.
BY-LAW SUBMISSION FORM

BY-LAW (HEADING): AMENDMENTS

ARTICLE NUMBER: ARTICLE 11

PARAGRAPH : A

SECTION, SUB-SECTION & PAGE #: p. 42

CURRENT WORDING IN WAHA BOOK:

- A. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to add or amend the Bylaws without annual meeting approval should USA Hockey make changes and/or amendments affecting WAHA

SPECIFIC WORDING OF PROPOSAL:

(As it should appear with Additions/Changes **Bolded & Underlined**) (Attach Sheet If Necessary For More Wording)

- A. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to add or amend the Bylaws without annual meeting approval should USA Hockey make changes and/or amendments affecting WAHA **(SOLELY TO LANGUAGE DIRECTLY PERTAINING TO USA HOCKEY CHANGES)**

INTENTION OF PROPOSAL:

WE DO NOT WANT A LOOPHOLE TO OPEN UP BYLAW CHANGES WITHOUT MEMBERSHIP VOTES.

SUBMITTER NAME: Nick Trentadue – President, McFarland Youth Hockey Association

Include Association Affiliation or Title(Officer, Coach, Manager, Parent)

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Date Received: 3/23/26

PROPOSAL #: 2026 B-25 (amendments)



WISCONSIN AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, INC. BY-LAW SUBMISSION FORM

BY-LAW (HEADING): _____ OFFICERS _____

ARTICLE NUMBER: _____ ARTICLE 7 _____

PARAGRAPH : _____ E _____

SECTION, SUB-SECTION & PAGE #: _____ Page 37 _____

CURRENT WORDING IN WAHA BOOK:

1. To compile and distribute minutes of all WAHA meetings.

SPECIFIC WORDING OF PROPOSAL:

(As it should appear with Additions/Changes **Bolded & Underlined**) (Attach Sheet If Necessary For More Wording)

1. To compile and distribute minutes of all WAHA meetings. **Within 5 business days of approval, meeting minutes must be publicly posted to the WAHA website.**

INTENTION OF PROPOSAL:

The intent of this proposal is to strengthen organizational transparency and member accountability by ensuring that approved meeting minutes are made readily accessible to all WAHA members and stakeholders in a timely manner. Currently, the existing language requires only that minutes be compiled and distributed, but provides no standard for whom, how, where, or when that distribution occurs – and the current practice is not to make them public outside of board members. This ambiguity can result in members being uninformed about decisions that directly affect them, their teams, and their associations.

This proposal would:

- Ensure that all members have equal and immediate access to decisions made on their behalf
- Reduce reliance on word-of-mouth or informal channels, which can lead to misinformation or confusion
- Reinforce trust in WAHA leadership and governance by demonstrating a commitment to open and accountable operations
- Align WAHA with modern best practices followed by other respected amateur hockey associations

Transparency in governance is not simply good practice — it is the foundation of member confidence. When members can easily and quickly see how decisions are being made, participation increases, disputes decrease, and the organization as a whole is strengthened.

SUBMITTER NAME: NICK TRENTADUE – PRESIDENT, MCFARLAND YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Include Association Affiliation or Title (Officer, Coach, Manager, Parent)

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Date Received: _____ March 13, 2026 _____

PROPOSAL #: _____ 2026 B-26 (Minutes) _____



**WISCONSIN AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, INC.
BY-LAW SUBMISSION FORM**

BY-LAW (HEADING): _____ OFFICERS _____

ARTICLE NUMBER: _____ ARTICLE 7 _____

PARAGRAPH : _____ A _____

SECTION, SUB-SECTION & PAGE #: _____ 4, p. 35 _____

CURRENT WORDING IN WAHA BOOK:

The offices of the Secretary and the Treasurer shall be appointed positions by the President with confirmation by the Board. Each appointment shall be for a term of two (2) years. Persons in the position of Secretary and Treasurer shall have a vote at board meetings.

SPECIFIC WORDING OF PROPOSAL:

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The offices of the Secretary and the Treasurer shall be appointed positions by the President with confirmation by the Board. Each appointment shall be for a term of two (2) years. Persons in the position of Secretary and Treasurer shall have **a VOICE BUT NOT A** vote at board meetings **IF THEY ARE NOT ALSO REGIONAL ELECTED DIRECTORS AND ALREADY ENTITLED TO A VOTE.**

INTENTION OF PROPOSAL:

The Secretary and Treasurer can be unelected officials and are not necessarily elected WAHA board members. Unelected officials should have a voice at the meeting but not a vote.

SUBMITTER NAME: Nick Trentadue – President, McFarland Youth Hockey Association

Include Association Affiliation or Title (Officer, Coach, Manager, Parent)

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Date Received: _____ 3/16/26 _____

PROPOSAL #: _____ 2026 B-27 (Secy -Treas vote) _____



WISCONSIN AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, INC.
BY-LAW SUBMISSION FORM

BY-LAW (HEADING): Board of Directors

ARTICLE NUMBER: 6

PARAGRAPH : I

SECTION, SUB-SECTION & PAGE #: p. 35

CURRENT WORDING IN WAHA BOOK:

I. Director Emeritus. The WAHA Board of Directors shall have the authority to appoint one or more persons to the position of Director Emeritus in recognition of distinguished and lengthy service to Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association. A Director Emeritus shall be a non-voting member of the Board unless an officer, but, in all other respects, shall be entitled to all of the rights, privileges, duties and responsibilities of other Board members, including committee membership as appointed by the President or the Board of Directors. A candidate for Director Emeritus must meet the following qualifications: 1. The candidate must have served at least three terms on the WAHA Board as an elected Regional Director or at least five as a Section Director, or a total of ten years in combination. 2. The candidate cannot be currently serving as an elected Regional Director. 3. The candidate must be nominated by the appointed nominating committee and be approved by a three fourths (3/4) vote of the elected regional directors. 4. The status of Director Emeritus shall be a lifetime position.

SPECIFIC WORDING OF PROPOSAL:

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Eliminate entire section.

INTENTION OF PROPOSAL:

Removing Director Emeritus. This is an unnecessary use of money and makes directors stay on the board longer than they should. 3 Terms is 9 years. Awards and recognition to past WAHA board members can be done in many other ways. No need to create a "country club" like atmosphere.

SUBMITTER NAME: Nick Trentadue – President, McFarland Youth Hockey Association

Date Received: 3/16/26

PROPOSAL #: 2026 B-29 (Emeritus)



WISCONSIN AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, INC.
BY-LAW SUBMISSION FORM

BY-LAW (HEADING): _____ OFFICERS _____

ARTICLE NUMBER: _____ ARTICLE 7 _____

PARAGRAPH : _____ H _____

SECTION, SUB-SECTION & PAGE #: _____ 38 _____

CURRENT WORDING IN WAHA BOOK:

Past President. The immediate Past President of WAHA shall remain an advisory member of the Board of Directors, with all rights and privileges as other non-voting members of the Board of Directors. There shall be only one Past President. Election of a new President will change the person in the role of Past President, unless the new Past President cannot fulfill that role.

SPECIFIC WORDING OF PROPOSAL:

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Past President. The immediate Past President of WAHA shall remain an advisory member of the Board of Directors, with all rights and privileges as other non-voting members of the Board of Directors. There shall be only one Past President. Election of a new President will change the person in the role of Past President, unless the new Past President cannot fulfill that role.

INTENTION OF PROPOSAL:

There is no need for another expense. The past president is thanked for services and can always be reached by email or phone for consultation

SUBMITTER NAME: Nick Trentadue – President, McFarland Youth Hockey Association

Include Association Affiliation or Title(Officer, Coach, Manager, Parent)

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Date Received: _____ 3/16/26 _____

PROPOSAL #: _____ 2026 B-30 (past pres) _____



WISCONSIN AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, INC. BY-LAW SUBMISSION FORM

BY-LAW (HEADING): Annual Meeting

ARTICLE NUMBER: 5

PARAGRAPH : B

SECTION, SUB-SECTION & PAGE #: p. 33

CURRENT WORDING IN WAHA BOOK:

- B. Each League and Affiliate/Local Association, that is a member of WAHA, shall be entitled to have one person represent their League or Affiliate/Local Association at the annual meeting and have one (1) vote. Each Affiliate/Local Association will also be entitled to have one (1) vote for each team registered with WAHA/USA Hockey and must have a person in attendance for each eligible vote.

SPECIFIC WORDING OF PROPOSAL:

(As it should appear with Additions/Changes **Bolded & Underlined**) (Attach Sheet If Necessary For More Wording)

- B. Each League and Affiliate/Local Association, that is a member of WAHA, shall be entitled to ~~have one person represent~~ **representation** of their League or Affiliate/Local Association at the annual meeting ~~and have one (1) vote.~~ Each **League and** Affiliate/Local Association will ~~also be entitled to have one (1) vote for each team registered with WAHA/USA Hockey and must have a person in attendance for each eligible vote~~ **votes for action to be taken at the Annual Meeting in accordance with procedures established by the Board to comply with USA Hockey requirements.**

INTENTION OF PROPOSAL:

The current procedure used by WAHA for voting for Region Directors and Bylaw changes is not in compliance with USA Hockey requirements that each member who is registered with USA Hockey (player and coach) has the right to vote for Region Directors. This change provides that the voting process will be set by the Board to be in compliance with the USA Hockey requirements.

SUBMITTER NAME: Dean Dietrich, WAHA Legal Counsel

Include Association Affiliation or Title(Officer, Coach, Manager, Parent)

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Date Received: 4/10/26

PROPOSAL #: 2026 B-31 (Annual voting)



WISCONSIN AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, INC.
BY-LAW SUBMISSION FORM

BY-LAW (HEADING): BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ARTICLE NUMBER: 6

PARAGRAPH: B (AMEND) / NEW SUBSECTION

SECTION, SUB-SECTION & PAGE #: p. 33-34

CURRENT WORDING IN WAHA BOOK:

None. Article 6 establishes the Board of Directors and governs elections, vacancies, and removal, but contains no provision limiting the number of consecutive terms a Regional Director or officer may serve. Directors may be re-elected indefinitely without restriction.

SPECIFIC WORDING OF PROPOSAL:

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Add new subsection to Article 6 after the elections provision: **TERM LIMITS. No Regional Director shall serve more than three (3) consecutive three-year terms in the same regional director position. Upon completing three consecutive terms, a director shall be ineligible to serve in that same position for a period of two (2) years before becoming eligible for re-election to that position. Service in a different Board position during the cooling-off period is permitted. Terms served prior to the adoption of this provision shall not be counted toward the three-term limit. This limit applies to elected Regional Directors. Officers elected by the Board of Directors (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer) shall be subject to term limits as separately established by the Board in its standing rules.**

INTENTION OF PROPOSAL: BOARD ACCOUNTABILITY AND FRESH LEADERSHIP.

Without term limits, directors can serve indefinitely, which risks entrenchment, reduced accountability to member associations, and barriers to new leadership entering the organization. A three-term (nine-year) limit provides stability and continuity while ensuring regular turnover and fresh perspectives. The two-year cooling-off period prevents immediate re-election that would render the limit meaningless, while still allowing experienced leaders to return after a break. The grandfather clause for prior service ensures this change is not retroactively disruptive to current directors. This proposal strengthens WAHA's long-term governance without destabilizing its current leadership structure.

SUBMITTER NAME: Nick Trentadue – President, McFarland Youth Hockey Association

Include Association Affiliation or Title (Officer, Coach, Manager, Parent)

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Date Received: 4/14/26

PROPOSAL #: 2026 B-32 (term limits)



WISCONSIN AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, INC.
BY-LAW SUBMISSION FORM

BY-LAW (HEADING): GENERAL

ARTICLE NUMBER: ARTICLE 10 (NEW SECTION)

PARAGRAPH : N/A (NEW)

SECTION, SUB-SECTION & PAGE #: N/A

CURRENT WORDING IN WAHA BOOK:

None. The WAHA Bylaws and Rules & Regulations contain no provision protecting members, volunteers, coaches, or officials who report bylaw violations, financial irregularities, Safe Sport concerns, or other misconduct from retaliation by WAHA or its affiliates.

SPECIFIC WORDING OF PROPOSAL:

(As it should appear with Additions/Changes **Bolded & Underlined**) (Attach Sheet If Necessary For More Wording)

WHISTLEBLOWER AND NON-RETALIATION POLICY. Any member, player, parent, coach, official, volunteer, or employee of WAHA or an affiliated local association who, in good faith, reports a suspected violation of WAHA bylaws or rules, financial misconduct, Safe Sport concerns, or other conduct detrimental to the organization or its members shall be protected from retaliation. Retaliation includes, but is not limited to: removal from a team or position, suspension, denial of registration, intimidation, harassment, or any adverse action taken because of the report. Any person who engages in retaliation against a good-faith reporter shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension or removal from their position. Reports may be made to the WAHA President, any Board member, or through a confidential reporting mechanism established by the Board. The Board of Directors shall adopt a written Whistleblower Policy implementing this section and shall make it available on the WAHA website. False reports made in bad faith are not protected under this section.

INTENTION OF PROPOSAL: MEMBER PROTECTION AND ORGANIZATIONAL INTEGRITY.

WAHA depends on members, coaches, and volunteers acting in good faith to report misconduct, financial irregularities, and Safe Sport violations. Without explicit non-retaliation protections, individuals may fear reporting problems and stay silent, allowing harmful conduct to continue unchecked. This proposal closes that gap by protecting good-faith reporters, establishing clear consequences for retaliation, and requiring a written policy. It aligns WAHA with best practices for nonprofit governance and strengthens the organization's ability to self-correct when problems arise.

SUBMITTER NAME: Nick Trentadue – President, McFarland Youth Hockey Association

Include Association Affiliation or Title(Officer, Coach, Manager, Parent)

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Date Received: 4/14/26

PROPOSAL #: 2026 B-33 (whistleblower)



WISCONSIN AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, INC.
BY-LAW SUBMISSION FORM

BY-LAW (HEADING): GENERAL

ARTICLE NUMBER: ARTICLE 10 (NEW SECTION)

PARAGRAPH: N/A (NEW)

SECTION, SUB-SECTION & PAGE #: N/A

CURRENT WORDING IN WAHA BOOK:

None. The WAHA Bylaws and Rules & Regulations contain no provision governing the collection, use, storage, or protection of personal data belonging to members, players, coaches, or officials. This is a gap in the current governing documents.

SPECIFIC WORDING OF PROPOSAL:

(As it should appear with Additions/Changes **Bolded & Underlined**) (Attach Sheet If Necessary For More Wording)

DATA PRIVACY AND MEMBER INFORMATION POLICY. WAHA collects personal information from its members, players, coaches, officials, and volunteers, including but not limited to names, addresses, dates of birth, and background check results. The Board of Directors shall adopt and maintain a written Data Privacy Policy governing the collection, use, storage, and protection of such information. Such policy shall include, at minimum: (1) a statement that member data shall be used only for hockey-related administrative purposes; (2) a prohibition on the sale or transfer of member data to third parties for commercial purposes; (3) requirements for reasonable data security measures; and (4) a process by which members may request correction of inaccurate information. The Data Privacy Policy shall be made available to all members upon request and posted on the WAHA website. The Board shall review the policy no less than once every three (3) years.

INTENTION OF PROPOSAL: MEMBER PROTECTION AND ORGANIZATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY.

WAHA collects significant personal data on thousands of members, including minors. Background check results, addresses, and dates of birth are gathered annually. The bylaws currently contain no provision requiring responsible handling of this data. This proposal establishes a minimum framework requiring a written policy, restricts data use to hockey purposes, prohibits commercial sale of member data, and requires reasonable security measures. It protects members while giving the Board flexibility to adopt a detailed policy appropriate to WAHA's size and operations.

SUBMITTER NAME: Nick Trentadue – President, McFarland Youth Hockey Association

Include Association Affiliation or Title(Officer, Coach, Manager, Parent)

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Date Received: 4/14/26

PROPOSAL #: 2026 B-34 (data privacy)



WISCONSIN AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, INC. BY-LAW SUBMISSION FORM

BY-LAW (HEADING): Board of Directors

ARTICLE NUMBER: 6

PARAGRAPH: B

SECTION, SUB-SECTION & PAGE #: p. 34

CURRENT WORDING IN WAHA BOOK:

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN IS DIVIDED INTO SIX (6) REGIONS. EACH REGION SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM OF TWO (2) DIRECTORS NOT RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE SAME AFFILIATE/LOCAL ASSOCIATION (UNLESS ELECTED AT LARGE OR APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS) WHO SHALL BE ELECTED FOR A THREE (3) YEAR STAGGERED TERM. THE THREE REGIONS WITH THE MOST REGISTERED TEAMS SHALL HAVE ONE (1) ADDITIONAL DIRECTOR ELECTED AT LARGE. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY APPOINT ADDITIONAL DIRECTORS FROM THE STATE TO SERVE AT LARGE.

SPECIFIC WORDING OF PROPOSAL:

(As it should appear with Additions/Changes **Bolded & Underlined**) (Attach Sheet If Necessary For More Wording)

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN IS DIVIDED INTO SIX (6) **geographic** REGIONS **where the region boundaries are set with the intent of having an equal number of associations per region.** EACH REGION SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM OF TWO (2) DIRECTORS NOT RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE SAME AFFILIATE/LOCAL ASSOCIATION (UNLESS ELECTED AT LARGE OR APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS) WHO SHALL BE ELECTED FOR A THREE (3) YEAR STAGGERED TERM. THE THREE REGIONS WITH THE MOST REGISTERED TEAMS SHALL HAVE ONE (1) ADDITIONAL DIRECTOR ELECTED AT LARGE. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY APPOINT ADDITIONAL DIRECTORS FROM THE STATE TO SERVE AT LARGE.

INTENTION OF PROPOSAL:

Distribute teams more equally geographically so that teams have to play a similar number of games to make the state tournament. This could be similar to the WIAA state tournament process, where regions for playdowns would be more even as far as number of teams, but play during the season regions could remain similar to current numbers. We know this has been looked into as far as boundary changes that could accommodate this so would be happy either way, as long as teams chances of going to the state tournament are more evenly distributed. This is also somewhat outlined in the Youth Hockey Rules section on page 73 of the guide and if voted to approve, verbiage must be changed there to match the above.

SUBMITTER NAME: Micki Smeeding, President, Wildcat Youth Hockey Association

Include Association Affiliation or Title (Officer, Coach, Manager, Parent)

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Date Received: 4/15/26

PROPOSAL #: B-35 (equal distr)



WISCONSIN AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, INC.
BY-LAW SUBMISSION FORM

BY-LAW (HEADING): Officers

ARTICLE NUMBER: 7

PARAGRAPH : E. Secretary

SECTION, SUB-SECTION & PAGE #: 1, Page 37

CURRENT WORDING IN WAHA BOOK:

1. To compile and distribute minutes of all WAHA meetings.

SPECIFIC WORDING OF PROPOSAL:

(As it should appear with Additions/Changes **Bolded & Underlined**) (Attach Sheet If Necessary For More Wording)

1. To compile and distribute minutes of all WAHA meetings **to all associations that fall within WAHA and post on the WAHA website. This includes WAHA Board of Directors meetings.**

INTENTION OF PROPOSAL:

Transparency of what is discussed at the Board of Director meetings.

SUBMITTER NAME: Micki Smeeding, President, Wildcat Youth Hockey Association

Include Association Affiliation or Title(Officer, Coach, Manager, Parent)

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Date Received: 4/15/26

PROPOSAL #: 2026 B-36 (minutes)



WISCONSIN AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, INC. BY-LAW SUBMISSION FORM

BY-LAW (HEADING): FINANCES

ARTICLE NUMBER: ARTICLE 8 (AMEND OR NEW SECTION)

PARAGRAPH : N/A (NEW)

SECTION, SUB-SECTION & PAGE #: N/A

CURRENT WORDING IN WAHA BOOK:

NONE SPECIFIC. THE WAHA BYLAWS DO NOT CURRENTLY require an independent financial review or audit, nor do they require that financial results be presented to the membership. The Treasurer is responsible for financial records, but no independent verification or member-facing reporting obligation is established in the governing documents.

SPECIFIC WORDING OF PROPOSAL:

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ANNUAL FINANCIAL REVIEW. WAHA shall cause an independent financial review of its accounts and financial statements to be conducted annually by a qualified individual or firm with no financial interest in WAHA. The scope of such review shall include, at minimum, a reconciliation of receipts and disbursements against bank records for the fiscal year. The results of the annual financial review, including any findings or recommendations, shall be presented to the membership at the Annual Meeting and made available to any member upon written request. The Board of Directors may elect to commission a full independent audit in lieu of a financial review in any given year. The cost of the annual financial review shall be an approved line item in the WAHA annual budget.

INTENTION OF PROPOSAL: FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND MEMBER TRANSPARENCY.

WAHA collects and disburses significant funds on behalf of member associations and the broader youth hockey community in Wisconsin. The current bylaws place full financial responsibility on the Treasurer with no independent verification requirement and no obligation to report results to membership. This proposal establishes a minimum standard of financial oversight that is common among state-level nonprofit sports associations: an annual independent review by a party with no financial interest in WAHA, with results presented to the membership. A full audit is not required every year – a financial review is less costly while still providing meaningful independent verification. This protects the organization, its officers, and its members.

SUBMITTER NAME: NICK TRENTADUE – PRESIDENT, MCFARLAND YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Include Association Affiliation or Title(Officer, Coach, Manager, Parent)

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WISCONSIN AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, INC.
BY-LAW SUBMISSION FORM

BY-LAW (HEADING): GENERAL

ARTICLE NUMBER: ARTICLE 6 (AMEND) / ARTICLE 10 (NEW SECTION)

PARAGRAPH : N/A (NEW)

SECTION, SUB-SECTION & PAGE #: N/A

CURRENT WORDING IN WAHA BOOK:

None. The WAHA Bylaws and Rules & Regulations contain no provision authorizing the Board of Directors to adopt a social media or member communications policy, nor any provision establishing standards of conduct for online communications by members, coaches, officials, or volunteers in connection with WAHA activities.

SPECIFIC WORDING OF PROPOSAL:

(As it should appear with Additions/Changes **Bolded & Underlined**) (Attach Sheet If Necessary For More Wording)

SOCIAL MEDIA AND MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS POLICY. The Board of Directors is authorized to adopt, amend, and enforce a written Social Media and Member Communications Policy applicable to all members, coaches, officials, volunteers, and employees of WAHA and its affiliated local associations when acting in connection with WAHA or local association activities. Such policy shall establish minimum standards of conduct for online and electronic communications, including but not limited to social media posts, group chats, and electronic messages, relating to WAHA, its affiliated associations, players, officials, coaches, and events. Compliance with the Social Media and Member Communications Policy shall be a condition of participation in WAHA-sanctioned activities. Violations of the policy may be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with WAHA's existing discipline procedures. The policy shall be made available on the WAHA website and provided to all member associations annually.

INTENTION OF PROPOSAL: MEMBER CONDUCT AND ORGANIZATIONAL AUTHORITY.

Misconduct in youth hockey increasingly occurs online – through social media posts targeting referees, coaches, and players, and through group chats used to harass or bully. Without explicit bylaw authority to adopt and enforce a social media policy, WAHA's ability to discipline members for online conduct is legally uncertain. This proposal does not prescribe specific rules – it grants the Board clear authority to adopt and enforce a policy, making compliance a condition of participation. This is consistent with how USA Hockey approaches conduct standards and gives WAHA the same tools that local associations and other state affiliates use to address online behavior that harms the game and its participants.

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Include Association Affiliation or Title(Officer, Coach, Manager, Parent)

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