

## TIER 1 ELITE HOCKEY LEAGUE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

# Policy 5.1 – Tier 1 Elite Player Registration

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### PURPOSE

The purpose of the following is to ensure everyone conducting business with the TIER 1 ELITE HOCKEY LEAGUE has a clear understanding of the rules & guidelines governing the registration of players and teams with the TIER 1 ELITE HOCKEY LEAGUE league office.

### REGISTRATION

**Rule:** Registration of players and teams with the TIER 1 ELITE HOCKEY LEAGUE league office shall be in accordance with the following:

1. All players, parents/guardians, and coaches are responsible for understanding and adhering to all applicable policies, procedures, and values of the TIER 1 ELITE HOCKEY LEAGUE.
  - Failure to comply shall subject the offending party to disciplinary action up to and including revocation of member in good standing designation and expulsion from the TIER 1 ELITE HOCKEY LEAGUE.
2. All players, parents/guardians, and coaches must complete and sign Appendix A of Policy 5.1– TIER 1 ELITE HOCKEY LEAGUE Player Registration prior to the commencement of each season in order to be eligible to play in the TIER 1 ELITE HOCKEY LEAGUE for that season.
  - Signed and dated original copy of Appendix A must be filed with the Commissioner of the TIER 1 ELITE HOCKEY LEAGUE prior to the player participating in TIER 1 ELITE HOCKEY LEAGUE sanctioned games.
  - Boys Division: Directors of member organizations shall be responsible for collecting and delivering all signed and dated original copies of Appendix A to the Commissioner of the TIER 1 ELITE HOCKEY LEAGUE.
  - Girls Division: Teams participating in the Girls Division shall be responsible for submitting all signed and dated original copies of Appendix A to the Commissioner of the TIER 1 ELITE HOCKEY LEAGUE.
3. The execution of Appendix A of Policy 5.1 commits the player and respective organization to one another for the entire season for which Appendix A has been signed.
  - Once an Appendix A has been signed, teams and/or players may not gain release from their respective commitment for the ensuing season except under mutual agreement between the parties or for good cause as determined by the Appeal Board as part of the appeal process outlined herein.
  - Mutual decisions to dissolve player commitment may be effectuated, but the parties remain subject to all applicable signed agreements unless specifically designated at the time of release.
  - Notwithstanding, a team signing a player previously signed to Appendix A in the same season with another member organization is responsible to pay applicable governing body approved player contract signing fees for remaining time in the current season (ending on March 31). The player contract signing fee must be paid to the TIER 1 ELITE HOCKEY LEAGUE (who will forward to the releasing club) in advance of the affected player participating in any sanctioned TIER 1 ELITE HOCKEY LEAGUE activity.

**Appeal Process:** A player and/or team reserves the right to appeal all registration issues to the TIER 1 ELITE HOCKEY LEAGUE Commissioner via email ([yarrlelad@aol.com](mailto:yarrlelad@aol.com)) or fax (313-255-2666).

**Appeal Board:** The Appeal Board is comprised of three (3) Directors from member organizations not involved in the dispute. The decision of the Appeal Board is final and binding.

### Timeline:

1. Member / Associate Member organizations / teams may execute Appendix A of Policy 5.1 - TIER 1 ELITE HOCKEY LEAGUE Player Registration for the ensuing season on or after:
  - 8:00 a.m. on May 15 of the year in which the season begins (voluntary)
  - 8:00 a.m. on September 1 of the year in which the season begins (required)
2. Member / Associate Member organizations / teams shall execute Appendix A of Policy 5.1 – TIER 1 ELITE HOCKEY LEAGUE Player Registration for the season in accordance with the above by:

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- 5:00 p.m. on September 5 of the year in which the season begins or prior to the teams' first sanctioned TIER 1 ELITE HOCKEY LEAGUE game (timing may be waived by the Commissioner of the TIER 1 ELITE HOCKEY LEAGUE)

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***Date Approved:*** May 21, 2013

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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

To establish the TIER 1 ELITE HOCKEY LEAGUE as the premiere AAA Tier I developmental hockey association in the United States!

### **VISION**

The strategic vision of the TIER 1 ELITE HOCKEY LEAGUE was developed to support the league's Mission Statement. The TIER 1 ELITE HOCKEY LEAGUE will continuously evaluate all aspects of the operation in order to identify areas for improvement and to capitalize on available opportunities. The activities of the TIER 1 ELITE HOCKEY LEAGUE will strive to ensure the league:

1. Provides best-in-class coaching, training facilities, and programs;
2. Builds relationships with USA Hockey, State Governing Bodies, Junior Leagues, Colleges/Universities, and the business community; and
3. Instills the core values of **A**chievement, **C**ompetitiveness, **C**itizenship, **E**nthusiasm, **S**cholarship, and **S**portsmanship (ACCESS) in each member of the Association.

### **CORE VALUES**

The TIER 1 ELITE HOCKEY LEAGUE provides a wonderful opportunity for the young men and women playing on the member teams to chase their hockey dreams. Maximizing a player's individual potential is dependent upon a number of factors outside of on-ice hockey skills. Therefore, it is incumbent upon each member organization to assist each player's individual effort to take control of his/her personal development and build the blocks of a solid foundation for lifelong success. Internalizing the core values (ACCESS) of the TIER 1 ELITE HOCKEY LEAGUE will provide our young men and women the tools that will enable them to collect experiences, expand their horizons, and open doors to future opportunities.

1. **A**chievement ... set goals in hockey and academics
2. **C**ompetitiveness ... challenge self to be your best and never quit
3. **C**itizenship ... lead your school, community, and team
4. **E**nthusiasm ... enjoy the great game of hockey
5. **S**portsmanship ... win and lose with dignity and class
6. **S**cholarship... apply yourself to the pursuit of knowledge

### **PLAYER AGREEMENT**

As a member in good standing in the TIER 1 ELITE HOCKEY LEAGUE, I understand I have been given a wonderful opportunity to play hockey in the premiere AAA Tier I developmental hockey association in the United States. I also understand my ability to remain a player in good standing in the TIER 1 ELITE HOCKEY LEAGUE requires me to abide by the core values of the TIER 1 ELITE HOCKEY LEAGUE and conduct myself in a manner befitting the organization on the ice, in the classroom, and in the community. As such, I agree to:

1. Work Hard (Achievement; Scholarship);
2. Never Quit (Competitiveness);
3. Act Responsibly (Citizenship);
4. Have Fun (Enthusiasm); and
5. Show Respect (Sportsmanship).

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### **Appendix A of Policy 5.1 – TIER 1 ELITE HOCKEY LEAGUE Player Registration**

All players, parents/guardians, and team head coaches must sign Appendix A and adhere to all policies, procedures, and values of the TIER 1 ELITE HOCKEY LEAGUE. Failure to comply shall subject the offending party to disciplinary action up to and including revocation of member in good standing designation and expulsion from the TIER 1 ELITE HOCKEY LEAGUE.

The following outlines the responsibilities of the player, parent/guardian, team (coach) and organization:

#### **Organization**

The organization is obligated to provide the player and family a positive environment that reflects the values of the TIER 1 ELITE HOCKEY LEAGUE.

- Champion TIER 1 ELITE HOCKEY LEAGUE Academic Achievement Program

#### **Team**

The team (coach) is obligated to adhere to the policies, procedures, and values of the TIER 1 ELITE HOCKEY LEAGUE and provide the player a positive environment under which to develop as a hockey player and future leader. The team must also provide each family:

- Player Contract budget
- Timely invoices / financial statements
- Year end financial statements
- Champion TIER 1 ELITE HOCKEY LEAGUE Academic Achievement Program

#### **Parent / Guardian**

The parent(s)/guardian(s) are obligated to adhere to the policies, procedures, and values of the TIER 1 ELITE HOCKEY LEAGUE. Additionally, the parent/guardian(s) are responsible for any and all financial obligations to the team for the entire season to which this Agreement applies unless specifically released from said obligations. Financial obligations include, but are not limited to the following:

- Participation Fee (as determined by the club, team or applicable organization fielding the team)
- Fees and Expenses
  - Other expenses as a result of the player's participation in the TIER 1 ELITE HOCKEY LEAGUE (as determined by the club, team or applicable organization fielding the team)
- Failure to stay current with financial commitments subjects the player to expulsion from the team and the parent(s)/guardian(s) to pay penalties, interest and other costs associated with collection of past due payments. In addition, a player with unpaid financial obligations to any TIER 1 ELITE HOCKEY LEAGUE Member or Associate Member club or team will not be permitted to participate in any TIER 1 ELITE HOCKEY LEAGUE game or other league activity for any other TIER 1 ELITE HOCKEY LEAGUE Member or Associate Member club or team until such financial obligations are paid in full.

#### **Right to Publish or Display**

By executing this document the player, parent or guardian of said player, the coach(es) and any other individual who signs the document, understands and agrees that the Tier 1 Elite Hockey League has the sole and absolute authority and right to display or make publicly known in any manner through any form of media, including but not limited to, publication, videotaping or live telecast, through television or any other system for the distribution of audio, video or photography, any of the participants in the league (including, but not limited to, players, coaches, parents/guardians, referees and other league officials and any other representatives or agents or employees of any of the teams in the league) without compensation to any of the individuals displayed or depicted and without seeking further permission or consent from any of the individuals so displayed or depicted.

#### **Player**

The player is obligated to adhere to the policies, procedures and values of the TIER 1 ELITE HOCKEY LEAGUE including the Player Agreement.

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I acknowledge that I have carefully read and understand Policy 5.1 – TIER 1 ELITE HOCKEY LEAGUE Player Registration including Appendix A and agree to be legally bound by its terms and conditions.

TIER 1 ELITE HOCKEY LEAGUE MEMBER ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM: \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT / GUARDIAN: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT / GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT / GUARDIAN E-MAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

HEAD COACH NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

HEAD COACH SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_