



IAHA Winter Meeting Draft Minutes

Tuesday, January 24, 2023, 6:00 PM MST, 5:00 PM PST via Zoom

In attendance:

Executive Board: John Heinrich, Sarah Benson, Kaila Tanner, Joanne Tirocke

Voting Directors: Kory Scoran (Boise-IIW), Rob McSweeney (Jr Steelheads), Shawn Luteyn (CDA Hockey Academy), Matt Creighton (CDAHA), John Rifelj (Idaho Falls), Phil Schoensee (McCall), Miranda Milligan (Teton Valley), Melinda Knott (Salmon), Jeremy Foss (PYHA), Jeff Lamoureux (Sun Valley), Lee Ann Schlake (At-Large Director)

Other attendees: Travis Ceniga (CIC), Matt Stone (RIC), Jess Stich Hennen (Affiliate Registrar), Jessica Pollock (Sun Valley), Bobby Noyes (RIC), Erik Hudson (MAC), Freddie Beaubien (CDA Hockey Academy), Jesse Balsimo, Andrea Balsimo, Mark Enegren, Stacey Moore (Teton Valley), Sarah Gingerich (LC), Nicki Dyson (McCall), Lindsay Wilmot (DEI)

1. 6:00 PM – Welcome & Introductions – J. Heinrich
2. Roll Call and Quorum – J. Tirocke
We have quorum with 15 voting members present.
3. Approval of Fall 2022 Minutes – J. Tirocke
Motion by John Rifelj to approve the Fall 2022 meeting minutes, seconded by Matt Creighton. Motion passes unanimously, minutes approved.
4. Association Reports – All
Written association reports were received from McCall, CDA Academy, Jr Steelheads, IFYHA, PYHA, Salmon, and Sun Valley and are attached.
5. President's Report – J. Heinrich
John attended the Inaugural Affiliate President Seminar in Nashville in October. Topics covered included DEI with Stephanie Jackson, the officiating task force and keeping the player/official ratio stable, developing a disciplinary committee for officiating offenses (Matt & Bobby's area), and promoting positivity and acceptance with developmental programs such as Learn to Play and Learn to Skate. At the USAH National Meeting, Rocky Mountain District was scolded for concussions and the need for associations to file Return to Play documentation with him. John must submit these to the Player Safety Coordinator at the District level. Further discussion in advance of the state tournaments focused on spectator behavior and techniques used by other affiliates to discourage poor behavior (MI uses fines & suspensions). John encouraged associations to police their own people. A form was suggested allowing others to report internally. Procedure would need to be developed with explicit instructions on where to report and how reports would be handled.

NARCE has a good program that rinks should have someone attend. There were many facets of rink management that might be beneficial to our rinks and programs. This year's conference is in Buffalo, NY in June.

https://www.usicerinks.com/USIRA/Conference/USIRA_Public/Conference/Conference.aspx?hkey=69fc4f42-4aa3-4a01-98aa-f169cec63bae

Block Grant and IAHA Grant money available. Applications are due to Jared Bragg by February 15. Receipts required.

<https://www.idahoamateurlhockey.com/page/show/1420622-grant-program>

2023 -2024 will be a trial year for 130 (only) at Nationals – all state or association playdown depending on interest. Get a look at PDC? Want to see what others in district are doing, need 20 games for NTB, so there's that.

6. Treasurer's Report – K. Tanner

State Tournaments – money in and money out will be tracked. Officials won't get paid without completed W9 regardless of how much they earn. W9 will get submitted if an official earns >\$600. Kaila will need invoice for ice time in advance so we can know costs beforehand. Checks for ice will not be issued without invoice to clean up our books and be ready for the next audit. Expect a legal fund proposal for the budget at the Annual Meeting.

7. Registrar Report – J. Stich Hennen

The state still has unclaimed members, have to know who's on team and who is coaching and whether they are credentialed. February 1st deadline to get those on your rosters.

Jess is getting 1+ Play-ups requests per week. IAHA needs to streamline process because it is a lot of work. Adds and drops are time consuming and hard to track who is playing up. Dual rostering – communications are not happening the way they should. Kids are just showing up on rosters but cannot tell if coaches know. Is claiming by first association rostering or is it by where they live? Maybe communication needs to be more concrete, meaning return to a form. Jess kinda gets caught in the middle when a coach doesn't know a player is playing for another association. Hundred plus kids that are double rostered around state. Two routes, either local association can make a rule limiting their players, or the state can create a better policy to make sure players are where they are needed for local associations to have enough players to complete.

62 tournaments sanctioned. Directors expressed their appreciation for all the work that Jess has done in her role as Affiliate Registrar so far this year. Jess will get with Lee Ann to learn the credentialing process for the state tournaments.

8. RIC Report – B. Noyes/ M. Stone

More officials than in past years but some still have not completed requirements. National and District nominees have gone out and working on nominations for state tournaments. Need to create a better aura around the state tournaments to help attract officials to that event. District RIC meeting in Dallas, then Bobby will transition out. Officiating Board is needed across the state to act as communication piece to local association and discuss all the pertinent issues that affect all officials. There is just an assignor/scheduler in some locations and not a refereeing association. **Each youth association should send an email to Matt & Bobby with the name and email for the local representative for their officials, just so Matt and Bobby have those.** Collectively can help build pool of officials. No officials, no games = lots of unhappiness. Matt has ideas about pay scaling for state tournaments. Three official system for some games vs 2 officials (4 eyes). 4 person system is probably the best way for good coverage and better for lower exertion if have lots of games. District pays

for RIC meeting, not sure if they want to pay for 2 reps to go.

9. Girls Hockey Report - L. Schlake
State tournament 14U: SV, ?? 19U: SV, IF, Boise Fireblades
NTB Vipers 14U and 16U??
NTB Jr Steelheads HS Girls

Jr Steelheads & Moscow will have spring girls events. Hailey had girls event in Fall with Overspeed and Cammi Grenato.

Frustrating that SV 14U doesn't have team to play – can they play in other a neighboring state tournament? IF has 11yo players but they don't qualify because of player age rule. Hands are tied because of the USA Hockey limitations. Girls are in demand so playing on several teams including a youth team. Girls committee met in November. Acknowledge that we need to grow girls programs but they are at different skill levels and the more talented are playing elsewhere. Hard to concentrate players to get the numbers needed to field teams to play enough games for states. SV has 15 12Us and 20 14Us. IIW: most of the girls play on youth teams. IIW: half of 19Us play on the HS Girls team this year.

Would like to create team for the SV 14U girls to play. If we did that it would have more 12U players than older girls, if the Tournament Committee is ok with that (waiver for game count) would Darla allow that? Have to have team to play to get a banner. Precedent set with 14U team as the only declared team, did not get a championship banner.

10. State Tournaments – J. Heinrich & S. Benson
State Tournament is 38 games, ice restrictions at the MAC due to other events, awaiting ice cost from MAC and then will do budget. Expect tournament cost in about a week for the state tournament.

Get scoresheets in! Requesting scores for games to make sure teams are in the correct bracket – time sensitive because a team may move from B to A or other team adjustment. 18U B has a range of ability, so may need to adjust. IF has had a lot of injuries. 16U can move to 18U B if they are up for it.

11. Committee Reports/Updates
 - A. Discipline Committee – S. Benson
8 adult match penalties and 2 youth match penalties – more than all of last year, tell players to keep it together.
 - B. Finance Committee – K. Tanner
Will start moving forward with Donna K (PNAHA) to help out.
 - C. Membership Committee – J. Tirocke
One associate member application and just found out about another with interest in having an association for sled hockey.

Jesse and Andrea Balsimo have a strong hockey background and desire to grow the game in North Idaho. They expect to start with a 10U and 12U team, have enough to get started and to grow the sport. It is a promising situation in North Idaho and the regional growth suggests that the area can support a rink and a hockey association. A rink is paramount to the success of the plan. They are working hard to get the pieces together to have a facility in Ponderay, ground breaking in 2025.

Balsimos want to build a long standing and respectable organization that provides a place for the kids to play. There is a huge void up north and there is motivation not to have to travel 2+ hours a day for a practice.

No squirt rep team at CDAHA and there was a lot of drama last summer surrounding parents that did want that. Without a local facility, makes the process to develop players that much harder. Balsimos have met with a charity with a budget for youth athletics already.

D. Nominating Committee – L. Schlake

Lee Ann will coordinate her committee and look for nominations for President, Treasurer, and At-Large Director.

E. Audit Committee – J. Tirocke

Committee needs Financial Committee to have some content before Audit can do anything.

12. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Update – L. Wilmot

Lindsay is new to this new position and is trying to get started. She has gone through USA Hockey information and is looking for assistance and to get some ideas of where to start. Rob McSweeney does some DEI stuff for work.

13. Player Development Camp – K. Scoran/J. DiSanza

IAHA wants to increase participation and fill up age groups. Let kids of age know!
<https://rockymountainregister.com/enroll/usah/login.asp?programid=155>

14. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

15. New Business

A. 23 -24 Season Tournament Dates for next season planning – N. Fenn

Request to share tournament dates (weekends) the earlier the better to know about what tournaments will be hosted and when. Share dates if you know when you will be in the upcoming season so can be distributed at Annual Meeting.

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17TZvYPRijXZkx4fFDidF692igL5c0_B6fI-JFpLTgsU/edit?](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17TZvYPRijXZkx4fFDidF692igL5c0_B6fI-JFpLTgsU/edit?usp=sharing)

[usp=sharing](#)

B. HS League for 2023/24 season update – S. Benson

8 to 12 team state tournaments, Divisions – north, south, xx

League play is entrance to state tournaments. Requirements about how many games to play in each divisions. Can play home or central location.

Dialogue about end of year event for everyone, not just state tournaments.

That is the direction that the committee would like to go. Bid to HS Nationals, winner of state tournament would go to Nationals so that would help elevate our team. Get ideas to Sarah to bring to committee, feedback prior to April so it can be included in presentation.

C. Showcase proposal – for spring 2023 – K. Scoran

America's Showcase in St Louis - End of April (info sent out post meeting)

Hurry up thing, see interest so can have tryouts or just team, or north/south tryouts. HS Jr and Sr boys, at Winter Meeting learned that you can have 4-6 sophomores. Contact Kory. If interested in helping coach, let Kory know.

D. Legal Fund – K. Tanner

Suggested to start out at \$10K per year. It would take about 15 years to reach

goal. Accelerate that if we have the funds.

- E. Bids Required for Post Season Events for 23-24 Season
Just a reminder.
- F. IAHA Applicant for Associate Membership – Q&A – J. Tirocke
Notes under Membership Committee.
- G. SafeSport Updates

US Center for SafeSport is now investigating any adult member that has knowledge of something that needs reporting and hasn't reported it. Under mandatory reporting, board allowed one person to report when others knew. Everyone now needs to report! US Center for SafeSport is going after people for **failure to report!** There is an individual obligation of reporting.

If you know of sexual misconduct, physical abuse, sexual abuse, you have an obligation to report even if others are reporting, if you do not, you may find yourself under investigation for failure to report. Someone else reported is not an excuse. Idaho is a mandatory reporting to police and is also mandatory to report to US Center for SafeSport.

Bylaw 10 – how we can suspend someone from USA Hockey events. There have been some incidents of suspensions that are not following Bylaw 10. Bylaw 10 spells out the rights and privileges of the party and the process by which you hold the bylaw 10 hearing. Offer the offender a hearing but if they are willing to take the punishment which we think is appropriate then they waive their right to a hearing and an appeal. If they have a hearing, they may end up with a stiffer penalty. Training the local safesport coordinator to be the subject matter expert.

Locker Room Policy needed. Easiest way is to follow IAHA Locker Room Policy which follows USA Hockey policy, can make it more strict but not more lenient. Pre-season audit of association locker room policy.

Link to Enegren presentation (contact nocitymouse@yahoo.com for password)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/q7GeK39k-dTpBixf9ZR-ETzntqi9olXlokoUfQpuFNgg7qLERxGr0cupVyOIZe.GPQhB36uHBIRTXDK>

16. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Sarah Benson, seconded by Lee Ann Schlake and everybody!
Meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM MST.

REFEREE IN CHIEF: 2023 Winter Report to IAHA

Bobby Noyes: Idaho State Supervisor of Officials

Matt Stone: Idaho State Supervisor of Officials

Numbers:

As of January 17, 2023

Total officials 251, 192 complete, 59 incomplete

FYI - Incompletes have either not attending a seminar, did not complete open book test or on-line courses or safesport or background check, or combination thereof.

Level 1 - 147, 99 currently complete

Level 2 - 35, 27 complete

Level 3 - 44, 43 complete

Level 4 - 25, 23 complete

Post season Nominations:

For Nationals Dave Hapiuk (Boise) was nominated.

For Districts we nominated Brent Vuglar (Moscow) and Jacob Guttormsen (Idaho Falls)

For seminar instructor camp, date TBD, in Colorado Springs, would like to invite Jake Fenhaus (Salmon). Open to more individuals if there is interest.

State Tournaments, Matt and I are currently working on the list of invitees.

Looking Ahead:

How to increase the honor and prestige of the State Tournaments for all involved and specifically for the officials.

Hotel booking for state tournaments process

Reimbursement protocol for travelling officials

RM District Meeting for RIC's

During the player development camp in May in Dallas Ken Reinhard will meet with all RIC's in the RM district. This annual event was scratched due to covid but Ken is reestablishing it.

Matt Stone will fully take over the role of state supervisor at this date.

Registration numbers as of 01/20/2023-

- 283 Approved teams
 - o 202 Unclaimed YOUTH
 - o 460 Unclaimed ADULT
 - 223 Redlined Members

Rosters concerns:

- Expectations for roster approvals? I am receiving URGENT requests every week
- Dual Rostered players
 - o 14U and older
 - o Communication – who is responsible? Coaches? Parents?
- Play-up
 - o Every age group
 - o Multiple requests for programs to have more than 3 play-ups per age group

Tournaments:

- 60 Approved events
 - o 3 pending events
- Expectations for tournament approvals? I have received several checks for tournaments less than two weeks before tournament dates.

Reminder- Any time 3 or more teams meet to play games, the games must be USA Hockey sanctioned. The tournament fees will apply (\$250.00 USA hockey, \$50.00 RMD).

- This season- I have only received 3 requests for sanctioned friendlies (3 or more teams)

Jess Stich-Hennen

IAHA Registrar

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Discipline Committee Report

QUIT GETTING MATCH PENALTIES!

Thank you.



Idaho Jr. Steelheads
Boise Amateur Youth Hockey Association
2022-2023 Season

BYAHA Organization winter report 22-23.

Our org consists of:

16 19u girls

17 16u

35 14u

31 12u

15 10u

25 Rostered coaches and 114 players

Highlights:

- 19 U Girls added in '22 for the first time!
- Started development camps in January for 10u hockey across all players, not just JRS
- Goalie development camps coming over summer
- Approx 30% of adults are Safe Sport certified, working to increase in '23
- Added indoor dryland facilities to teams' practices in December
- Adding Volunteer contracts in '23
- Working on branding organization through new merch opportunities

BYAHA opportunities:

- Limited ice availability still an opportunity
- Younger generation has "Covid development issues (my words) from lost time
- Added a defined player conducts policy
- Still working through Ref challenges for tournaments
- Goalie development during season a challenge as well

Rob McSweeney---BYAHA President



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CDA HOCKEY ACADEMY MID SEASON REPORT

1/21/23

CDA Hockey Academy has had a good first part of the hockey season. We have 4 teams operating out of Frontier Ice Arena.

- 1- 14U AA/ NTB Team
- 1- High School JV Team. (16U)
- 1- High School VAR Team (17U)

- 1- 18U Team

Each team has played in between 18-26 games and we are competing at every level. We are excited about the skills sessions that we are offering during the week at Frontier Ice Arena and with our Boise skills Academy. Our 14U team is heading to play downs in February in hope of heading to Nationals this year. We are also operating our Boise Skills Academy that is starting to grow. We will also be running Spring Hockey Teams in CDA and camps in CDA and in Boise starting in April and the camps will be going through the summer months.

Thank you very much,

Shawn Luteyn

Jeremy Mylymok

Freddie Beaubien



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Idaho Falls Youth Hockey Association – Winter Report 2023

IFYHA Numbers

288 – Total

60-6U

50-8U

33-10U

48-12U

26-14U

52-HS/Midget

71-Total Girls

We have doubled some of our ice times with our programs due to the new availability of ice at the MAC center, but those ice times have come with challenges, but we think we have got past that.

We are fielding teams in all divisions for the state tournament with the exception of a U14 girls team which we will be able to field next year.

We are passing new bylaws and policies and procedures with some needed changes which one is including reimbursement for our travel coaches.

After that it's business as usual

John Rifelj

President

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Palouse Youth Hockey 2022 - 2023

PYHA numbers: 167 total registrations

18U – 35

14U – 29

12U – 15

10U – 24

8U – 36

Girl's Program – 28 (8 girls also play on a youth team)

Points of interest/success for this season:

- The new Palouse Ice Rink at the PARC opened the first part of December and PYHA is now practicing and playing games at the new location. Players, parents, and the community are very excited for this new rink and opportunity to continue to grow youth (and adult) hockey in the Moscow/Pullman area.
- At the end of last season, the PYHA Girls Hockey Program received a generous grant from USA Hockey Foundation's Brianna Decker Endowment Grant to carry it into its second season. The funds provide a great boost for recruiting and equipment for 8U and 10U girls. The Girl's Program continues to grow with new players signing up each week.
- Our local referee's organization has 42 officials as of the start of the season, 19 adult officials, and 23 YOUTH officials, with more expressing interest all the time.
- Girl's Program working on organizing an end of the year Girl's Jamboree.
- Planning under way to work with area schools to get out information about "Try Hockey for Free" day and "Learn to Play" at the end of the season.
- Steps are being taken to hopefully purchase a set of half boards for the new rink at the end of this season and have them before the start of the new season to better utilize the ice at the younger ages, hopefully freeing up more ice time for all the ages.
- For the first time, PYHA is hosting home tournaments for the 18U and 14U age groups. 18U had 5 teams entered, and 14U has 8 teams entered with multiple signed up on the wait list. We are also hosting our yearly home tournaments for the 8U, 10U, and 12U.
- Purchased a large amount of new rental gear before the season to better serve our younger players needing equipment and cycle out some of the older worn equipment.



SVYH Winter Report: January 2023

SVYH continues to grow. We have registered over 330 players this season. We have over 100 Mites (8U and 6U) and 59 Squirts. We offered a trial period (4 weeks) for new players and of the 45 players that signed up for this program 28 chose to continue for the rest of the season. We have teams in every age division including the following:

- 12U: A & B
- 14U: A & B (in combination with Salmon)
- 18U: AA (National bound), B, C
- High School: A, B, and JV.
- We have 57 girls on our girls only teams at
 - 12UGirls
 - 14UGirls
 - 19UGirls

Our girls program continues to grow which is very exciting. However, we would like to see more 14U teams to play in Idaho and are disappointed that there will not be a 14U division for the girls at State. We hope that IAHA will help work towards better opportunities for the 14U girls within our state.

Each of our teams hosts one home tournament weekend throughout the season. We will host the HS State Championships in the A and C division.

This season we were able to grant over \$11,000 in scholarships to players. We continue to work on growing our scholarship capacity and diversity within our program.

Our partnership with OverSpeed continues. OverSpeed runs in-season clinics, monthly goalie clinics, and coaches education.

SVYH had the great pleasure of hosting John O'Sullivan of Changing the Game Project in October. He did work sessions independently with our Board and our coaches. He hosted an evening event for all of our parents and the community at large. It was a well-attended event and infused a lot of enthusiasm in our program to start this season off on the right foot.



McCall Youth Hockey Winter Report January 2023

MYHA Numbers:

- High School 11
- Bantam 19
- Pee Wee 20
- Squirt 26
- Mites 30
- Total 101

MYHA Successes:

- Bantam A team for the first time
- 20 Pee Wee players split into AA and A/B teams (too many for 1, too few for 2)
- Teams traveling more out of state (Seattle, Vegas, SLC)
- New Referee Coordinator position
- Productive grant writing position - Wittenberger Grant, Girls 10k Shot Challenge
- New Fundraising Committee proposing new tiered system including community service
- Chuck-a-Puck Team fundraisers at McCall Mountaineers Men's Games
- New Girl's Team Name and Logo
- Grow the Sport planning Elementary School Outreach and Hockey Equipment purchase with storage.
- Success of Locker room Monitors preventing incidents
- Overspeed Camp

MYHA Issues:

- Losing top Bantam players to AA teams with other associations.
- 20 Pee Wee players split into AA and A/B teams (too many for 1, too few for 2)
- Utilizing players from other associations to fill team numbers while ensuring that the first priority to meet obligations to home associations.
- Need to review and update discipline policy and procedures to align with Safe Sport and USA Hockey requirements.
- Difficulty scheduling locker room monitors for all practices and games
- Travel reimbursement policy/procedure needed for coaches travel reimbursement?

Sincerely,

Phil Schoensee
MYHA Board President

New Member Applications

No new Member Organization applications are received to date this season. The deadline for application is 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting which is scheduled for April 29, 2023. New member applications will be due by February 28, 2023.

New Associate Member Applications

One new Associate Member application was received in November. With an effort to review the application and provide a response with the 60 day window allowed for new Members Organizations, the Membership Committee met. The applicants were invited to the committee meeting to field the committee's questions regarding the plans for the new associate member. They have been invited to the Winter Meeting for the Board of Directors for their introduction and to take Board questions. A Special Meeting will be scheduled for a Board vote on the application.

Renewal of Member Organizations

This will be the third year using the Membership Renewal process. With the scheduled Annual Meeting to take place Saturday, April 29, before the April 30 renewal document deadline for submissions, we will request that all associations submit renewal documents for review by April 15 if at all possible.

If your current policies and procedures do not include a Locker Room Policy and a Zero Tolerance Policy, please be prepared to submit a draft of these policies to include with your renewal documents. These would be expected to be included in your policies for next season. Forms will be updated and sent out in early February.

The Membership Committee recommends the adoption of the attached form for the use of Associate Members in their renewal process. It captures the reporting needed for Associate Members to meet the requirements of their participation in IAHA as an Associate Member.

The Membership Committee looks forward to continuing to support our associations in any way we can. Please reach out if there is something you'd like help with.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Tirocke
Membership Committee Chair

- The PYHA Volunteer program continues to grow with more and more families volunteering each week. Currently there are 70+ registered coaches, managers, and volunteers.

PYHA Challenges:

- Had to start the season out practicing and playing at rinks outside of the Moscow/Pullman area. This delayed the start of the season and hurt with the recruitment of new players and the travel expenses to families driving multiple times per week for practices and games. (Thank you to LC and EWU Cheney for renting us ice so we could get our season started.)
- Players trying to play for multiple associations at one time and not being clear on prioritizing PYHA. This adds some complications when it comes to team rosters (numbers showing up for games) and team comradery/chemistry.
- Still dealing with growing pains and hurdles from moving into the new facility and getting settled. Currently there are only 2 completed locker rooms, needing to utilize open spaces for “locker room” space.

Visit <https://www.palousehockey.com/> for PYHA updates and info

Jeremy Foss
President, Palouse Youth Hockey Association



ASSOCIATE MEMBER APPLICANT PROCEDURE

1. Applications for Associate Member membership will be accepted for the next season by 60 (sixty) days prior to the Annual Meeting proceeding the season the member wants to begin play. The application is to be sent to the Membership Committee with an application fee of \$250.00, check or money order made out to IAHA.
2. The application must include the following information:
 - a. IAHA Representative – this person must not be listed on another member team application.
 - b. An outline of the plans for the team activities.
 - c. A budget for the team expenses – i.e. ice time, referees, jerseys and equipment, league fees, USA Hockey and IAHA fees, coaches' fees, etc. A signed financial agreement from the participants on the team to show their understanding of their portion of the team budget is needed.
 - d. Signed contracts for ice and/or letters from facilities stating a commitment to provide ice sufficient to support the program as presented in (b). Signed contracts may be difficult in the application time frame. These contracts must be on file before the teams take the ice after September 1, the official beginning of the hockey season.
 - e. A hold harmless agreement that is acceptable to IAHA must be signed by the above Team Representative.
3. Membership Committee will work with the applicant to provide an additional 15 days (45 days prior to the Annual Meeting) to ensure their application is complete.
4. In the Annual IAHA Board meeting, the Membership Committee will present their recommendation for the new applicant members and the Board will make the final determination on new members for the hockey season that will begin the following September.

The Operations of the teams will be set up as follows:

1. Bank account. Each team will be required to have its own independent bank account. All funding for this team such as participant fees, sponsorships, fundraisers and/or marketing must be first deposited in the team account. There will be no co-mingling of funds for other purposes but to support the member teams' activities. All expenses for the team must also be paid from this account. Each expense must be documented by receipt, contract, or request for disbursement of funds. The IAHA Representative must provide IAHA with the name of the member team's Treasurer. The Treasurer must provide monthly reports to the participants of the team. The treasurer can only be the treasurer for one-member team. There must be two (2) people who are authorized to sign on this account. The signers for this team are only allowed to appear on one-member team bank account. Per the Bylaws, the financial information must be made available to the IAHA Board upon request.

2. Each team must have a coach, manager, registrar, and Treasurer. The team must be properly registered with USA Hockey and all players, managers, and coaches must be registered and certified according to USA Hockey.
3. A manager can only manage one-member team. However, the manager could be the same as the treasurer or IAHA representative. The manager is required to provide communication to the parents. He/she shall be responsible for the credential packet for the team. It will also be the manager's duty to understand the IAHA and USA Hockey Bylaws, Constitution, Policies and Rules and Regulations. It will be his/her responsibility to make sure the member team complies with USA Hockey and IAHA. He/she must inform the IAHA Vice President of any game misconducts or match penalties within 24 hours of the conclusion of the game.



IAHA Associate Member Team Renewal

Team Name: _____
 Team Representative*: _____
 Contact Title: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 Mobile Number: _____
 E-mail address: _____

*Team Representative may not be listed on another member team application.

Teams and Players

Division	# of Teams	# of Players	League, level of play, etc.

Team Management

Division	Coach	Manager	Registrar

Financial Operations

Division	Team Treasurer*	Co-Signer*	Independent Bank Acct (Y/N)

* Signers for the team are only allowed to appear on one member team bank account.

Documents Supporting Associate Member Programs

Mark 1st and 3rd column (X) if items have been provided.

	Budget for team expenses		Financial Agreement
	Signed Ice Contract(s)		Hold Harmless Agreement

By submitting this renewal form the applicant agrees to abide and follow all USA Hockey and IAHA Policies and procedures.



IAHA Associate Member Team Renewal

Submitted by _____

Date _____

NORTH IDAHO
WILDERNESS
HOCKEY TEAM
(NOT OFFICIAL LOGO)

January 23, 2023

IAHA Board of Directors
Care of John Heinrich

Dear IAHA Board Members,

We would like to introduce ourselves, Jesse and Andrea Balsimo. We have three kids ages 11, 9, and 2. I (Jesse), played competitively as a youth in my local town and then for the Omaha Lancers in the USHL. Shortly thereafter signed a full D1 scholarship and played 4 years at Bemidji State. I met my wife, Andrea, at college who also played D1 at Bemidji State. She also was in the final tryout for Team USA U18 at Lake Placid. Hockey was our favorite sport growing up, however we also played many other sports. Hockey to us was an excellent tool to reinforce a proper competitive nature, but also reinforces general moral values and being a positive member of the community, which is how we intend to run our organization, not just for the kids but also the parents at games... When we are not chasing our kids and pursuing our passion for hockey, we are busy growing our family business and my wife works as a practitioner for a local surgical hospital.

Northern Idaho (CDA to the Canadian border) has 2 associations in CDA, and no other options to the north. Currently, the only ice skating or ice hockey rink facilities in Northern Idaho are in Coeur d'Alene. The Coeur d'Alene Amateur Hockey Association (CDAHA) program has experienced a significant growth to more than 400 youth Hockey players

in the 2022/2023 season, in addition to Cristeros Hockey program. Due to only one sheet of ice, where CDAHA plays and practices, in the Idaho Panhandle, the growth of the sport of hockey has exceeded capacity for the area. Additionally, the only rink in the area leases ice time to curling, figure skating, Men's Leagues, as well as other preparatory hockey organizations in the immediate area.

Sandpoint (where we intend to put up a rink) is 1:20-2+ hrs from CDA pending traffic/weather. We have identified a huge void in access to hockey within a reasonable distance in this region. We currently live in Athol and it take us 55 mins to drive oneway to Frontier (CDA) during rush hour. Below we provided some general demographic info that helps illustrate where things have gone over past number of years. We feel that we have a lot to offer and would love to pass it down to the youth in our community.

We are looking forward to meeting you all on the zoom call. We would love your feedback and would love to chat further if anyone would be wiling to give advice/feedback on the journey of their own association.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We are extremely excited for the opportunity to be a part of Idaho Amateur Hockey Association and be valued member going forward.

Thank you,

Jesse Balsimo - Founding Member

Andrea Balsimo - Founding Member

North Idaho Wilderness - Hockey Team



DEMOGRAPHICS

For Sustained Growth of NW and The Population NW Will Serve.

NW will focus on and serve the Northern Kootenai, Bonner, and Boundary Counties of the state of Idaho. Additionally, NW will seek out youth hockey

players from bordering towns such as Newport, Washington, and other nearby Northern Washington towns that have limited options for youth hockey.

Spokane Amateur Youth Hockey Association (SAYHA) is located more than an hour south of the town of Newport, Washington and even further for the northern most Eastern Washington towns near the Canadian border.

Significant population growth in Northern Kootenai, Bonner, and Boundary Counties over the last decade has resulted in an increased youth population with limited ice and youth hockey options.

Currently, the only ice skating or ice hockey rink facilities in Northern Idaho are in CDA. The CDA Amateur Hockey Association (CDAHA) program has experienced a significant growth to more than 400 youth Hockey players in the 2022/2023 season. Due to only one sheet of ice, where CDAHA plays and practices, in the Idaho Panhandle, the growth of the sport of hockey has exceeded capacity for the area. Additionally, the only rink in the area leases ice time to curling, figure skating, Men's leagues as well as other preparatory hockey organizations in the immediate area, limiting the growth of the sport of hockey in the North Idaho area.

Growing youth hockey in Northern Idaho.

The following statistics are based on the website worldpopulationreview.com, which utilizes governmental census data.

Kootenai County, Idaho's estimated population is 177,936 with a growth rate of 1.88% in the past year according to the most [recent United States census data](#). Kootenai County, Idaho is the 3rd largest county in Idaho. The 2010 Population was 138,494 and has seen a growth of **28.48%** since this time.

Year	Population	Growth	Annual Growth
2022	177,936	3,287	1.88%
2021	174,649	3,287	1.92%
2020	171,362	3,285	1.95%
2019	168,077	3,287	1.99%
2018	164,790	3,287	2.04%
2017	161,503	3,287	2.08%
2016	158,216	3,287	2.12%
2015	154,929	3,287	2.17%
2014	151,642	3,287	2.22%

2013	148,355	3,287	2.27%
2012	145,068	3,287	2.32%
2011	141,781	3,287	2.37%
2010	138,494	68,699	98.43%

Bonner County, Idaho's estimated population is 48,356 with a growth rate of 1.31% in the past year according to the most recent United States census data. Bonner County, Idaho is the 9th largest county in Idaho. The 2010 Population was 40,877 and has seen a growth of **18.30%** since this time.

Year	Population	Growth	Annual Growth
2022	48,356	623	1.31%
2021	47,733	623	1.32%
2020	47,110	626	1.35%
2019	46,484	623	1.36%
2018	45,861	623	1.38%
2017	45,238	623	1.40%
2016	44,615	623	1.42%
2015	43,992	623	1.44%
2014	43,369	623	1.46%
2013	42,746	623	1.48%
2012	42,123	623	1.50%
2011	41,500	623	1.52%
2010	40,877	14,255	53.55%

Boundary County, Idaho Population 2022

Boundary County, Idaho's estimated population is 12,272 with a growth rate of 0.89% in the past year according to the most [recent United States census](#)

[data](#). Boundary County, Idaho is the 25th largest county in Idaho. The 2010 Population was 10,972 and has seen a growth of **11.85%** since this time.

Year	Population	Growth	Annual Growth
2022	12,272	108	0.89%
2021	12,164	108	0.90%
2020	12,056	112	0.94%
2019	11,944	108	0.91%
2018	11,836	108	0.92%
2017	11,728	108	0.93%
2016	11,620	108	0.94%
2015	11,512	108	0.95%
2014	11,404	108	0.96%
2013	11,296	108	0.97%
2012	11,188	108	0.97%
2011	11,080	108	0.98%
2010	10,972	2,640	31.69%