

## AYHA/CYHA MERGER PROPOSAL

The following proposal outlines the general terms and conditions for the merger of the Armstrong and Cooper Youth Hockey Associations.

### 1. Merger Configuration

The merged association shall have the name and legal status of Armstrong Cooper Youth Hockey Association or ACYHA. All members of the merged association shall have equal status and no special programs or special financial arrangements exclusive to former membership or locality of residence is expected or intended.

### 2. Timeline

It is the goal of the Armstrong and Cooper Youth Hockey Associations to complete the merger prior to the AYHA Board Meeting on May 12, 2008.

### 3. Association Bylaws and Guidelines

Bylaws for the merged association shall be adopted using the current AYHA bylaws and Guidelines as starting points. All references to Armstrong and AYHA will be changed to Armstrong Cooper and ACYHA. This includes keeping the AYHA Board Structure and positions. The new ACYHA will use the "best practice" method in determining a new set of Bylaws and Guidelines that meets the new Associations requirements.

### 4. Board of Directors

Open Board positions will be filled May 12, 2008 at the ACYHA Annual Meeting as under the newly adopted ACYHA bylaws and guidelines. We will formally invite all Armstrong and Cooper members to volunteer for any open position. In the spirit of a true partnership current CY board members will be encouraged to participate in the appointment and board selection process set forth in the newly adopted ACYHA Bylaws and Guidelines. The following Voting Board positions are open for the 2008-2009 Season: President, Travel Coordinator, Ice Coordinator, Equipment Manager, and Registrar. In order to ensure proper representation on the ACYHA Board for these positions we will attempt to find the best candidates possible.

## 5. Finance

Current CYHA Board agrees to show complete set of financials including fund raising revenue to the AYHA Board. All further merger talks are subject to AYHA Board approving CYHA financial position. Pending approval of CYHA financials, both AYHA and CYHA agree to transfer all assets to the merged association. Following the merger, all members shall be treated equally with regard to their financial obligation to the association.

## 6. Minnesota Hockey District

The merged association will remain in District 3. School District 281 boundaries will serve as the new ACYHA boundaries

## 7. Gambling Management and Revenue

The merged association shall continue AYHA existing relationships with managed charity gambling sites and will pursue additional gaming sites in the District 281 High School attendance area and beyond. All families regardless of past association affiliation will be treated equally in reference to the proceeds of such revenue.

## 8. Ice Time and Location

Final ice time decisions and distribution will be done by the ice coordinator. The ice coordinator will incorporate Plymouth, VMIA, and other rinks into the ice schedule to supplement ice time acquired at the NHIA. All teams will share locations equally.

## 9. Hockey Development Committee

The current AYHA Hockey Development Committee (HDC) will direct and conduct tryouts pursuant to the new named ACYHA Bylaws and Guidelines. The HDC serve the Board and all members of the ACYHA. The HDC will be made up of the following members: HDC Chair, All A level head coaches, Boys and Girls Travel Directors, Ace Coordinator, AHS and CHS Head Coaches, Mite Coordinator, and all Level Coordinators.

#### 10. Youth Team Names / Identity

All youth teams shall register and play as Armstrong Cooper and shall be known as the Armstrong Cooper Falcons. ACYHA shall use the colors of Red, White, Royal Blue and Navy Blue.

Helmets: Players at the traveling level will wear white helmets that will be adorned with stickers representing both Associations.

Breezers: Players at the traveling level will wear red breezers.

Apparel: All players that having existing warm-ups can continue to wear them, whether Navy (CYHA) or Royal (AYHA). New apparel will be designed with "Armstrong Cooper" for ongoing needs. Traveling teams are welcome to design their own team apparel and incorporate all four colors.

Jerseys: A four color jersey will be purchased for the Squirt and PeeWee levels. This jersey will incorporate the colors of Red, White, Navy Blue and Royal Blue. These jerseys will be worn for a minimum of three years. The approximate cost of buying Squirt and PeeWee jerseys is \$16,780. The Bantam level will continue to wear the Armstrong Falcon jerseys currently being used.

#### 11. Association Website and Branding

A new website with the address of [www.acyha.com](http://www.acyha.com) or [www.armstrongcooperhockey.com](http://www.armstrongcooperhockey.com) will be used as the landing page for both associations. All traffic from both old sites will be directed to this newly created site.

#### 12. Volunteer Hours.

The current AYHA and CYHA Parent Volunteer Coordinators shall meet prior to the AYHA Board Meeting on Feb 11, 2008, and the CYHA Board meeting Feb 21, 2008. The meeting objective is to determine the projected number of families and the volunteer hours that will be needed to cover the new ACYHA for the 2008 – 2009 season. An amount for the Concession deposit to be made at registration needs to be determined, as well as the number of hours each family must volunteer based on the number of skaters in their family.

#### 13. Town Hall Meeting

Pending approval of the aforementioned items, the current AYHA and CYHA board members will hold a minimum of one (1) joint "Town Hall Meeting" for all members of both current Associations. Each board must provide a quorum of board members for this meeting.