



**NYSAHA ANNUAL MEETING
AGENDA
Saturday June 2, 2018
EMBASSY SUITES – Buffalo, New York**

- I. Opening Remarks**
 - A. NYSAHA President - Joe Baudo**
 - B. Awards – Joe Baudo**
 - i. Peter Rush Award**
 - ii. Sandy Irwin Award**
 - iii. Tom Korpolinski Award**
 - iv. USAH Young Leader Award**
 - v. USAH Female Honors Award**
 - vi. USAH Bob O’Connor CEP Award**
 - vii. Bob Allen Scholarships**
 - C. Hall of Fame Inductees**

- II. Remarks by USA Hockey Officers Present**

- III. Roll Call**
 - A. NYSAHA Secretary- Eric Guzdek**

- IV. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
 - A. NYSAHA Secretary – Eric Guzdek**

- V. Treasurers Report**
 - A. NYSAHA Treasurer – John Ransom**

- VI. BY-LAWS PROPOSALS**
 - A. NYSAHA President – Joe Baudo**

PROPOSAL #1

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ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 3.1 Qualifications for Membership

(d)

CURRENTLY READS:

(d) In lieu of Membership, NYS Hockey may grant to any person or group of persons shown to have a bona fide interest in the purposes and objectives of NYS Hockey the status of an Affiliate Member (“**Affiliate**”). Such status will confer on the holder thereof the right to attend, but not vote at, meetings of Members. A candidate for such status will apply for same in the same manner as applicants for regular Membership. The yearly fee for an Affiliate Member will be \$50.00 and must be paid prior to December 31.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

(d) In lieu of Membership, NYS Hockey may grant to any person or group of persons shown to have a bona fide interest in the purposes and objectives of NYS Hockey the status of an Affiliate Member (“**Affiliate**”). Such status will confer on the holder thereof the right to attend, but not vote at, meetings of Members. A candidate for such status will apply ~~for same~~ in the same manner as applicants for regular Membership, but subject to the following requirements:

(i) the members of its board of directors and its officers each must be a member of USA Hockey (whether as a player participant, official or volunteer);

(ii) the members of its board of directors and its officers each must have been screened and cleared thereby under the NYS Hockey Screening Rule, and must have completed SafeSport;

(iii) the candidate must have submitted to the Secretary of NYS Hockey a current list of the members of its board of directors and its officers, and the candidate’s contact information including a postal address, email address and telephone number; and

(iv) the candidate must submit a completed Membership Agreement, the same as required of all Members, and adhere to the Membership Obligations specified therein.

An Affiliate Member must keep the foregoing requirements satisfied on an ongoing and current basis. The yearly fee for an Affiliate Member will be \$50.00 and must be paid prior to December 31.

RATIONALE:

This proposal was adopted by the Board to clarify Affiliate Membership and the responsibilities that such membership should include, and is submitted for ratification by the NYS Hockey Membership.

SUBMITTED BY:

NYSAHA Board of Directors

PROPOSAL #2

SECTION OF THE GUIDE BOOK TO BE CHANGED:

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ARTICLE VIII – RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES AND SUSPENSIONS

Section 8.3 (c) Hearing Procedure

(i) Hearing Panel

CURRENTLY READS:

(c) Hearing Procedure

(i) Hearing Panel. The Disciplinary Authority considering issuing any Discipline, or upon demand by a Party contesting a suspension or other disciplinary action where no hearing was held, or desires to contest an Administrative Action, shall appoint a hearing panel of a minimum of three reasonably disinterested and impartial persons to conduct the hearing. A referee may serve the hearing panel in an advisory role during the hearing, but shall neither have a vote on nor participate in the deliberations of the hearing panel. In cases involving the discipline of referees or coaches, the New York District Referee-in-Chief or Coach-in-Chief, as appropriate, or his/her designee, shall serve on the hearing panel if so appointed.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

(c) Hearing Procedure

(i) Hearing Panel. The Disciplinary Authority considering issuing any Discipline, or upon demand by a Party contesting a suspension or other disciplinary action where no hearing was held, or desires to contest an Administrative Action, shall appoint a hearing panel of a minimum of three reasonably disinterested and impartial persons to conduct the hearing. ~~A referee may serve the hearing panel in an advisory role during the hearing, but shall neither have a vote on nor participate in the deliberations of the hearing panel.~~ In cases involving the discipline of referees or coaches, the New York District Referee-in-Chief or Coach-in-Chief, as appropriate, or his/her designee, shall serve on the hearing panel if so appointed.

RATIONALE:

The equivalent provision at USA Hockey Bylaw 10.C(3)(a), Unified Procedure/Hearing Procedure/Hearing Panel, was modified. That modification should be carried forward into the corresponding NYS Hockey provision by deleting the following sentence: “A referee may serve the hearing panel in an advisory role during the hearing, but shall neither have a vote on nor participate in the deliberations of the hearing panel.”

SUBMITTED BY:

NYSAHA Board of Directors

PROPOSAL #3

SECTION OF THE GUIDE BOOK TO BE CHANGED:

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ARTICLE X - MISCELLANEOUS

Section 10.6 Delegates to USA Hockey Annual Congress

CURRENTLY READS:

In years of fiscal solvency, the Board will select up to two (2) additional voting members to attend the USA Hockey Annual Congress. Upon returning, those members sent will provide the Board with reports of the meetings they attended.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

In years of fiscal solvency, the Board ~~will~~ **may** select up to ~~two (2)~~ **three (3)** additional voting members to attend the USA Hockey Annual Congress. Upon returning, those members sent will provide the Board with reports of the meetings they attended.

RATIONALE:

Allows the President to get members of the Board familiar with and involved in the workings of USA Hockey by attending the USA Hockey Annual Congress.

SUBMITTED BY:

NYSAHA Board of Directors

PROPOSAL #4

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1. MEMBERSHIP

B. Association Admission to Membership; Classification and Levels; Changes to Same

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CURRENTLY READS:

5. New proposed Associations involving Youth, Girls and High School Club teams will not be eligible for Tier I, II or III tournament-bound play for the first year or season of the proposed Association, after acceptance by the Section and confirmation by the Board, unless such tournament-bound Classification play is approved by the Board

PROPOSED CHANGE:

5. New proposed Associations involving Youth, Girls and High School Club teams will not be eligible for Tier I, II or III tournament-bound play for the ~~first year or season~~ **first three (3) seasons** of the proposed Association, after acceptance by the Section and confirmation by the Board, unless such tournament-bound Classification play is approved by the Board.

RATIONALE:

To bring NYSAHA into compliance with USA Hockey legislation.

SUBMITTED BY:

NYSAHA Board of Directors

PROPOSAL #5

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4. PLAYER MOVEMENT

E. Recruitment

CURRENTLY READS:

E. Recruitment. Associations, through their Participant Members or other component persons (whether or not affiliated with the Association), are prohibited from soliciting or otherwise contacting youth, girls or high school players from another Association, such as by offering contracts, holding tryouts, development camps, programs or other activities or otherwise engage in conduct that would appear to suggest that such a player who has not been released change his or her affiliation with their current association (such activities to be known as “Recruitment”). It shall be evidence of recruitment if after such player and association have executed a commitment and the player has not been released by obtaining a Player/Financial Release, that the player is contacted by another Association in the above prohibited manner. Any written and signed complaint regarding Recruitment shall be directed to the respective Section President, who will investigate and make a full report to the NYS Hockey Board of Directors, which will take action as deemed necessary and appropriate.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

It is the proposal submitted by Hamburg Hockey, (HHHA), to eliminate the above mentioned/referenced Recruitment Rule in its entirety. The Player Release Process for financial obligations, (as outlined in Paragraph B, section 4, page 58), to the players current Association remains in place.

RATIONALE:

The rationale behind this proposal is that recruiting exists, (in the forms of home visits; “skills” clinics, telephone calls; arranged meetings and emails by either head coaches; coaching staff members; managers; parents; players or officers of the recruiting Association), and is almost impossible to enforce from the NYSAHA level because parents are reluctant to report any violations to the rule because they feel 1) obligated not to do so to their new team that they joined or 2) if they don’t accept the proposal they “bank” it for future use in case they need that coach or team in the future. They don’t want to burn any bridges. The Associations that abide by the Recruitment rule are the ones who suffer because they lose players and/or in some cases entire teams to the Associations that do not follow the rule. Those same Associations blatantly continue to violate the Recruitment rule because they believe and know that they won’t get caught. By eliminating the Recruitment Rule the playing field has been leveled/made equal and ALL NYSAHA AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS/ORGANIZATIONS CAN REACT ACCORDINGLY.

SUBMITTED BY:

David McDermott/Thomas Nelson
Association: HHHA, Hamburg Hawks Hockey Association

PROPOSAL #6

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10. TOURNAMENT-BOUND ELIGABILITY REQUIREMENTS

A. Requirements Applicable To All Teams and Players

4. Player Registration Requirements

CURRENTLY READS:

A player may not be registered and/or play with more than one (1) tournament-bound team regardless of classification, and not with any other ice federation, except for High School Club players who may be on one other's tournament-bound roster.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

A player (**male or female**) may not be registered and/or play with more than one (1) tournament-bound team regardless of classification, and not with any other ice federation, except for High School Club players who may be on one other's tournament-bound roster.

RATIONALE:

This small change clarifies the long standing policy that girls may not dual roster. Although USA Hockey does allow this to occur, New York and many of the other affiliates across the country do not allow this practice to happen.

SUBMITTED BY:

NYSAHA Board of Directors

10. TOURNAMENT – BOUND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

B. Requirements Applicable To High School Club Teams and Players

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CURRENTLY READS:

3. High School Divisions

For all High School Club tournament-bound teams in State Tournaments, High School Club will be divided into two Divisions:

- Division i, high school varsity and preparatory school teams or non-varsity teams consisting of full time students attending high school/preparatory school. Non-pure teams.
- Division ii, high school varsity and preparatory school teams or non-varsity teams consisting of full time students attending the same high school or preparatory school or school district or students eligible to play sanctioned high school varsity sports at that high school. Pure teams.

All Private, Preparatory, and Parochial Schools must play in division II. Varsity team rostered players can't play down on non-varsity teams. Billed junior players can't play high school varsity hockey. Teams in either division can register as state tournament bound. Only division ii state champions may advance to the national tournament.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

3. High School Divisions

For all High School Club tournament-bound teams in State Tournaments, High School Club will be divided into two Divisions:

- Division 1, high school varsity and preparatory school teams or non-varsity teams consisting of full time students attending the same high school or preparatory school or school district or students eligible to play sanctioned high school varsity sports at that high school (“Pure teams”).
- Division 2, high school varsity and preparatory school teams or non-varsity teams consisting of full time students attending high school/preparatory school (“Non-pure teams”).

All Private, Preparatory, and Parochial Schools must play in Division 1. Varsity team rostered players cannot play down on non-varsity teams. Billed junior players cannot play high school varsity hockey. Teams in either Division can register as state tournament-bound. Only Division 1 state champions may advance to the national tournament.

RATIONALE:

This is a conforming change only. In the USA Hockey 2017-2018 Annual Guide, at page 131, Rule I.C, High School, High School/Prep School Division 1 consists of same-school students, and High School/Prep School Division 2 consists of students attending more than one high school or prep school. This change brings the NYS Hockey Guidebook into conformity with the national rule.

SUBMITTED BY:

NYSAHA Board of Directors

PROPOSAL #8

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10. TOURNAMENT – BOUND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

C. Requirements Applicable To Girls'/Women's Teams and Players

CURRENTLY READS:

C. Requirements Applicable to Girls/Women Teams and Players

For the purposes of competing at State and National tournaments, Girl's youth teams, and players (12 and Under, 14 and Under, 16 and Under, and 19 and Under) will use the following guidelines together with the provisions of 9. A above.

(1) Classification

(a) Girls' teams must declare their intention to compete at the Tier 1 or Tier 2 national tournament bound level in writing to the Section President, or their designee, NO LATER THAN APRIL 20. Within an association only one team per age classification can be tournament bound regardless of their Tier Status. Teams that failure to declare risk the loss of their National tournament bound status.

(b) The number of national tournament bound Tier 1 teams NYSAHA will be allowed to have is governed by USA Hockey Rules and Regulations related to the Standards and Criteria for Tier 1 Girls programs. In the event the number of declared teams exceeds the number allowed by USA Hockey, the NYSAHA Board of Directors will determine which teams will be allowed to compete at that level. The determination will be made by MAY 10.

(c) Teams forming after April 20 should notify the Section President, or their designee, of their intent to go tournament bound. This notification must occur prior to December 1 and may be subject to approval by the NYSAHA Board of Directors. Teams that form after April 20 may only compete at the Tier 2 national tournament bound level.

(d) The NYSAHA Board of Directors reserves the right to deny respective Tier status to teams that will adversely affect the development of Girls hockey across the state.

(e) All Senior C Tournament Bound teams are allowed to roster a maximum of 4 former NCAA (Division 1, 2, or 3) college players. Former ACHA College Club players are not considered NCAA. Senior C Tournament Bound Teams must submit a list of their rostered players that have NCAA experience to the Girls/Women's Coordinator when the roster is submitted for verification. The list must include the college team each player was on and the years played (i.e. 2010, 2011).

(2) National Tournaments

Girls' team classifications will be independent of their Association's current Tier status within NYSAHA. Associations may have teams at both Tier 1 and Tier 2. However, if multiple teams exist at any one age classification at the Tier 1 and Tier 2 levels, only one of those age classification teams either Tier 1 or Tier 2 may be declared tournament-bound for that association regardless of Tier.

(3) Classification Independent of Youth Classification

Only one team either Tier 1 or Tier 2 at the particular age classification per Association will be eligible for the National tournament. However, regardless of classification, teams have until December 31 to withdraw from consideration for States or Nationals by notifying in writing the NYSAHA Girls/Women Coordinator, Section President, and NYSAHA Tournament Director.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

C. Requirements Applicable to Girls'/Women's Teams and Players

For the purposes of competing at NYSAHA State or USA Hockey National tournaments, Girls' youth teams, and players 12 and Under (12U), 14 and Under (14U), 16 and Under (16U) and 19 and Under (19U), and Women's teams, will use the following guidelines together with the provisions of Rule 10.A.9(a) above.

1. Classification Process for Tier I Girls' Youth 14U, 16U and 19U

(a) On or before September 1 of each year, USA Hockey will provide to NYSAHA the number of teams it will be permitted to have at the Girls' Tier I Youth 14U, 16U and 19U National Tournament-Bound level (referred to herein as Girls' Tier I NTB) for the following season. These numbers will be posted on the NYSAH website as soon as they are available.

(b) Associations that would like to host Girls Tier I NTB teams for the following season must publish and advertise tryout dates prior to the start of the current USA Hockey National Championship; provided, however, that no tryouts or activities that could be construed as such may occur until 48 hours after the last game of the Tier I Girls' and Tier II Girls' National Championships. Associations holding tryouts, and players trying out, are not necessarily guaranteed that the teams selected/rostered through tryouts will be granted Girls Tier I NTB status. All rostered teams seeking this designation must carry a minimum of 15 players, including goaltenders, and the greatest percentage of the players on the roster must be residents of the State of New York as determined under USA Hockey Rule III.C (Registration).

(c) Prior to August 30 of each season, Associations that intend to offer Girls' Tier I NTB teams must finalize and declare their intent in writing to their Section President or his/her designee. No late declarations will be considered.

(d) In the event that the number of declared teams in this classification exceeds the number of teams permitted by USA Hockey for the specified season, a Girls' Tier I NTB Tiering Showcase Tournament (the Showcase) will be held prior to November 30 of that season. The results of the Showcase will determine which teams will be awarded Girls' Tier I NTB status for that season.

(e) Teams, and the participating players on those teams, that compete in any respect in the Showcase and do not qualify for Girls' Tier I NTB status for that season, may not register that season for or on Girls' Tier II USA Hockey National tournament-bound teams, and may only continue the season as non-tournament-bound.

(f) Teams that compete in the Showcase that do qualify as Girls' Tier I NTB, will not be allowed to make any changes to their roster for the balance of that season, and are required to compete in the NYSAHA Tier I Championship, to be held at such date as determined by the NYSAHA Tournament Director, to determine which team will advance to the USA Hockey National Championships.

2. Classification Process for Tier I Girls' Youth 12U, and Tier II Girls' Youth 12U, 14U, 16U and 19U

(a) Girls' Tier II Youth 14U, 16U and 19U USA Hockey National tournament-bound teams, and Girls' Tier I and II U12 NYSAHA State Tournament-Bound teams (collectively referred to herein as Girls' TB Teams), must declare their intention to compete at their respective level, in writing, to their Section President or his/her designee, prior to or at their Section's Fall meeting. Within an Association only one team per age classification can be tournament-bound regardless of its Tier status. Teams that fail to declare risk the loss of their USA Hockey National or NYSAHA State tournament-bound status.

(b) Teams forming after the Fall Section meeting should notify the Section President or his/her designee of their intent to go tournament bound. This notification must occur prior to December 1 and will be subject to approval by the NYSAHA Board of Directors. Teams that form after the Fall Section Meeting may only compete at the Tier II national tournament bound level, if applicable.

(c) The NYSAHA Board of Directors reserves the right to deny Tier status to teams that will adversely affect the development of Girls' hockey across the state.

(d) All Senior C Tournament Bound teams are allowed to roster a maximum of 4 former NCAA (Division 1, 2 or 3) college players. Former ACHA College Club players are not considered NCAA. Senior C Tournament Bound Teams must submit a list of their rostered players that have NCAA experience to the Girls'/Women's Coordinator when the roster is submitted for verification. The list must include the college team each player was on and the years played (*e.g.* 2010, 2011).

3. National Tournaments

Girls' team classifications will be independent of their Association's current Youth Tier status within NYSAHA. Associations may have Girls' teams at both Tier I and Tier II. However, if multiple teams exist at any one age classification at the Girls' Tier I and Tier II levels, only one of those age classification teams either Girls' Tier I or Tier II may be declared tournament-bound for that association regardless of Tier.

4. Classification Independent of Youth Classification

Only one team either Tier I or Tier II at the particular age classification per Association will be eligible for the USA Hockey National Championships. However, regardless of classification, teams have until December 31 to withdraw from consideration for NYSAHA State or USA Hockey National tournaments by notifying in writing the NYSAHA Girls'/Women Coordinator, their respective Section President, and the NYSAHA Tournament Director.

RATIONALE:

This proposed change was adopted by the Board after consulting with ten NYS Hockey Associations with a history of hosting Tier I Girls' teams, to comply with changes made by USA Hockey at Rule III.F, *Girls Tier I Standards and Criteria* (which may be found at pages 138-139 of the **online** 2016-2017 USAH Annual Guide). These changes will commence with the 2018-2019 season. This change, which was made by the Board, is subject to ratification by the NYS Hockey Membership.

SUBMITTED BY:

NYSAHA Board of Directors

PROPOSAL #9

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10. TOURNAMENT – BOUND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

C. Requirements Applicable To Girls’/Women’s Teams and Players

(1)(b)

CURRENTLY READS:

If Proposal # 8 is passed by the Membership, Rule 10.C(1)(b) will now read as follows –

C. Requirements Applicable to Girls’/Women’s Teams and Players

For the purposes of competing at NYSAHA State or USA Hockey National tournaments, Girls’ youth teams, and players 12 and Under (12U), 14 and Under (14U), 16 and Under (16U) and 19 and Under (19U), and Women’s teams, will use the following guidelines together with the provisions of Rule 10.A.9(a) above.

1. Classification Process for Tier I Girls’ Youth 14U, 16U and 19U

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PROPOSED CHANGE:

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RATIONALE:

This Proposal is based on Proposal # 8 being ratified by the Membership. If ratified, this Proposal would further change Rule 10.C(1)(b) by establishing a residency rule for the NYSAHA similar to the residency rules maintained by a number of other Affiliates. If Proposal # 8 is not ratified, this Proposal # 9 will be withdrawn.

SUBMITTED BY:

NYSAHA Board of Directors

VII. USA Hockey Declaration

A. NYSAHA President – Joe Baudo

- i. The New York State Amateur Hockey Association, Inc. declares its intent to participate in the 2019 USA Hockey National Tournaments.**

VIII. Annual Meeting Site 2019 – Central Section – Gary Lebrun

IX. Election of Officers

ELECTED POSITION

NOMINEE

President

Joe Baudo

Treasurer

**John Ransom
Peter Szczesniak**

USA Hockey District Director #1

Joe Eppolito

X. Awarding of State Tournaments 2019

**NYSAHA Tournament Director
Mark LaMarr**

XI. Adjournment