

**ANCHORAGE WOMEN'S HOCKEY LEAGUE (AWHL)  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESOLUTION  
Reaffirming Inclusion Regarding the USA Hockey Participant Eligibility Policy**

Date: 03/03/2026 | Meeting Type: Regular | Location: Zoom | Quorum: (Y)/N

**WHEREAS**, Article I, Section 3 of the AWHL Bylaws requires the organization to affiliate with and conform to the rules prescribed by USA Hockey and the Alaska State Hockey Association; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Anchorage Women's Hockey League is to bring women of all skill levels together to play hockey in a fun, organized, and supportive atmosphere; and

**WHEREAS**, AWHL has adopted an Inclusion Statement affirming that all women are welcome and that the League does not require members to confirm gender identity when registering; and

**WHEREAS**, USA Hockey's updated Participant Eligibility Policy impacts leagues registered as sex-restricted programs, including AWHL, directly conflicting with the League's adopted Inclusion Statement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors has a fiduciary responsibility to preserve league eligibility, insurance coverage, operational continuity, and long-term stability for all current and future members, necessitating our continued membership in USA Hockey for insurance purposes;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Board approves, contingent upon any required membership approval under the Bylaws, changing AWHL's USA Hockey registration designation from "Adult Women" to "Adult Open" for administrative and insurance purposes.
2. This administrative designation change does not alter AWHL's mission, recreational philosophy, or commitment to inclusion.
3. The proposed designation change, and any necessary related Bylaw amendments, shall be submitted to the membership for approval in accordance with Article IV and Article XI of the AWHL Bylaws.
4. The Board authorizes electronic voting procedures consistent with Article IV, Section 6 of the Bylaws.
5. Implementation shall occur only after all required membership approvals have been obtained.


ADOPTED by the AWHL Board of Directors on the date first written above.

President:

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*Christina Cyphers*  
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Secretary:

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Record of Vote:

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Motion by: Mary      Second by: Katie

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