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I. PURPOSE

This Guidebook is updated and published each year to reflect the specific rules and policies that govern IAHA members. The IAHA Board has the right to evaluate and modify this Guidebook in accordance with the needs, growth and vision for Idaho hockey.
By inference, all USA Hockey rules are incorporated and stand as written unless the IAHA Board has implemented a more restrictive policy or practice. Any rule NOT specifically addressed in this publication will automatically follow the USA Hockey rule/policy as written in the USA Hockey Annual Guide 2026-2027.

II. INTRODUCTION

The Idaho Amateur Hockey Association (IAHA) is an affiliate of USA Hockey (USAH), the national governing body for the sport of amateur ice hockey in the United States. Members of IAHA include rinks and Associations located within IAHA's geographical area, which apply and are granted member status and register amateur hockey teams with USA Hockey. Associate (non-voting) Members of IAHA include all players rostered on a USA Hockey registered team by an IAHA Member, parents, coaches and administrators. IAHA is run by an established voting board elected by its members and follows all rules and regulations established by USA Hockey.

Rules for IAHA are published on the IAHA website and those established by USA Hockey, in the current USA Hockey Annual Guide. IAHA is granted the authority by USA Hockey through its affiliate agreement to conduct certain affairs of USA Hockey, and to regulate the sport of amateur ice hockey within Idaho. IAHA is the ultimate authority for amateur hockey affairs in Idaho, subject to the limitations contained under USA Hockey Bylaws, federal, state and local laws.

The purpose of this Guidebook is to assemble pertinent documents and rules established by IAHA that may not currently be in the USA Hockey Annual Guide. The following is a summary of the structure, relationship, rules and policies that govern amateur hockey in the IAHA and USAH.

The governing body for amateur hockey in the United States is USAH. The Annual Guide is published annually with bylaw policy and procedure changes every two years and playing rule changes (Official Rules) every four years. All such changes are approved each June at the Annual Congress, and electronic copies are distributed each fall. The USAH Annual Guide for organizational bylaws and policies is available online. USAH holds two meetings each year, the Winter Meeting (January) and Annual Congress (June).

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT (RMD)

USA Hockey is divided into 12 districts, each with governing authority over all respective matters such as player development camps, national bound tournaments, player fees, and registration. The RMD (rockymountainhockey.com) is comprised of 6 affiliates and 7 states with Oklahoma being part of the Texas Affiliate. The RMD has a separate Policies and Procedures Manual that each affiliate and event is governed by, along with certain rules and policies that it administers on behalf of USAH. The RMD has 4 directors, each of whom serve on a committee within the USA Hockey governing body, and each votes on matters on behalf of RMD and its affiliates. For example, any rule and bylaw changes of USAH are voted on by these directors at the Annual Congress. The RMD convenes 3 meetings each year, as well as monthly conference calls.

IDAHO AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION (IAHA)

IAHA has its own bylaws for local administration of rules and guidelines as one of 34 affiliates within USAH. IAHA is a non-profit 501.c.3 organization that operates using a combination of USAH funding, player registration fees, fees charged for camps and tournaments, and grants to promote and grow amateur hockey in Idaho. IAHA adheres to all rules, policies, and guidelines of USAH and RMD. The Affiliate also has certain rules and guidelines that are specific to the needs to govern hockey in Idaho. As an affiliate, IAHA manages its state tournaments and player development camps, which are steppingstones to similar events at the district and national levels. IAHA has one Annual and two General meetings each year. Periodic conference calls are held along with many email communications and web postings.

MEMBER ASSOCIATION REQUIREMENTS

New organizations wishing to apply for member association status must do so in writing, providing information on expected size, coaching staff, ice arrangements and demographic data that support the addition of a new association. IAHA will review the submission and determine whether member association status is warranted. If accepted as a member of IAHA, the Association must enter into a Member Association Agreement that spells out the relationship, responsibilities and expectations of Members. Member Agreements are renewed annually. Each new member of IAHA begins a one (1) year probationary period at the beginning of their first season rostering.

Member Associations **operate at the discretion of IAHA** and such membership may be revoked at any time as a result of a breach of the Member Association Agreement, or on the annual renewal date with 60 days written notice after a hearing held in accordance with USA Hockey Bylaw 10.

A Member Organization is a full-fledged association meeting the participation requirements of at least one team in each of 3 divisions, a minimum number of 40 registered players, having an active development program and fulfilling the additional criteria outlined in the bylaws and below. These forty players are not dual rostered players either internal to the association or as additional players

in the association. The players comprising these teams must have the member association as their primary team.

Criteria for Member Associations:

All Member Associations must properly register its teams with USA Hockey and comply with the Bylaws, Constitution, Policies and Rules and Regulations of IAHA and USA Hockey.

The Board of Directors of IAHA shall establish the criteria to become a Member Association. Such criteria shall include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Non-profit Associations must have a board of directors; for-profit Associations have a designated Director of Hockey.
2. The Association's operations must be consistent with and follow the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, and Policies of USA Hockey and IAHA.
3. The Association must demonstrate the financial capacity to operate the programs as presented in their application.
4. The Association must be able to provide or access sufficient ice consistent with the size of its program.
5. Non-profit Associations must maintain director and officer (D&O) and liability insurance, and name IAHA as an additional insured. (IAHA members associations in good standing receive that benefit from USAH). For-profit Associations must maintain liability insurance.
6. Associations serving youth players must be able to demonstrate an internal development program for current and future players consistent with USA Hockey's American Development Model (ADM) or if a plan involves an external entity, a letter must be included from the external party confirming the relationship
7. The Member must be a Member in Good Standing.

The Associate Member classification is appropriate in several situations. If a new organization is becoming established and it does not initially meet the team and player count thresholds or have a functional development program, an Associate Member application would be appropriate. If a team is providing supplemental opportunities to other member associations, for example representing the State or region, an Associate Member application would be appropriate if they do not offer a development program and do not intend to seek full membership.

Criteria for Associate Members:

All Associate Members must properly register its teams with USA Hockey and comply with the Bylaws, Constitution, Policies and Rules and Regulations of USA Hockey and IAHA.

The Board of Directors of IAHA shall establish the criteria to become an Associate Member. Such criteria shall include, but are not limited to the following:

1. The Associate Member will name a non-voting IAHA representative that is not listed on

another team's application.

2. The Associate Member will maintain a plan for each team's annual activities.
3. The Associate Member will have an annual budget for each team's expenses and signed financial agreements from the participating families to show their understanding of their financial commitment.
4. The Associate Member will provide signed contracts and/or written facility agreements for ice time sufficient to meet their plans as stated in 2. above.
5. The Associate Member must meet the stipulations outlined in the application with respect to banking, reporting (both financial and disciplinary), and the team's Treasurer and manager positions.

Note: Applying with all stipulated criteria does NOT guarantee Association or Associate Member status will be granted. The IAHA Board has sole discretion on the addition of new member associations, as well as whether such status will continue year to year. The membership committee will continue to guide those applying through the process.

AFFILIATE PERSONNEL

ADM COORDINATOR

USA Hockey rolled out its American Development Model (ADM) in January 2009 after much data gathering of other federation hockey programs, other youth sports, and scientific studies of the development of young athletes. The focus of ADM is skill development, long-term athlete development, fun, and finding an appropriate balance.

A USA Hockey ADM (American Development Model) Coordinator is a local association leader responsible for implementing the ADM framework, which focuses on age-appropriate, athlete-centered training to improve skill development and increase participation. They serve as the bridge between national ADM goals and local implementation, educating coaches, mentoring staff, and organizing age-specific curricula (especially 8U/Mite programs). The 8U age group represents the initial focus of ADM with half-ice or cross-ice practices and games, limited practice-to-game ratios, and practice plans designed for skill development for young players.

The ADM Coordinator may select a committee each year to help organize, provide education for, and implement initiatives to help grow the 8U divisions. The ADM Coordinator will also chair the play up committee. The committee shall consist of a minimum of three people and will meet as needed to address issues regarding play ups, ADM policy, and other relevant concerns. The committee will meet twice a month (1st and the 15th) to discuss play ups. All playups must go through the proper

process prior to being submitted to the play up committee.

More information on the ADM model is available here.

REGISTRAR

The Registrar shall be appointed in accordance with the procedures established by the Affiliate and shall serve as the official registrar for the State of Idaho under the authority of USA Hockey. The Registrar shall act as the designated agent responsible for registration, rostering, certification, credentialing, and oversight of all participants and programs within the jurisdiction of the Idaho Amateur Hockey Association. The Registrar shall administer and oversee all USA Hockey registrations within the State of Idaho and ensure the accurate and timely registration of all players, coaches, volunteers, and teams, maintaining official registration records in accordance with USA Hockey policies and procedures.

The Registrar shall review, approve, and certify all official team rosters and ensure that all participants are properly rostered prior to participation in any sanctioned activity, enforce all roster deadlines including those related to state, district, and national tournament eligibility, credential and certify teams for participation in State, District, and National Tournaments, and verify compliance with all applicable eligibility and participation requirements.

The Registrar shall ensure that all Member Associations and affiliated programs comply with USA Hockey rules, regulations, and insurance requirements, monitor adherence to sanctioned play requirements and distinguish between sanctioned and non-sanctioned activities, and provide guidance and interpretation of applicable rules and policies.

The Registrar shall review and approve all tournament sanction applications within the State of Idaho, ensure that all tournaments conducted within the state are properly sanctioned in accordance with USA Hockey rules and policies, and maintain records of all sanctioned events.

The Registrar shall review and approve all requests for out-of-country travel submitted by teams and associations, ensure compliance with USA Hockey and international travel policies and requirements, and maintain appropriate documentation for all approved travel requests.

The Registrar shall provide training, guidance, and support to local association registrars and administrators, communicate registration procedures, deadlines, and policy updates, and assist in the onboarding and approval of new programs seeking affiliation with USA Hockey. The Registrar shall ensure that all participants are properly registered and rostered to maintain eligibility for USA Hockey insurance coverage, provide education regarding insurance requirements and limitations, and assist, as appropriate, in addressing registration-related aspects of insurance claims.

The Registrar shall serve as the official liaison between the Affiliate, the Rocky Mountain District, and USA Hockey, participate in meetings, reporting, and communications as required, and maintain accurate and timely reporting of membership and registration data. The Registrar shall maintain complete and accurate records of all registrations, rosters, sanctioned events, credentialed teams, and approved travel requests and shall provide reports as required by the Affiliate, the District, and USA Hockey. The term of the Registrar and any performance expectations or review processes shall be determined by the Affiliate in accordance with its governance policies, and the Registrar shall have such additional authority as necessary to fulfill the responsibilities of the position consistent with the bylaws, rules, and regulations of the Affiliate and USA Hockey.

COACH-IN-CHIEF

A USA Hockey Affiliate/District Coach-in-Chief (CIC) is a volunteer leader responsible for managing coaching education, implementing the American Development Model (ADM), and supporting coach development within their affiliate. They organize clinics, distribute educational materials, and ensure adherence to safety standards, acting as the primary liaison for coaching policies between local associations and USA Hockey.

Key Responsibilities

- **Education Leadership:** Keep current on USA hockey requirements and assisting in educating and potentially administering Coaching Education Program (CEP) clinics and seminars.
- **ADM Implementation:** Promote and support age-appropriate training standards based on the American Development Model.
- **Mentor and Develop:** Recruit, educate, and mentor local coaches to improve techniques and increase coach retention. IAHA would encourages the CIC to visit a minimum of two associations each season for mentorship, development, and education.
- **Representation:** Work with the District and USA Hockey National Office and local affiliates to ensure that IAHA has proper representation, while also keeping up to date on current coaching criteria.
- **Safety Compliance:** Ensure all coaches within the affiliate are compliant with certification and SafeSport training requirements.

REFEREE-IN-CHIEF

IAHA Referee-in-Chief oversees all on-ice officials' certification clinics within IAHA. Officials are required to attend a certification clinic annually in order to remain certified and be eligible to officiate games within IAHA and USAH.

The USA Hockey Affiliate Referee-in-Chief (RIC) acts as the leading officiating authority within a specific local affiliate or district, responsible for implementing national education programs, working with

localized ref and youth associations, and overseeing officiating standards for state tournaments. They act as the primary liaison between local officiating associations and the District/National Office to ensure uniform rule enforcement and safety.

SAFESPORT COORDINATOR

Each USA Hockey Affiliate shall have shall have an Affiliate Safe Sport Coordinator whose duties will include monitoring the training of local program administrators and others within the Affiliate, serving as the Affiliate's initial contact for persons reporting suspected abuse, misconduct or other violations, compiling information on disciplinary issues within the Affiliate and, when appropriate, reporting such information to USA Hockey.

Under USA Hockey's Reporting Policy, reports of suspected abuse or actual or perceived violations of the USA Hockey Safe Sport Policies may be made to USA Hockey or to the appropriate Affiliate Safe Sport Coordinator. Contact information for each of the Affiliate Safe Sport Coordinators is posted below, as well as the link to USA Hockey Safe Sport Policies and Procedures. SafeSport Policies. Find the current coordinator's name and contact information under Affiliate Personnel in this guidebook.

MEMBER /PLAYER REGISTRATION

1. IDAHO AMATEUR HOCKEY MEMBER ASSOCIATION: No team, association, league or any other entity under the purview of the IAHA shall be allowed to use "Idaho" in their name, logo, or on a uniform, etc., without Board of Directors' approval.
2. IAHA Member Association Number: An IAHA Association Number (IDH xxxx) is assigned by USA Hockey when an association is accepted as an IAHA member. That membership number must then be renewed each succeeding year by filing an IAHA membership renewal form with the IAHA Membership Committee Chairperson thirty (30) days prior to the Annual meeting.
3. IAHA Associate Members: An IAHA Association Number (IDH xxxx) is assigned by USA Hockey when an Associate Member is recognized as an IAHA member. That membership number must then be renewed each succeeding year by filing an IAHA membership renewal form with the IAHA Membership Committee Chairperson thirty (30) days prior to the Annual meeting.
4. The Membership Committee will work with members on any compliance issues once the renewal forms are received and report to the Board of Directors at the IAHA Annual (Spring) meeting.
5. Registration Fees: Youth: $10.00 Adult: $10.00 (collected at the time of USAH Member Registration).
6. "AUTHORITY" DEFINED: The proper "authority" or governing body will normally be the association of the team. This authority is obtained when the Member Association, or Associate Member receives their IAHA Association number.

7. IAHA recognizes age classifications set forth in the USA Hockey Annual Guide.
8. All member organizations, associations, clubs, programs and teams affiliated with IAHA must be in good standing with IAHA and USA Hockey.
9. All participants must register online with USA Hockey. Registration with USA Hockey is a two-step process whereby individual participants register online at USA Hockey to generate a player/coach, volunteer, or manager registration number. The registration is completed when the participant is claimed by an IAHA Member Association or Associate Member. Registration is only completed when both steps are completed. Each program has their own registration process.
10. All players and teams must be registered with IAHA and USA HOCKEY. Teams will register their players on a USA HOCKEY "Official Team Roster" (Form 1-T) prior to participating in any games.
11. Association board rosters must be fully submitted and approved prior to team roster submission for approval.
12. **No team rosters will be approved until their association board roster is approved by the IAHA registrar.**
13. For youth and girls, a limit of twenty (20) players at any one time may be registered per team except for high school, which may register 30 players. A maximum of 20 players, in which not more than 18 are skaters, shall be permitted to play in the game. A minimum of six players is required to start a game.
14. All youth and girls team rosters must have a minimum of 10 skaters and 1 goalie. Any age group playing half ice or cross ice may roster a minimum of 8 players.
15. Only 14U, 16U, 18U Youth and 14U, 16U, 19U Girls teams can roster as Tier teams. 15-only (15O) can roster only at Tier I and all other age groups MUST roster as House/Rec or Travel. IAHA recognizes that USA Hockey will continue to create Tiered Pilot Programs. At this time, the 2026-27 season, no new Tier I programs may be started per USA Hockey.
16. A player may not register on more than one team that participates in games leading towards a USA Hockey National Tournament except for High School Varsity and/or Prep School division, who may also play on a Youth or Girls'/Women's national championship-bound team. Player changes to official team roster (1-T) for Youth Tier I and Tier II teams and Girls'/Women's (except Women's A) national championship-bound teams will not be accepted after February 15th.
17. Dual Registration: IAHA permits any player to play for more than one association, either a youth association or a female association. Forms are available on the IAHA website. IAHA strongly recommends that each association has their own dual rostering policy. It will be up to each association to collect and keep documentation on file.
    a. The requesting organization must submit in writing to the first association a letter of a written releasenotification outlining the commitment requirements for participating with the second association.
    b. Once notification has been submitted, the player must agree.
    c. The first association must respond in writing as acknowledgment within two business days. A copy of the signed notification by both associations must be on file with each association prior to participating in any team event for a second association.

18. Players may be rostered on Tier II and House/Rec rosters at the same time. Players may only play for one team at the IAHA state tournament or a playdown for a state, district, or National bid. Any team rostered as Tier I at 13-Only (13O) and higher is considered to be NTB. There are no Tier I or Tier II "non National Tournament Bound" teams at these age classifications. Tier I players can only be rostered on one roster and may not be rostered on any other regular season, invitational tournament or pre/post roster unless released from Tier I program.
19. Release: It is recommended that all IAHA Associations shall receive a written release for all players not registered with their Association in the previous regular season and /or current regular season, signed by the releasing Association's President, Vice President, Registrar or Board designated person, prior to acceptance of the player's registration with the new association. Please note: Tier I teams follow different guidelines.
20. Players must play in the affiliate where they reside unless allowed by an affiliate agreement or specific waiver is in place. This applies to all youth, girls and Tier II teams
21. Residency is based on where the parents live. If a player is attending school at a residential boarding school, the player can be considered the resident of either the affiliate where the residential boarding school is located or where the parents live. Residential boarding schools are defined as accredited schools where players attend classes in a supervised, on campus, room & board environment. A player living with a billet family or living in a hotel or other alternative living arrangement will not change the player's residency.
22. All matters concerning team and/or player eligibility shall be directed to the Executive Committee and the Associate Registrar. State Tournament eligibility will be defined by the Tournament Committee with approval from the IAHA Board of Directors.
23. No IAHA member shall permit any player, team, or coach suspended by IAHA or USA HOCKEY to participate in any game or play any team using such a suspended player, team, or coach. Violations are subject to supplemental discipline by the IAHA Disciplinary Committee conducted in accordance with USAH Bylaw 10.
24. No IAHA member may use illegal or non-rostered players or knowingly play any team using any illegal or non-rostered players. No IAHA member team may play any team that is under suspension by IAHA or USA HOCKEY. Violations are subject to supplemental discipline by the IAHA Disciplinary Committee conducted in accordance with USAH Bylaw 10.
25. All teams skating as part of an association must maintain the same visual identity of other teams within that same association and will be referred to by that association's name.
26. IAHA member teams may not participate in games or practices that are not sanctioned by USA Hockey. Unless sanctioned as a Special Event, USA Hockey's insurance policies may not be available to cover USA Hockey programs, teams, and Individual Participants in a game or practice among or against a non- sanctioned team. Complete information can be found in the USA Hockey Annual Guidebook – Guidelines for Non-Sanctioned Play (Section VIII, Rules and Regulations). Violations are subject to supplemental discipline by the IAHA Disciplinary Committee conducted in accordance with USAH Bylaw 10.
27. All players on Adult teams must be 18 years old prior to participating in the Adult classification.

PLAYUPS:
The IAHA Board of Directors recognizes that in rare and specific cases it can be appropriate and even beneficial to a player's development for them to play up in the next age classification. A fine balance needs to be struck, however, to avoid placing the desire of a player above the legitimate opportunity for that participant to be successful in an older age classification. In some cases, based on the skill, size and maturity of a player, it may be desirable to utilize this option; in other cases, it may be best for the player to remain in their appropriate age classification.

Playing up or moving up to an older age classification team shall encompass all team activities with the older team, including but not limited to tryouts, practices, and games. Associations may choose to play a second-year athlete up within the organization, as long as they follow the outlined policies below. All play ups that involve a first-year athlete must go to the play up committee. Any 8U due to half ice play or 12U youth player going from non-check to check must go to the committee. The committee will meet on the 1st and the 15th of the month and will consider requests at that time. It is also the understanding that once an athlete is moved to an older age group they will play with that new age group for the season. They will not be rostered on the team/age group they are moving from. Play up forms will be on the IAHA website.

a. 8U Players Playing Up - Having 8U players play up at 10U is strongly discouraged but may be allowed when there are compelling reasons to do so. Each association, at their discretion, may allow up to three (3) 8U players per season to play up at the 10U division for the season. Two-year play ups will not be allowed from the 8u to the 10U level. All 8U play ups must go to the play up committee due to 8U playing half ice.
    i. Additional players playing up may be considered with an exception request to the Affiliate ADM Coordinator and play up committee, who will only consider the request if it's due to association needs, i.e., having to merge age divisions in order to have a functional program.
b. 10U Players Playing Up - Having 10U players play up at 12U is strongly discouraged but occasionally there are compelling reasons to do so. Each association, at their discretion, may allow up to three (3) 10U players per season to play up at the 12U division for the season.
    i. Additional players playing up may be considered with an exception request to the Affiliate ADM Coordinator and play up committee, who will only consider the request if it's due to association needs, i.e. having to merge age divisions in order to have a functional program.
c. If the applicable local program's rules or decisions permit a player to do so, a player may play up one age group (second year player to next age group only) without ADM/play up committee approval. This exception shall not apply to the Youth Tier I 15-only (15O) age classification as this classification shall be limited to only players age 15 (as defined in the birth year age classification chart for the current season). This

exception also will not apply to a player 12 years of age moving to a 14U category or older, or a player moving from 8U to 10U.

d. If the applicable local program's rules or decisions permit a player to do so, players 14 years of age (14U) according to USA Hockey birth year classification, may participate in the 18U or 19U age classification if their current organization does not have a 16U age classification team.
e. No player 12 years of age or younger (12U, defined in the USA Hockey age classification chart for the current season) is eligible to play in a game that allows checking without prior approval from the Affiliate ADM Coordinator and committee. Only players that are 12 years old before December 31 may be considered to play up from non-check to check. It will be at the discretion of the committee to ascertain if there is a need to fulfill a team or if the player has the appropriate ability. These players would **ONLY** be allowed to participate on a house/rec team that is not National Bound.
f. A 12U player may move to a 14U girls' team to round out a team. It will be at the discretion of the play up committee as to ascertain if there is a need to fulfill a team to compete at the house/rec level.
    i. Additional players playing up may be considered with an exception request to the Affiliate ADM Coordinator and committee, who will only consider the request if it's due to association needs, i.e. having to merge age divisions in order to have a functional program.
g. No player 13 years (as defined in the USA Hockey age classification chart for the current season) is eligible to play in an 18U or 19U age classification without prior approval from the Affiliate ADM Coordinator and the play up committee.
h. The District Registrar is the only person that can approve a player to play down an age classification. Waivers to play down an age classification are granted for medical reasons and not for lack of playing ability or skills level experience. If a waiver is approved, the player would not be allowed to play in any State, Regional or National Championships. In order for a waiver to be approved, the following documentation is required:
    i. A letter from the parents requesting the waiver.
    ii. A letter from a medical doctor stating the medical reasons for the waiver.
    iii. Approval letter from the Local Association.
    iv. Approval letter from the State affiliate.
    v. The above documentation package should be sent to the Rocky Mountain District Registrar for consideration and approval.

COACHES CERTIFICATION

Proper certification is required for all coaches. Each coach should be certified at the proper level for the age division he/she is coaching. All Coaches need to have a current background screen and annual SafeSport training. All coaches are required to wear properly fastened helmets on the ice.

Please see the USA Hockey Annual Guide for all guidelines and continuing education requirements (Rules and Regulations, Section V).

1. All coaches must be in compliance with USA Hockey's Coaching Education Program.
2. Coaches must complete USAH online age-specific training modules specific to the level of play they are coaching prior to coaching their team(s). Coaches may complete more than one age specific module in any given season.
3. Only one CEP level can be completed each year and must be completed by December 31 of the current season.
4. If you receive a temp card, all coaching credentials must be up to date and completed before you can be rostered and coach the following season. This will be the same policy for any coach that is redlined in their previous season. You must complete missing items before you will be rostered for the next season.

COACHING ETHICS CODE

All USA Hockey ice hockey coaches (head and assistant) and instructors must abide by the USA Hockey Coaching Ethics Code and understand that violations may result in full or partial forfeiture of coaching privileges in programs, sites or events under USA Hockey's governance. All coaches have an obligation to be familiar with USA Hockey's Coaching Ethics Code. Lack of awareness or misunderstanding of an ethical standard is not itself a defense to a charge of unethical conduct. The USA Hockey Coaching Ethics Code can be found online.

COACHES' HELMET RULE

On-ice hockey coaches who are observed on the ice without properly fastened protective helmet will be subject to the following disciplinary action. A suspension stays with the coach and not the team. Any hockey coach observed on the ice at a practice or USA Hockey sanctioned event without a helmet should be reported immediately. The required information to be reported includes coach's name, team, date, time, rink, and names of any witnesses to the incident. This information should be sent as soon as possible via email to the IAHA Vice President and Coach-in-Chief at the addresses provided on the IAHA website. Any questions regarding this rule should also be directed to their attention.

- First offense – coach is suspended 30 days for all games, practices & meetings
- Second offense – coach may be subject to additional disciplinary actions including suspension and fines

OFFICIALS

Leagues and the associations are encouraged to follow the USA Hockey guidelines when assigning officials. The hosting association or league is responsible for ensuring that properly certified on-ice officials are available for every game. In addition, off-ice officials shall be adequately trained to fulfill their responsibilities. IAHA recognizes the Ice Officials Associations listed below and in the absence of an organized group relies on a local official or hockey community member to assign certified officials at the appropriate level of experience for the game.

1. Treasure Valley Ice Hockey Officials Association. (TVIHOA), Boise
2. East Idaho Ice Hockey Officials Association (EIIHOA), Idaho Falls
3. Ice Hockey Officials of the Palouse (IHOP), Moscow
4. Inland Empire Hockey Officials Association, Spokane, WA

INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT APPLICATIONS

The Tournament Application (form 3T 25 -RM) is available from the IAHA website or from your local registrar. The completed Application and rules are to be electronically sent to the USA Hockey Associate Registrar. All fees will be sent to the Associate (State) registrar (see Sanctioned Event Info & Sanctioning Process). The Associate Registrar will assign a tournament sanction number and notify the website manager who will post sanctioned tournaments on the IAHA website. A sanction is required when three or more teams gather to play, even though it is not a tournament with a clear winner. The timeline of deadlines for submittal will be determined by the RMD registrar and state registrar.

TRAVEL PERMIT

International travel permits **are required** for travel to Canada or other countries. Travel permit forms can be obtained from your local registrar. Teams should submit all such forms at least **one month before traveling**. When approved, the Associate Registrar will send confirmation back to the requesting team through the local association registrar, who will then forward to the appropriate team. Should a team not obtain a travel permit, the team and association could face fines and disciplinary action, as well as face loss of insurance.

IAHA HOCKEY

HOUSE/RECREATIONAL HOCKEY

House or Recreational (House/Rec) level is the backbone of youth hockey. This level encourages "house league" play and must be designed by the Member Association to provide opportunities to

play for enjoyment, fitness, relaxation, and friendship. Skill development and team concepts should be stressed rather than winning the game at "all costs".

TRAVEL HOCKEY (ROSTERED AS HOUSE/REC)

Travel hockey is comprised of skilled players and teams of local associations who have the desire and ability to travel and includes any Recreational team that plays any games against teams from outside their home rink.

TIER HOCKEY (ROSTERED AS TIER I OR TIER II):

All Tier I and Tier II teams must be National Bound. IAHA must declare its intention to enter a team or teams in the National Championship for Girls Tier I, Youth Tier I and Tier II by October 1 so declarations are due to the President and Secretary of IAHA by October 1. Girls Tier II declarations are due to the President and Secretary of IAHA by November 1. Determination of National Bound status will adhere to declaration dates set by USAH and is binding if not withdrawn by notification in writing to the IAHA President and Secretary before December 15.

Each Tier I and II declaration will be accompanied by a $1700 deposit due by October 1. Deposits will be returned no later than April 15 of the following year unless the team withdraws their declaration after December 15, in which case their deposit is forfeited into IAHA's general fund.

DISABLED HOCKEY

Disabled hockey is a relatively new section of hockey for IAHA. Disabled hockey players (e.g. sled, hearing impaired, etc.) face many challenges, but ice hockey offers an avenue to participate, compete, and enjoy our great game. In Idaho, current efforts are focused on funding and growing disabled programs from across the state.

GIRLS/WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Divisions recognized by USAH and IAHA are as follows:

- National Bound Girls' Tier I: 14U, 16U & 19U
- National Bound Girls' Tier II: 14U, 16U & 19U
- Girls' Travel: 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U & 19U
- Girls' Recreational or House: 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U & 19U
- National Bound Women's (18 & Over): Senior A, B, C,
- National Bound Women' s Recreational: 30+, 40+ & 50+
- Women's Adult Recreational (18 & Over)

As allowed by USAH and IAHA, Girls may dual roster Youth teams and Girls' teams. Dual-rostered females playing on Youth and Girls' teams may continue playing on all teams until the end of the regular season, except for teams that are NB (national bound). However, the player must declare in writing to her appropriate Association and State registrar, or his/her designee, by December 31st (or the earlier date established by the State or District Registrar), on which National Championship bound

team she wishes to be eligible to advance to the District, State, Regional and National Championship (as applicable). If the player does not indicate on which team she wishes to be eligible for District, State, Regional and National Tournaments, the State registrar shall have the final authority to certify the eligibility of any such player solely on the basis of the date of the earliest team roster registration form (form C-1), as provided above, is received

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CAMP

Each year IAHA holds evaluations as part of an Idaho Affiliate Camp in order to select players to participate in the District Development Camp. This opportunity is open to all eligible players in each organization whose birth date is within that year's camp age requirement.

The objective is to give all Idaho players a developmental experience and to evaluate those players who are the best players at their respective position and age group based upon each player's performance in a series of structured drills and scrimmages facilitated by qualified hockey instructors. Evaluators will select a limited number of players at each age group and position to represent IAHA at the Rocky Mountain District Camp.

Only Idaho residents that are citizens of the United States are eligible to be selected for the district camp.

PDC weekend is a blackout date with no team practices, games, or functions permitted for players that fall within the PDC age eligibility. (A team may hold a practice, however the participants that are age eligible for PDC may not participate.)

HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

High School Hockey is separated into Varsity and Junior Varsity (JV) and teams skate for their School's Club Team or for an "Independent or Combined" team in area leagues. Teams are defined as either "pure" (meaning all players attend the same school) or "Independent or combined" meaning players may attend different schools within a district or region. All teams have rosters registered through USA Hockey as House/Rec.

IAHA will conduct a State Tournament for the top 8-10 teams participating in the IAHA HS League. If necessary, this tournament may also be used to determine which High School team will advance to the National HS Championships. League details will be sent to every participating team prior to the start of each season. Teams will be required to play ten (10) games of which each player must participate in five (5). HS teams not participating in the HS League or not qualifying may optionally participate in an alternate end of season HS event if it is offered.

The High School hockey season runs from September 1 to March 31 each year. Players that are eligible to play for their high school and can also be rostered on a House/Rec, Travel or Tier team. Idaho may also offer a High School showcase team every season to compete in a spring event which gives older HS players an opportunity to showcase their skills at a venue with recruiters present.

Tryouts will be held in late Fall/early winter and will be geared towards High School juniors and seniors.

Eligibility for participation on a High School team is outlined in High School Championship Rules and Regulations, rule 3a.

LEAGUES

Multiple leagues may exist within Idaho, whether they were formed for adult, high school, house, or travel play. Leagues were formed based on sufficient demand from teams and players for organized play. Leagues are governed by rules and guidelines established by the leagues. League rules are designed to manage all aspects of league play, and shall not conflict with existing rules within IAHA, RMD, or USAH. League situations arise occasionally that require input from IAHA or USAH. These situations will be addressed by the appropriate body on a case-by-case basis.

All leagues that are not within-association need to be approved by IAHA. A league can be defined as three or more teams that play scheduled games with standings. These teams do not have to be fixed as we recognize sometimes teams are invited to join league play. If you do not have an approved league and three or more teams play on a weekend or in an event a USA Hockey tournament sanction is required.

ADULT HOCKEY

Players become eligible for adult hockey at age the age of 18. Divisions currently consist of Adult US, Adult Non-Check, Adult College and Adult Women's College.

SANCTIONED COMPETITION

IAHA adheres to USA Hockey's rules and regulations regarding sanctioned play (from the USAH Annual Guide):

VIII. GAMES, EXHIBITION GAMES, INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS, SANCTIONED LEAGUES AND SANCTIONED EVENTS:

Invitational Tournaments

- Definition of an invitational tournament has been updated to include events described as Showcases, Exhibitions, 3 on 3, 4 on 4 or any other gathering of teams outside of regular season league games where a registration fee is charged to participate.
- Qualified medical personnel, defined as Certified Athlete Trainer (ATC), EMT, Paramedic or Physician, are recommended to be onsite at all USA Hockey sanctioned tournaments.
- Prior to start of each game the Head Coach present for each team is required to sign the desig-nated area of the scoresheet to verify the accuracy of the playing rosters, as it appears on the scoresheet, for that game.

A. Definition of a Game: An ice hockey game is a contest played **against another team which is registered with USA Hockey or a member organization of the IIHF.**

B. Registered USA Hockey ice hockey teams **shall not participate in games against non-registered teams**. Violation of this rule shall subject the team to suspension by the appropriate Affiliate.

C. Definition of a Tournament: Ice hockey competition, other than normally scheduled league or exhibition games, where three or more legally-registered teams compete within a specified time frame for the purpose of declaring a champion. **This shall include gatherings consisting of more than three (3) teams, except Association Exchanges (limited to two (2) Associations), even though there are no winners declared.**

D. All invitational ice hockey tournaments that involve USA Hockey registered teams and/or another amateur hockey federation or **association must receive the sanction** of the appropriate registrar for the district where the tournament will be held.
   i. USA Hockey ice hockey teams traveling to Canada to play games against Hockey Canada teams **must obtain a Canadian/USA Hockey Travel Permit**. This permit is available from your appropriate registrar or his/her designee.

TOURNAMENT GUIDEBOOK

IAHA Youth and Girls Championship

SECTION 1 - provisions governing eligibility and qualification for the state/affiliate and/or district and national championship tournaments.

Youth Classifications By Age (USAH classification)

13 & 14 (14U), 15 Only (15O), 15 & 16 (16U), 17 & 18 (18U)

Girls/Women's Classifications By Age (USAH classification)

13 & 14 (14U), 15 & 16 (16U), 17 to 19 (19U)

National Bound Teams

For all USA Hockey National Bound teams, the Rocky Mountain District Tournament rules will apply and the Rules and Regulations governing eligibility and qualification for the state/affiliate and/or district and national championships are set forth in the USA Hockey Guidebook Article IX. In addition, The USA Hockey Youth Council shall approve a USA Hockey State/Affiliate and/or District and National Championship Tournament Guidebook, which shall be published and available on the USA Hockey website on or before September 1 prior to the following year's state/affiliate and/or district and national championship tournaments. Except as set forth herein, to the extent of any contrary information in the USA Hockey Annual Guide, the State/Affiliate and/or District and National Championship Tournament Guidebook shall be the binding authority for the requirements, rules, regulations, operation and procedures of all USA Hockey state/affiliate and/or district and national championship tournaments. For regulations applicable to regional, invitational and national championships for the Junior, Adult Men and Sr. Women (30 and Over, 40 & Over, and 50 & Over) classifications, please contact your appropriate registrar, the junior staff liaison, or the USA Hockey national office.

IAHA National Bound Criteria

IAHA will follow the USAH rule for the determination of the Proper Affiliate for Team/Program Registration (Rules and Regulations, Section III. D.) which allows a team to register within an affiliate when its greatest percentage of players reside in the affiliate where it is registered.

Each Tier I and II declaration will be accompanied by a $1700 deposit due by October 1. Deposits will be returned no later than April 15 of the following year unless the team withdraws their declaration after December 15, in which case their deposit is forfeited into IAHA's general fund.

Playdowns to National Tournaments

If more than one National Tournament Bound Tiered team declares in a division, a playdown will occur to determine which team will advance to the National Tournament.

1. The date and location of the next season's Playdowns will be the last weekend in January. This will be confirmed at the Spring meeting of the current season. The location will be determined at the Fall meeting.
2. A deposit of $1500 per team will be due no later than 14 days prior to the first game of the playdown. The total cost payable by each team will depend on tournament expenses. Declaration deposits can be put toward payment of Playdown expenses.
3. Game structure and scheduling follow the policies and procedures of the National Tournament.
4. Hosting associations will meet the hosting expectations outlined in the IAHA State Tournament guidelines.

It is recommended that National Tournament Bound teams in divisions with 2 or more teams, play each other at least twice before 12/31 of the current season.

Non-National Bound Teams

Each season, IAHA shall conduct IAHA Championships in the Youth, Girls/Women's classifications. In addition to the rules in the IAHA Guidebook, the following rules will govern the IAHA State Championships.

State Championship Rules and Regulations

1. PLAYER AND TEAM REGISTRATION
    a. The team's certified player roster must be certified by the USA Associate Registrar on or before January 15th.
    b. Player changes to the official team roster will not be accepted after the Winter Meeting of the current hockey season. Team Officials with current certifications may be added up to 24 hours prior to the coach's meeting.
2. COACHING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS
    a. All coaches must have current USA Hockey certification and the corresponding online age-specific module to participate in the state championships. All coaches are expected and required to follow all USA Hockey rules, including the helmet rule.
3. TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION
    a. Players and registered team members properly classified shall be eligible to participate in the state tournament.
    b. If there is a NTB Tier II youth team and there is no other NTB team in that division for the State Tournament, that team is permitted to go to the non-NTB State Tournament at the A division.

c. A player can only play on one team participating in the State Championships regardless of his/her rostering during the current USAH season. (Players cannot play on more than one team in a tournament weekend.)
d. Number of Games for Eligibility –
    i. Each team must have competed as a team unit in at least ten (10) games for youth and girls' teams, and
    ii. Each youth and girl player must have played in at least five (5) games with that team during the season.
    iii. Any question regarding eligibility of a team, coach or player would be resolved by the Tournament committee by 14 days before the first game of the tournament.
e. Ineligible Coach(es)/Player(s): Any coach of a team that knowingly plays an ineligible player(s) (not rostered at the time of the game or suspended) shall be suspended from coaching for 30 days. This suspension will begin after a playing rule 410 investigation determines the suspension is warranted.

4. NUMBER AND QUALIFICATION OF TEAMS
    a. By January 5th, the Treasurer or appointed official will report to the Tournament Committee a list of teams. that have submitted their tournament deposit.
    b. By January 5th, a report will be sent to the Tournament Committee a list of teams that have certified rosters by divisions along with any National Bound certified rosters.
    c. The Tournament Committee will determine the format and divisions required for each age division:
        (1) Youth/Girls National Bound: Tier I, Tier II
        (2) Youth/Girls Non-National Bound:
    d. Non-national Bound Teams will be placed in divisions based on several factors including but not limited to
        i. Game results of games played against teams in the age classification
        ii. Information from Team Officials
        iii. Results from tournaments the team attends
5. ENTRY FEES
    a. Each team in an age classification, including the host team, must pay the same entry fee. Entry fees for committed teams shall be due and payable as follows:
        i. A $500 deposit must be received by the IAHA Treasurer by December 31st of the current playing season. **A late fee of $100 per team will be automatically assessed for each deposit not received by the 12/31 deadline.** Refunds (minus fees) will only be given if there is no division for your team.
        ii. The balance is due prior to the first game of the tournament.
6. NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO ENTER TEAM(S)
    a. Each Director representing their Member Association and the At-Large Director for the Associate Member wishing to participate must verbally express its tentative

commitment to do so at the annual Fall Meeting of the IAHA that precedes the date of the upcoming Championships.

b. Each Director representing their Member Association and the At-Large Director for the Associate Member must declare in writing (using the Declaration Form and signed by the Association President) to the IAHA Executive Committee the final commitment to participate for their teams in the Championships no later than December 15th preceding the date of the upcoming Championships.
c. Once declared, the member association or associate member must compete in the State Championships.
    i. If a team is withdrawn between Declaration (December 15) and the Winter meeting, their $500 deposit will be forfeited (and owed if not yet paid).
d. If a team is withdrawn between the end of the Winter meeting and the start of the tournament, the entire entry fee will be due, and the member association or associate member will not be a member in good standing until the entire entry fee is paid. The affected parties must explain in writing the circumstances which caused the non-appearance and may be subject to a one-year suspension from future championship eligibility by the IAHA Board of Directors.

SECTION 2 - Requirements, rules, regulations, operation and procedures of state championship tournaments

1. REQUIREMENTS TO HOST
   A STATE/AFFILIATE AND/OR DISTRICT AND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT - If you are hosting a tournament that will determine IAHA representative at the Rocky Mountain District Tournament or USA Hockey National Championship Tournament, please refer to the current USA Hockey state/affiliate and/or district and national tournament Guidebook.
    a. The IAHA Board of Directors shall determine the dates and venue for each of the IAHA tournaments at its annual spring meeting if at all possible.
    b. The Host will distribute a Tournament Handbook electronically to all declared teams 14 days prior to the tournament.
    c. The President of IAHA or his/her designee shall be named Tournament Director.
    d. Host/Tournament Chairman Checklist
        i. The host must have a single, continual block of ice time for the maximum declared number of teams on the Tournament weekend (Thursday – Sunday).
        ii. Obtain from IAHA the number of teams for each age group that will be attending by January 10th.
        iii. The Tournament Committee and host shall prepare the schedule and ensure the Idaho Referee Supervisor gets the schedule fourteen (14) days prior to the first game of the tournament. Assure that Idaho Referee Supervisor has obtained sufficient officials prior to the games.
        iv. Idaho Referee Supervisor shall work with the host association referee supervisor (if they have one) and assign all officials for the games.
        v. Assure ice facility is clean, broken boards, fixtures, benches, etc. are repaired,

burnt out lighting in buildings and scoreboards is replaced, and ice markings (blue lines, creases, and face-off dots) are clearly visible.

vi. Assure ice making equipment (Zamboni, compressors, etc.) is working properly.

2. MANDATORY COACHES/MANAGERS MEETING
    a. The Tournament Director or his/her designee shall convene a mandatory meeting for all head coaches or their designees before the start of the first game of the Championships. Failure to have a team representative present shall result in the suspension of the head coach, as listed on the team's official roster, from that team's first game of the State Championship tournament.
3. SCHEDULES AND FORMATS
    a. The tournament format and schedule of games, including home and visiting team designations, must be set by the Tournament Committee.
    b. The schedule of games shall be sent to all qualified teams by email or electronic communication no less than fourteen (14) days in advance of the first game.
    c. The Championships shall be conducted according to the following formats. For situations not covered by the following formats, the Tournament Committee will establish a format.

Teams	Format	Games
2	Best two out of three (no ties)	3
4	Single Round Robin with Championship	7
5	Single Round Robin with Championship	11
6	2 Divisions Play Cross Round: Semis - seed 1 vs seed 2, Winners play Championship	12

    d. Format For Eight-team Championships –
        i. Establish two (2) pools with four (4) teams in each.
        ii. Rank the teams 1 to 8: teams 1,3,5 & 7 into pool "A" and teams 2,4,6 & 8 into Pool "B".
        iii. Each pool will play a round robin and the top two teams of each pool will advance to the semi-final round.
        iv. In the semi-final round, the 1st seed of each pool will play the 2nd seed of the opposite pool.
        v. The winners of the semi-final round games will play each other for the championship.
4. CREDENTIAL REQUIREMENTS OF TEAMS
    a. The Tournament Committee shall verify each team's eligibility to participate in the Championships in accordance with the rules.

b. **All National bound teams must follow the credential requirements** in the current USA Hockey state/affiliate and/or district and national tournament Guidebook Review of these documents may require different submittal rules depending on how the IAHA representative will be determined for the Rocky Mountain District Tournament or the USA Hockey National Tournament. Notice to all declared teams on the submittal rules will be distributed to those teams.

c. Any incomplete credentials will be addressed by the Coaches meeting.

d. The credentials for each team shall include the following items:

   i. A completed Credentials Verification sheet (Form 1-C) and a USA Hockey Certified Roster Form (Form 1-T) created by the USA Hockey Registry.

   ii. A verification and affirmation that a review of each player's birth certificate has been completed by a District Registrar or his/her designee. When no verification is indicated on the Certified Roster/ Credential Verification sheet, a copy of the government issued birth certificate or passport identification page for the rostered player, is required.

   iii. USA Hockey waiver and release completed for each registered participant and team manager only for those that did not register online at usahockey.com (not required for participants who have registered online at usahockey.com).

   iv. Sanctioned game scoresheets to verify compliance with the 10/5 minimum number of games for eligibility rule.

   v. Coaching credentials for each coach at the level mandated by USA Hockey as shown on the official roster (Form 1-T), credentials verification report (Form 1-C), or required registration and coaching credentials generated through registration software, whichever demonstrates most complete and current information.

   vi. Non-U.S. citizens must meet proof of resident status eligibility and have a completed transfer from home country ice hockey federation (if required) as stated in Rules & Regulations II: Classifications, paragraph C, of the USA Hockey Annual Guide.

   vii. Other documents pertinent to team activities and player and coach eligibility and identification

5. NUMBER OF PLAYERS

   a. A maximum of twenty (20) players, including goalkeepers, shall be permitted to play in a game. The maximum number of players, excluding goalkeepers, shall not exceed eighteen (18). It is highly recommended that all teams arrive at the State Championship with two (2) goalkeepers qualified under the rules. Teams that are unable to arrive with a backup goalkeeper shall be permitted, with the approval of the Tournament Director or his/her appointee, to use a substitute emergency goalkeeper from the same age classification in a lower level (Tier II, then house/rec.) team within the same association, affiliate then district. The substitute emergency goalkeeper shall only be permitted to participate in a game in the event of extenuating circumstances and with the approval of the on-site Tournament Director.

6. UNIFORMS

    a. All teams entered must be properly uniformed. All teams must arrive with two (2) sets of jerseys: a home (dark) and a visitor (light) jersey. The home and visiting teams are as determined in the tournament schedule. Unless otherwise approved by the on-site Tournament Director, the home team shall wear dark jerseys and the visiting team shall wear light jerseys in all games.

7. TIME BETWEEN GAMES

    a. Each team shall have a minimum three-hour rest period between the end (final buzzer) of one game and the beginning (puck drop) of its next game played on the same day. Each team shall have a minimum twelve-hour rest period between the end of a game played on one day and the beginning of a game played on the next day. The Tournament Director is the only person authorized to waive rest periods and shall do so judiciously, based on time restraints, ice time shortages or other viable reasons. No waiver of the rest period shall be granted for a championship game, unless the team giving up its rest period consents to the waiver and notifies the Tournament Director of such. Games must be scheduled to assure that no team playing its second game of the day shall be required to play the championship game against a team playing its first game of the day.

8. TIME OF PERIODS

    a. Each game in each age classification shall be stop time. There will be a **third period mercy rule for all games**, so if a team is leading by 5 goals or more in the third period, the game will be run time. At any time, if the differential becomes less than 5 goals, the game will revert to stop time. There will be no overtime periods in preliminary/round-robin play.
    b. There will be a three (3) minute warm-up and a sixty (60) second break between each regular period and any necessary overtime period(s).
    c. Time Periods for each division:

Division	Time of Periods
Youth 14U	14 minutes
Girls 14U	14 minutes
Youth 16U/18U	15 minutes
Girls 19U	15 minutes

    d. Each team shall be allowed one (1) thirty-second (30-second) timeout in each game of the Championships.
    e. The ice shall be cut before the start of each game. There shall be no ice cut(s) before the start of any overtime period(s) or Shootout.
    f. There shall be no Overtime or Shootout for any game in the round robin or modified round robin portion of the Championships. Games that require a winner to be determined will be played with Championship rules – overtime or shootout.

9. PLAYING RULES
    a. The official USA Hockey playing rules shall be used. No protests shall be permitted on the playing rules.

10. OFFICIALS
    a. The IAHA's Referee-in-Chief (RIC) or his/her designee shall assign all officials to Championships games. Unless expressly authorized by the IAHA's RIC, to be eligible to officiate in the Championships, an official must be certified by USA Hockey at the level required for the age classification for which he/she officiates. An official should not officiate a game, either as referee or linesman, in which a relative (blood or legal) participates as a player or coach. Every effort will be made to ensure that a referee does not officiate an age group in which he/she has a relative (blood or legal) participating as a player or coach.

11. METHOD OF DETERMINING CHAMPION
    a. Teams will advance based on the following scoring system
        i. Two (2) points for a win
        ii. One (1) point for a tie
        iii. Zero (0) points for a loss
    b. The standings of teams at the completion of round robin or modified round robin play shall be determined by a point system, with the teams ranked from first to last, based on most to fewest points earned during round robin or modified round robin play.
    c. A team shall earn two (2) points for each win in a round robin or modified round robin game; one (1) point for each tie; and zero (0) points for each loss. If at the completion of round robin or modified round robin play, two (2) or more teams have an equal number of points; positions in the standings shall be determined by USA Hockey's District and National Championship Tournament tie-breaker rules.
    d. A team that in the judgment of the Discipline Committee intentionally forfeits a game shall be disqualified from the Championships. Upon such disqualification, the results of each game that said team had won or tied in the Championships prior to its disqualification for the intentional forfeit will be revised to show said team the loser of each of those games by the score of 1 to 0. For each game that said team had lost in the Championships prior to its disqualification for the intentional forfeit, the final score as recorded for each of those games will stand as the official score. This rule is not intended to be enforced for unintentional forfeits caused by travel, weather or factors beyond the control of the team. The Tournament Director shall make the final decision regarding forfeits.

12. DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE
    a. The IAHA Discipline Committee, which shall be responsible for deciding any action, suspension or otherwise, to be taken against a player or team official receiving a match penalty. Game misconduct penalties and subsequent game suspensions, according to

USA Hockey rules, are not subject to appeal.

b. The Discipline Committee shall have authority to initiate action involving supplementary discipline against a player or team official whether or not it involves the playing rules; provided, however, that no suspension shall occur without first giving notice of the intended action and providing the opportunity for a hearing. If deemed necessary by the Discipline Committee, use of video in hearings is allowed.
c. If a player receives a major penalty during a State Championship Tournament, the Tournament Referee-in-Chief shall communicate with the Discipline Committee, and the Discipline Committee shall review the player's status to ensure compliance with Rule 411 (Progressive Suspensions) and shall impose any required suspensions thereunder.

13. DISPUTES/OPERATION OF TOURNAMENT

a. Pre-tournament disputes shall be resolved by the Tournament Committee in consultation with the IAHA President.
b. After the commencement of the first game, the tournament referee-in-chief, shall act as the final arbiter in all disputes involving the interpretation of the playing rules.
c. For any other decision, other than playing rules interpretation, with regard to the operation of the tournament (including zero tolerance, tournament play or conduct not in the best interest of hockey), the on-site Tournament Committee shall have the final authority to make the appropriate decision.
d. The on-site Tournament Committee, in all matters pertaining to tournament play, shall have the authority to adjust matters at any time in the best interests of the tournament and ice hockey in general.
e. IAHA Return-to-Play policies will be the over-riding authority to determine if a player's injury warrants removal from the game and/or referral to the local hospital and if a player is allowed to continue to participate due to any medical reasons. See Appendix A.
f. The on-site Tournament Committee shall have the authority to exclude and/or limit the presence at or the use of any artificial noise-making devices, except for those required to control the play of the game.

14. AWARDS

a. The winner of the Championships in each age classification shall receive the Championship Traveling Trophy for the age classification.

b. The winner of the previous year's Championships Traveling Trophy for each age classification shall be responsible for getting the trophy to the rink hosting the current year's Championships prior to the start of the first game of the Championships. The host association shall, if possible, display the Championship Traveling Trophies at the host rink and shall keep the trophies secure throughout the Championships. If the trophy cannot be located, it is the responsibility of the previous year's winner to replace the trophy complete with all past winners engraved on the plate and with design approval from the IAHA President.

IAHA High School Championship

SECTION 1 - provisions governing eligibility and qualification for the state/affiliate and/or district and national championship tournaments.

High School Divisions (USAH Annual Guide, Rules and Regulations, Section II)

National Bound Teams

For all USA Hockey National Bound teams, the Rocky Mountain District Tournament rules will apply and the Rules and Regulations governing eligibility and qualification for the state/affiliate and/or district and national championships are set forth in the USA Hockey Guidebook Article IX. In addition, The USA Hockey Youth Council shall approve a USA Hockey State/Affiliate and/or District and National Championship Tournament Guidebook, which shall be published and available on the USA Hockey website on or before September 1 prior to the following year's state/affiliate and/or district and national championship tournaments. Except as set forth herein, to the extent of any contrary information in the USA Hockey Annual Guide, the State/Affiliate and/or District and National Championship Tournament Guidebook shall be the binding authority for the requirements, rules, regulations, operation and procedures of all USA Hockey state/affiliate and/or district and national championship tournaments. For regulations applicable to regional, invitational and national championships for the Junior, Adult Men and Sr. Women (30 and Over, 40 & Over, and 50 & Over) classifications, please contact your appropriate registrar, the junior staff liaison, or the USA Hockey national office.

Each season, IAHA shall conduct IAHA State Championships in the High School Age Classifications. The following rules will govern the IAHA High School Championships.

High School Championship Rules and Regulations

1. PLAYER AND TEAM REGISTRATION
   a. The team's certified player roster must be certified by the USA Associate Registrar on or before January 15th.
   b. Player changes to the official team roster will not be accepted after the Winter Meeting of the current hockey season. Team Officials with current certifications may be added up to 24 hours prior to the coaches' meeting.

2. COACHING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS
   a. All coaches must have current USA Hockey certification and the corresponding online age-specific module to participate in the High School Championships. All coaches are expected and required to follow all USA Hockey rules, including the helmet rule.

3. TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION
   a. High school players are restricted to amateurs who are enrolled as full-time students (grades

9-12), and under 20 years of age on or before December 31 of the Playing Season. Eligibility shall not exceed eight (8) consecutive semesters starting with the player's freshman year (9th grade). For home- schooled students, the term "attend" shall mean that the student is enrolled at a high school and is designated as carrying sufficient credits to be considered a full time-student for which credit toward high school graduation will be granted by the high school upon the student completing and passing the courses. The school which enrolls the student shall be exclusively responsible to verify the student's compliance with all of the eligibility requirements. Clarification: Those High School students graduating mid-year shall no longer be considered full-time students and, therefore, are no longer eligible to play High School hockey, effective on their last day of attending classes full-time as defined by the school.

b. (From 2025-2026 National Championship Guide, 2026-2027 not available yet) The High School National Championship Tournaments shall include up to 48 High School teams divided into three tournaments (3A, 2A and 1A). Each tournament may consist of 8, 12, or 16 teams with no more than 16 teams in any one tournaments as determined by the High School National Championship Placement Committee (the "Placement Committee." The Placement Committee will review the list of participating teams and place teams into one of the three different competitive level tournaments (3A, 2A or 1A), and a national champion will be determined in each tournament. 1. When placing teams into the 3A, 2A and 1A tournaments, the Placement Committee shall seek to achieve balance in the number of teams and parity within each conference. Teams placed in a specific High School National Championship tournament (3A, 30 2A and 1A) may not be exclusively pure or combined teams. The Placement Committee shall assign teams to each tournament to achieve competitive play within each tournament. The 3A tournament shall be made up of teams that are considered Prep Schools or Academy teams, teams from states that have traditionally demonstrated a high level of competitive play at prior High School National Championships, and/or teams that have demonstrated a high level of competitive play during the current season. Other factors that may be considered by the Placement Committee when placing teams into the 3A, 2A and 1A tournaments, include the following: • Representation of teams from different states and geographical areas; • Whether the state or affiliate has a play-down to determine the team advancing; • General population of registered players the team may draw from; • Whether the team boards or billets players; • The need to create even-numbered tournament brackets; and • Other criteria at the discretion of the High School Section. When appropriate, the Placement Committee will attempt to place teams into different brackets than teams from the same state, affiliate and/or league. Beginning with the 2026 National Tournament, there will no longer be a team representing the host in the High School National Championship.

c. Non-National Bound
   i. All High School rosters must be accompanied with a letter from the coach verifying that all players are in 9^{th}, 10^{th}, 11^{th}, or 12^{th} grades and full time students.
   ii. Any Idaho high school public, private or parochial shall be entitled to enter a team.

iii. The IAHA recognizes that a participating team may not be recognized as a representative of its high school by the school's administration, however, such recognition shall not be a requirement for participation.

iv. Players must play for a High School team within the community where the player resides. If the community does not have a High School team, the player can play in the next closest town that does have a team. If a team that qualifies as both an 18U or a 16U team attending the State Championship, and as a High School team with a roster that includes the same players, the team must notify the IAHA Board of their intent to participate in both tournaments. The team must get qualifying games on two separate rosters to participate in both the IAHA HS Tournament and IAHA State Youth Tournament. You may only roster on one high school team. If an association has multiple high school rosters (JV and Varsity) movement between those teams is allowed during the season.

v. Each player on a non-national bound Team must be properly registered with an IAHA local association. Players and registered team members properly classified shall be eligible to participate in the High School Championship. A player can only play on one High School team participating in the State Championships regardless of his/her rostering during the current USAH season.

vi. Number of Games for Eligibility –

(1) Each team must have competed as a team unit in at least ten (10) games, and

(2) Each player must have played in at least five (5) of that team's games during the season.

(3) Any question regarding eligibility of a team, coach or player would be resolved by the Tournament committee by 14 days before the first game of the tournament.

d. Ineligible Coach(s)/Player(s): Any coach of a team that knowingly plays an ineligible player(s) (not rostered at the time of the game or suspended) shall be suspended from coaching for 30 days. This suspension will begin after a playing rule 410 investigation determines the suspension is warranted.

e. Any additional terms of eligibility as adopted by the board from time to time.

4. NUMBER AND QUALIFICATION OF TEAMS:

a. By January 5th, the Treasurer or appointed official will report to the Tournament Committee a list of teams. that have submitted their tournament deposit.

b. By January 5th, the Associate Registrar will report to the Tournament Committee a list of teams that have certified rosters by divisions along with any National Bound certified rosters.

c. The Tournament Committee will determine the format and divisions required for the state tournament based on league play results:

5. ENTRY FEES

a. Each team in a division, including the host team, must pay the same entry fee. Entry fees for committed teams shall be due and payable as follows:

i. A $500 deposit must be received by the IAHA Treasurer by December 31 of the current playing season. A late fee of $100 per team will be automatically assessed for each deposit not received by the 12/31 deadline.

ii. The balance is due prior to the first game of the tournament.

iii. Refunds (minus processing fees) will only be given if there is no division for your team.

6. NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO ENTER TEAM(S)
   a. Each Director representing their Member Association and the At-Large Director for the Associate Member wishing to participate must verbally express its tentative commitment to do so at the annual Fall Meeting of the IAHA that precedes the date of the upcoming Championships.
   b. Each Director representing their Member Association and the At-Large Director for the Associate Member must declare in writing (using the Declaration Form and signed by the Association President) to the IAHA Executive Committee the final commitment to participate for their teams in the Championships no later than December 15th preceding the date of the upcoming Championships.
   c. Once declared, the member association or associate member must compete in the State Championships.
      i. If a team is withdrawn between Declaration (December 15) – Winter meeting, their $500.00 deposit will be forfeited (and owed if not paid).
   d. If a team is withdrawn between the end of the Winter meeting and the start of the tournament, the entire entry fee will be due, and the member association or associate member will not be a member in good standing until the entire entry fee is paid. The affected parties must explain in writing the circumstances which caused the non-appearance and may be subject to a one-year suspension from future championship eligibility by the IAHA Board of Directors.

SECTION 2 - Requirements, rules, regulations, operation and procedures of state championship tournaments

1. REQUIREMENTS TO HOST

   A STATE/AFFILIATE AND/OR DISTRICT AND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT - If you are hosting a tournament that will determine IAHA representative at the Rocky Mountain District Tournament or USA Hockey National Championship Tournament, please refer to the current USA Hockey state/affiliate and/or district and national tournament Guidebook.
   a. The IAHA Board of Directors shall determine the dates and venue for each of the IAHA tournaments at its annual spring meeting.
   b. The Host will distribute a Tournament Handbook to all declared teams 14 days prior to the tournament.
   c. The President of IAHA or his/her designee shall be named Tournament Director.
   d. Host/Tournament Chairman Checklist
      i. The host must have a single, continual block of ice time for the maximum declared

number of teams on the Tournament weekend (Thursday – Sunday).

ii. Obtain from IAHA the number of teams for each age group that will be attending by January 10th.

iii. The Tournament Committee and host shall prepare the schedule and ensure the Idaho Referee Supervisor gets the schedule fourteen (14) days prior to the first game of the tournament. Assure that Idaho Referee Supervisor has obtained sufficient officials prior to the games.

iv. Idaho Referee Supervisor shall work with the host association referee supervisor (if they have one) and assign all officials for the games.

v. Assure ice facility is clean, broken boards, fixtures, benches, etc. are repaired, burnt out lighting in buildings and scoreboards is replaced, and ice markings (blue lines, creases, and face-off dots) are clearly visible.

vi. Assure ice making equipment (Zamboni, compressors, etc.) is working properly.

2. MANDATORY COACHES/MANAGERS MEETING

a. The Tournament Director or his/her designee shall convene a mandatory meeting for all head coaches or their designees before the start of the first game of the Championships. Failure to have a team representative present shall result in the suspension of the head coach, as listed on the team's official roster, from that team's first game of the High School Championship tournament.

3. SCHEDULES AND FORMATS

a. The tournament format and schedule of games, including home and visiting team designations, must be set by the Tournament Committee.

b. The schedule of games shall be sent to all qualified teams by email or electronic communication no less than fourteen (14) days in advance of the first game.

c. The Championships shall be conducted according to the following formats. For situations not covered by the following formats, the Tournament Committee will establish a format.

Teams	Format	Games
2	Best two out of three (no ties)	3
4	Single Round Robin With Championship	7
5	Single Round Robin With Championship	11
6	2 Divisions play cross round: Semis- seed 1 vs seed 2, Winners play Championship	12

d. Format For Eight-team Championships –

i. Establish two (2) pools with four (4) teams in each.

ii. Rank the teams 1 to 8: teams 1,3,5 & 7 into pool "A" and teams 2,4,6 & 8 into Pool "B".

iii. Each pool will play a round robin and the top two teams of each pool will advance to the semi-final round.

iv. In the semi-final round, the 1st seed of each pool will play the 2nd seed of the opposite pool.

v. The winners of the semi-final round games will play each other for the championship.

CREDENTIAL REQUIREMENTS OF TEAMS

e. The Tournament Committee shall verify each team's eligibility to participate in the Championships in accordance with the rules.

f. **All National bound teams must follow the credential requirements in the current USA Hockey state/affiliate and/or district and national tournament Guidebook.** Review of these documents may require different submittal rules depending on how the IAHA representative will be determined for the Rocky Mountain District Tournament or the USA Hockey National Tournament. Notice to all declared teams on the submittal rules will be distributed to those teams.

g. A Managers meeting will be scheduled prior to the first game of the tournament

h. Any incomplete credentials will be addressed at the Managers meeting.

i. The credentials for each team shall include the following items:
   i. A completed Credentials Verification sheet (Form 1-C) and a USA Hockey Certified Roster Form (Form 1-T) created by the USA Hockey Registry.
   ii. A verification and affirmation that a review of each player's birth certificate has been completed by a District Registrar or his/her designee. When no verification is indicated on the Certified Roster/ Credential Verification sheet, a copy of the government issued birth certificate or passport identification page for the rostered player, is required. Also, for High School divisions, evidence of current school enrollment eligibility to participate on the team is required.
   iii. USA Hockey waiver and release completed for each registered participant and team manager only for those that did not register online at usahockey.com (not required for participants who have registered online at usahockey.com).
   iv. Sanctioned game scoresheets to verify compliance with the 10/5 minimum number of games for eligibility rule.
   v. Coaching credentials for each coach at the level mandated by USA Hockey as shown on the official roster (Form 1-T), credentials verification report (Form 1-C), or required registration and coaching credentials generated through registration software, whichever demonstrates most complete and current information.
   vi. Non-U.S. citizens must meet proof of resident status eligibility and have a completed transfer from home country ice hockey federation (if required) as stated in Rules & Regulations II: Classifications, paragraph C, of the USA Hockey Annual Guide.
   vii. Other documents pertinent to team activities and player and coach eligibility and identification.

4. NUMBER OF PLAYERS
   a. Up to 30 players may be rostered on a High School roster. A maximum of twenty (20) players, including goalkeepers, shall be permitted to play in a game. Rosters are frozen after the first game. (The 20 players may not change over the course of the tournament.) The maximum

number of players, excluding goalkeepers, shall not exceed eighteen (18). It is highly recommended that all teams arrive at the High School Championship with two (2) goalkeepers qualified under the rules. Teams that are unable to arrive with a backup goalkeeper shall be permitted, with the approval of the Tournament Director or his/her appointee, to use a substitute emergency goalkeeper from the same age classification in a lower level (Tier II, then house/rec.) team within the same association, affiliate then district. The substitute emergency goalkeeper shall only be permitted to participate in a game in the event of extenuating circumstances and with the approval of the on-site Tournament Director.

5. UNIFORMS
   a. All teams entered must be properly uniformed. All teams must arrive with two (2) sets of jerseys: a home (dark) and a visitor (light) jersey. The home and visiting teams are as determined in the tournament schedule. Unless otherwise approved by the on-site Tournament Director, the home team shall wear dark jerseys and the visiting team shall wear light jerseys in all games.

6. TIME BETWEEN GAMES
   a. Each team shall have a minimum three-hour rest period between the end (final buzzer) of one game and the beginning (puck drop) of its next game played on the same day. Each team shall have a minimum twelve-hour rest period between the end of a game played on one day and the beginning of a game played on the next day. The Tournament Director is the only person authorized to waive rest periods and shall do so judiciously, based on time restraints, ice time shortages or other viable reasons. No waiver of the rest period shall be granted for a championship game, unless the team giving up its rest period consents to the waiver and notifies the Tournament Director of such. Games must be scheduled to assure that no team playing its second game of the day shall be required to play the championship game against a team playing its first game of the day.

7. TIME OF PERIODS
   a. Each game in each age classification shall be stop time. There will be a **third period mercy rule for all games**, so if a team is leading by 5 goals or more in the third period, the game will be run time. At any time, if the differential becomes less than 5 goals, the game will revert to stop time. There will be no overtime periods in preliminary/round-robin play.
   b. There will be a three (3) minute warm-up and a sixty (60) second break between each regular period and any necessary overtime period(s).
   c. Time Periods for each division is 15 minutes.
   d. Each team shall be allowed one (1) thirty-second (30second) timeout in each game of the Championships.
   e. The ice shall be cut before the start of each game. There shall be no ice cut(s) before the start of any overtime period(s) or Shootout.
   f. There shall be no Overtime or Shootout for any game in the round robin or modified round robin portion of the Championships. Games that require a winner to be determined will be played with Championship rules – overtime or shootout.

8. PLAYING RULES
    a. The official USA Hockey playing rules shall be used. No protests shall be permitted on the playing rules

9. OFFICIALS
    a. The IAHA's Referee in Chief (RIC) or his/her designee shall assign all officials to Championship games. Unless expressly authorized by the IAHA's RIC, to be eligible to officiate in the Championships, an official must be certified by USA Hockey at the level required for the age classification for which he/she officiates. An official should not officiate a game, either as referee or linesman, in which a relative (blood or legal) participates as a player or coach. Every effort will be made to ensure that a referee will not officiate any game in a division in which he/she has a relative (blood or legal) participating as a player or coach.

10. METHOD OF DETERMINING CHAMPION
    a. Teams will advance based on the following scoring system
        i. Two (2) points for a win
        ii. One (1) point for a tie
        iii. Zero (0) points for a loss
    b. The standings of teams at the completion of round robin or modified round robin play shall be determined by a point system, with the teams ranked from first to last, based on most to fewest points earned during round robin or modified round robin play.
    c. A team shall earn two (2) points for each win in a round robin or modified round robin game; one (1) point for each tie; and zero (0) points for each loss. If at the completion of round robin or modified round robin play, two (2) or more teams have an equal number of points; positions in the standings shall be determined by USA Hockey's District and National Championship Tournament tie-breaker rules.
    d. A team that in the judgment of the Discipline Committee intentionally forfeits a game shall be disqualified from the Championships. Upon such disqualification, the results of each game that said team had won or tied in the Championships prior to its disqualification for the intentional forfeit will be revised to show said team the loser of each of those games by the score of 1 to 0. For each game that said team had lost in the Championships prior to its disqualification for the intentional forfeit, the final score as recorded for each of those games will stand as the official score. This rule is not intended to be enforced for unintentional forfeits caused by travel, weather or factors beyond the control of the team. The Tournament Director shall make the final decision regarding forfeits.

11. DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE
    a. The IAHA Discipline Committee, which shall be responsible for deciding any action, suspension or otherwise, to be taken against a player or team official receiving a match penalty. Game misconduct penalties and subsequent game suspensions, according to USA

Hockey rules, are not subject to appeal.

b. The Discipline Committee shall have authority to initiate action involving supplementary discipline against a player or team official whether or not it involves the playing rules; provided, however, that no suspension shall occur without first giving notice of the intended action and providing the opportunity for a hearing. If deemed necessary by the Discipline Committee, use of video in hearings is allowed.
c. If a player receives a major penalty during the High School Championship Tournament, the Tournament Referee-in-Chief shall communicate with the Discipline Committee, and the Discipline Committee shall review the player's status to ensure compliance with Rule 411 (Progressive Suspensions) and shall impose any required suspensions thereunder.

12. DISPUTES/OPERATION OF TOURNAMENT
    a. Pre-tournament disputes shall be resolved by the Tournament Committee in consultation with the IAHA President.
    b. After the commencement of the first game, the tournament referee-in-chief, shall act as the final arbiter in all disputes involving the interpretation of the playing rules.
    c. For any other decision, other than playing rules interpretation, with regard to the operation of the tournament (including zero tolerance, tournament play or conduct not in the best interest of hockey), the on-site Tournament Committee shall have the final authority to make the appropriate decision.
    d. The on-site Tournament Committee, in all matters pertaining to tournament play, shall have the authority to adjust matters at any time in the best interests of the tournament and ice hockey in general.
    e. IAHA Return-to-Play policies will be the over-riding authority to determine if a player's injury warrants removal from the game and/or referral to the local hospital and if a player is allowed to continue to participate due to any medical reasons. See Appendix A.
    f. The on-site Tournament Committee shall have the authority to exclude and/or limit the presence at or the use of any artificial noise-making devices, except for those required to control the play of the game.

13. AWARDS
    a. The winner of the Championships in each division shall receive the Championship Traveling Trophy for the division.
    b. The winner of the previous year's Championships Traveling Trophy for division shall be responsible for getting the trophy to the rink hosting the current year's Championships prior to the start of the first game of the Championships. The host association shall, if possible, display the Championship Traveling Trophies at the host rink and shall keep the trophies secure throughout the Championships. If the trophy cannot be located, it is the responsibility of the previous year's winner to replace the trophy complete with all past winners engraved on the plate and with design approval from the IAHA President.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT

- Colored (non-clear), internal **mouth guards are required for all age divisions 12U through 18U Youth and 12U through 19U Girls** at all times while players are on the ice. For the first violation of this rule, the team shall be issued a warning. A misconduct penalty for an equipment violation shall be assessed to any player of that team for a subsequent violation during the same game.
- It is also strongly recommended, in all classifications, that all players wear a mouthpiece form fitted by a dentist.
- USAH requires the use of neck laceration protection for players in all age classifications, other than adults, in games and practices, as well as for on-ice officials under the age of 18, **effective August 1, 2024**. For clarity, the requirement includes players in the youth, girls and junior age classifications.
- Helmets are required to be worn with chin straps fastened by all coaches at all times while on the ice.
- All players must comply with all other safety equipment as prescribed by USA Hockey.

PATCH AWARDS

Three types of achievement patch awards are available for milestone events during a season. A player can only receive one patch award of each type per season. To receive a patch award, a valid scoresheet copy showing the achievement should be sent to the Patch Coordinator/Registrar by April 15th. A reminder for an organized submission will be sent to all Registrars and Presidents. There will be an online submission form for the 2026-2027 season. Patch awards will then be distributed at the Annual Meeting or sent to the association representative

- Hat Trick patch for any player who scores 3 goals in a single USA Hockey sanctioned game
- Playmaker patch for any player who records 3 assists in a single USA Hockey sanctioned game
- Shut Out patch for any goalie who records a shutout in a single USA Hockey sanctioned game

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

The Disciplinary Committee is charged with the overall responsibility and authority for hearing and resolving disciplinary issues involving participating players, coaches, parents, spectators, officials and officers of IAHA.

The Role of Member Associations

The IAHA Board recognizes the importance of the Member Associations' role in establishing and

enforcing disciplinary standards for its members. The IAHA Board further reaffirms the Member Associations' authority to establish standards of conduct and fair play and to take immediate and reasonable disciplinary action, including benching or suspension, in "on-ice" situations, such as games and practices, and in "off-ice" situations, such as those involving locker rooms and tournament travel, in which either the coach is responsible for the players' conduct or such conduct could be detrimental to the team, the association or IAHA. However, the IAHA Board also recognizes the importance of fairness and consistency in the application of disciplinary standards and has, therefore, established the appeal mechanism outlined below.

Primary Appeal

A player and/or parents of the affected player may appeal a suspension or other disciplinary action imposed by coach or other team personnel FIRST to his/her own association.

Secondary Appeal (a non-refundable $250 fee will be payable to IAHA)

Requests for a hearing by the IAHA Disciplinary Committee must be in writing and comply with the procedures of the Disciplinary Committee as established in accordance with these policies and procedures. Any suspension or other action shall remain in effect until the appeal is heard and decided upon by the Disciplinary Committee. All suspensions are subject to review by the Disciplinary Committee at the request of either party.

Time and Place of Meetings

The IAHA Disciplinary Committee shall meet as necessary. The time and location of such meetings shall be established by the Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee and the location/date/time will be communicated to the parties involved. The Disciplinary committee will meet via video conference, unless otherwise noted.

Membership and Quorum

The IAHA Board will designate a pool of Disciplinary Committee candidates by September 1st. The Disciplinary Committee shall be composed of at least three (3) members appointed by the IAHA Board. A majority of the appointed members shall constitute a quorum. Decisions of the Disciplinary Committee shall be determined by a simple majority of voting members, provided a quorum is present.

Members of the Disciplinary Committee may not participate in matters involving their own Member Association but are expected to exercise sound judgment in determining whether a particular situation may represent a conflict. Members of the Disciplinary Committee shall excuse themselves from all matters involving him/herself or a family member.

Specific Authorities and Responsibilities

Specific authorities and responsibilities of the Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee:

a. To review all match penalties involving coaches and players;

b. To hear all complaints of misconduct involving coaches, players, parents/fans, or teams;

c. To determine and assess disciplinary action against players, coaches, parents/fans, or teams, as considered appropriate in the circumstances, up to and including suspension

and/or dismissal from the team and forfeiture of games;

d. To maintain a record of and report to the IAHA Board all actions taken;

e. To report other matters of which the IAHA Board should be aware that may come to its attention as a result of its activities;

f. To compel the appearance and testimony of a player, coach, or parent at a hearing and/or compel production of score sheets, video tapes, and other documentation in the possession of a coach, player, member, or representative of IAHA;

g. To solicit statements, testimony, evidence, or other documentation from interested parties other than players, coaches, and IAHA members, as considered necessary in the sole judgment of the Disciplinary Committee; and

h. To establish such procedures as it considers necessary to conduct its activities.

Relationship to USA Hockey

It is the intention of IAHA to comply fully with the rules of USA Hockey. The Committee is specifically barred from waiving an action or imposing an action less severe than that called for by the rules of USA Hockey.

MATCH PENALTIES

State Match Penalty Committee

For the purposes of these Policies and Procedures, IAHA hereby affirms that the State Match Penalty Committee will be the IAHA Disciplinary Committee, the purpose of which is to oversee proper adjudication of all Match Penalties assessed to players, coaches, team officials or parents who are participants in teams, leagues or programs that are registered with USA Hockey through IAHA. The State Match Penalty Committee shall be comprised of three members, appointed as follows:

1. Two or more persons who are members of the standing Disciplinary Committee, appointed by the IAHA Board of Directors, the State Match Penalty Committee Chairman shall be the Chairman of the IAHA Disciplinary Committee; and
2. The USA Hockey State Supervisor of Officials, provided, however, that the State Supervisor may appoint any other USA Hockey registered official as his designee to participate in his place in connection with any matter referred to the State Match Penalty Committee.

Conduct of Committee Functions

Each member of all committees established shall each have one vote with respect to any matter brought before the committee for decision. The chairman of each committee shall have responsibility to ensure that the committee properly discharges its duties and responsibilities and

shall report to the person who appointed him to his position.

Jurisdiction of State Match Penalty Committee.

The State Match Penalty Committee shall have original jurisdiction over all match penalties that are assessed for verbal threats, physical threats, physical harm, or physical assaults made or committed against on-ice officials. This specifically includes match penalties assessed under USA Hockey Rules 601(f)(1) & 601(f)(3).

Compliance with USA Hockey By-Laws

Hearings and proceedings conducted by any committee created by IAHA for match penalties shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures established in USA Hockey By- Law 10(D). For purposes of By-Law 10(D)(1), the committees appointed by this provision shall be the "Hearing Committee."

Hearing Participants

At the hearing, the Committee will meet first and separately with the official (via telecom if needed), which is followed by a meeting with the player and his/her parent[s]/legal guardian[s] if the player is under 18. A parent/legal guardian must attend the hearing if the player is under the age of 18. Witness statements will be accepted prior to the hearing if the witnesses are unable to attend in person.

Hearing Procedure

The Rules of Evidence in Judicial Proceedings do not apply to match penalty hearings. Players or coaches cannot be represented at the hearing by attorneys who are not permitted in the process. The Committee does not allow cross examination of the officials by the player or the player by the officials. The Committee may look at video of the incident so long as its authenticity can be established.

Hearing Schedule

Match penalty hearings will be scheduled as necessary. Every attempt will be made to schedule and complete the hearings on a timely basis.

Conflict of Interest

In the event that any member of any committee has a conflict of interest between the association, team, or program they represent and the matter at hand, such member shall excuse himself or herself from participating on such committee and the appropriate Committee Chairman shall appoint a replacement committee member for such matter only. Such replacement committee member shall be an IAHA member in good standing and not in conflict with the matter at hand.

Appeals of Committee Decisions

Once decisions have been rendered by the IAHA disciplinary committee, suspended or otherwise disciplined participants may request an appeal hearing in accordance with the procedures established in USA Hockey By-Law 10(E).

IAHA POLICIES

USA HOCKEY SAFESPORT PROGRAM

A set of Policies and Procedures that assist Affiliates, Member Associations, and organizations in the prevention of child abuse and misconduct as well as providing required training; screening and a background check program; reporting and responding policies; and guidance on how to monitor and supervise. For more information on the USA Hockey SafeSport Program and to take the required SafeSport Certification course, visit this link.

USA Hockey SafeSport Handbook: USA Hockey has ZERO TOLERANCE for abuse and misconduct. The SafeSport Handbook includes the various Policies that apply to all USA Hockey Member Programs. Those Policies address:

- Sexual Abuse
- Physical Abuse
- Emotional Abuse
- Bullying, Threats and Harassment
- Hazing

The Policies also address areas where misconduct can occur and are intended to reduce the risk of potential abuse, including:

- Locker Room Policy
- Electronic Communications Policy
- Travel Policy
- Billeting Policy

In addition to Policies, the SafeSport Handbook includes information about the available and required Training of USA Hockey and its Member Programs' employees, volunteers, administrators, coaches, parents and players on recognizing and reducing circumstances for potential abuse to occur; information on USA Hockey's Screening and Background Check Program; the availability and procedures for any person to Report suspected abuse or misconduct (including protections from any retaliation or repercussions for such reporting); the procedures and means by which USA Hockey and its Member Programs should Respond to allegations of abuse and misconduct; and how USA Hockey and its Member Programs will Monitor and Supervise the SafeSport Program to help ensure its effectiveness.

What is the difference between SafeSport and Zero Tolerance? Zero Tolerance Policy requires all players, coaches, officials, team officials, and administrators and parents/spectators to behave in a sportsmanlike and educational atmosphere before, during and after all USA Hockey-sanctioned games and events. This refers to on-ice safety. Examples include, players/coaches openly disputing

a decision by an official, use of obscene or vulgar language, and taunting or baiting of players, coaches or officials.

USA Hockey's SafeSport program is focused on the organization's off-ice safety efforts. USA Hockey has zero tolerance for abuse and misconduct and has policies in the SafeSport Handbook addressing sexual abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse, bullying, threats and harassment and hazing. It also includes policies that address areas where misconduct can occur: Locker room policy, Electronic communication policy, Travel policy, and Billeting policy.

IAHA SafeSport Program

The Idaho Amateur Hockey Association is committed to improving the development, safety and welfare of its players and all members involved in hockey and our organization. Therefore, IAHA supports the USA Hockey SafeSport Program and requires all players, coaches and members to fully participate. See USA Hockey SafeSport Handbook for more detailed information.

Who Falls Under SafeSport Jurisdiction?

Any organization that is sanctioned by USA Hockey. ACHA does fall under SafeSport. Adult Leagues varies depending on whether these leagues are registered and sanctioned by USA Hockey.

How to Report a SafeSport Complaint

Under both federal and Idaho law, our coaches/volunteers must report complaints or allegations of child abuse or sexual abuse/misconduct. Complaints or reports can made directly to the US Center for SafeSport, USA Hockey, or to the IAHA SafeSport Coordinator. A report should also be made to the appropriate law enforcement agency or child protective service organization. For other forms of abuse addressed by SafeSport, complaints or reports can be made to USA Hockey, or directly to the IAHA SafeSport coordinator.

Procedure for Handling a SafeSport Complaint or report: https://www.usahockey.com/makingareport

1. IAHA SafeSport Coordinator receives report either directly from complainant or from USA Hockey.
2. Persons involved are contacted for statements and other information/statements gathered as necessary.
3. Disciplinary Hearing held if warranted.

IAHA BACKGROUND SCREENINGS

In compliance with new requirements from the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC), USA Hockey launched a new (April 2020) national level background screening program. All adult coaches, officials, board members, employees, volunteers, and anyone else who will have regular contact with, or authority over, athletes under the age of 18 are required to submit to a background screen before any such contact with those athletes. The background screening program will be handled at the national level using NCSI and screens are valid for 2 years. There is a cost associated with the screening. More information and screening registration available here.

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

In an effort to make ice hockey a more desirable and rewarding experience for all participants, USA Hockey instituted a zero-tolerance policy beginning with the 1992-93 season. This policy requires all players, coaches, officials, team officials, administrators and parents/spectators to maintain a sportsmanlike and educational atmosphere before, during and after all USA Hockey-sanctioned games.

Abusive Spectators: Officials may halt play of any game if the conduct of spectators becomes abusive or dangerous. Play will not begin again until the abusive fans have been removed from the arena.

LOCKER ROOM POLICY

USA Hockey is concerned with locker room activities between minor players, locker room activities between minor players and adult players, adults being alone with individual minor players in locker rooms, and non- official or non-related adults having unsupervised access to minor participants at sanctioned team events.

All responsible adults serving as locker room monitors should be gender appropriate and the co-ed locker room policy must be followed as described in the current USA Hockey Annual Guide. Monitors must be screened; SafeSport certified and meet all USA Hockey participation and compliance standards.
It is the policy of USA Hockey and IAHA that all IAHA ice hockey programs have at least one responsible adult directly monitoring the locker room during all team events to ensure that only participants (coaches and players), approved team personnel and family members are permitted in the locker room and to supervise the conduct in the locker room. Any individual meetings between a minor participant and a coach in a locker room shall require a responsible adult be with the coach.

Further, responsible adults must personally monitor the locker room environment at all times while participants are present and also make sure the locker room is appropriately secured during times when minor participants are on the ice.

GENDER EQUITY – CO-ED LOCKER ROOM POLICY

The issue of co-ed dressing arrangements in locker rooms often arises, and USA Hockey is frequently asked to provide some type of guideline to deal with such situations. Teams, leagues, associations and USA Hockey need to recognize that there are gender equity issues to address when managing a co-ed locker room setting. Both female and male privacy rights must be given consideration and appropriate arrangements made. USA Hockey's member organizations should consider the following:

1. Recognize that it is an issue that must be dealt with and that favoring one group over another can produce legal ramifications;
2. Recognize that the ideal situation of using two, separate dressing rooms is not possible in many ice rink/arena settings;
3. Recognize that it is an issue that will increase in visibility as girls'/ women's

participation in USA Hockey continues to grow; and

4. Recognize that it is an issue for members who are participating as players, coaches and officials.

CODES OF CONDUCT

USA Hockey has established a "Code of Conduct" for its members including Administrators/ Volunteers, Coaches, On-Ice Officials, Parents, Players and Spectators. These codes of conduct help improve the growth, development and participation by providing a responsible environment for our players. Please find the entire Code of Conduct on pages 28-35 of the USA Hockey Annual Guide.

SPORTS CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

IAHA adopts the USA Hockey Concussion Management Program, as may be amended from time to time. This is the minimum concussion protocol to be followed by all USA Hockey programs**. A player that receives a concussion must have a completed return to play form.**

Return to Play form

WHISTLEBLOWER POLICY

A whistleblower as defined by this policy is an IAHA member, volunteer, executive committee member, or board member of IAHA who reports an activity that he or she considers to be illegal or dishonest to one or more other parties specified in this policy. The whistleblower is not responsible for investigating the activity or for determining fault or corrective measures; appropriate management officials are charged with these responsibilities.

Examples of illegal or dishonest activities are violations of federal, state or local laws; billing for services not performed or for goods not delivered; and other fraudulent financial reporting.

If a member or volunteer has knowledge of or a concern of illegal or dishonest fraudulent activity, the member or volunteer is to contact any voting member of the IAHA Board of Directors who are responsible for investigation and coordinating corrective action. The member or volunteer must exercise sound judgment to avoid baseless allegation. A member or volunteer who intentionally files a false report of wrongdoing will be subject to discipline up to and including suspension.

Whistleblower protections are to cover two important areas: confidentiality and retaliation. Insofar as possible, the confidentiality of the whistleblower will be maintained. However, identity may have to be disclosed to conduct a thorough investigation, to comply with the law and to provide accused individuals of their legal rights of defense. There shall be no retaliation against a whistleblower. This

includes, but is not limited to, protection from retaliation in the form of an adverse action such as suspension, fines or threats of physical harm. Any whistleblower who believes he or she is being retaliated against must contact any voting member of the IAHA Board of Directors immediately. The right of the whistleblower for protection against retaliation does not include immunity for any personal wrongdoing that is alleged and investigated.

Members or volunteer with any questions regarding this policy should contact the IAHA President or any voting member of the IAHA Board of Directors

RECORDS RETENTION POLICY

SCOPE AND FIELD OF APPLICATION: This document applies to all areas of the IAHA. Records can be in the form of any type of media such as hard copy or electronic media.

Record Retention: IAHA will retain records in an orderly fashion for time periods that comply with legal and government requirements, and USAH policy, and as dictated by acceptable accounting procedures.
Storage and Protection: Records are maintained and stored in a suitable manner to permit appropriate access and retrieval, as well as an environment that protects against deterioration, damage and loss.

Record Disposition: When the record retention period expires, records are to be discarded without further authorization, unless they are connected to litigation, investigation or claim.

The owner/custodian of the record is responsible for determining the appropriate means of disposal of the record.

RECORD MANAGEMENT OF ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS: The same care in storage, protection, retrieval, retention and disposition is given to records stored using electronic media.

The following holding periods shall be used for the maintenance of the documents listed below:

1) Accounting Records. - 7 years
2) Accounts Payable - 7 Years
3) Accounts Receivable - 7 Years
4) Audit Reports - Permanent
5) Chart of Accounts - Permanent
6) Depreciation Schedules - Permanent
7) Expense Reports - 7 Years
8) Financial Statements (Annual) - Permanent
9) Fixed Asset Purchases - Permanent
10) General Ledger and General Journals - Permanent
11) Loan Payment Schedule - 7 Years

12) Purchase Orders & Correspondence - 7 Years
13) Purchase Requisitions - 2 Years
14) Tax Returns and Working Papers - Permanent
15) Trial Balances (Annual) – Permanent

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

It is in the best interest of the Idaho Amateur Hockey Association to be aware of and properly manage all conflicts of interest. This Conflict of Interest Policy is designed to help board members, staff and volunteers of the Idaho Amateur Hockey Association identify situations that present possible conflicts of interest and to provide the Idaho Amateur Hockey Association with a procedure whereby such potential conflicts may be reviewed by an appropriate party when necessary. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to nonprofit and charitable organizations.

1. **Conflicts of Interest Defined**. In this Policy, a person with a conflict of interest is referred to as an "Interested Person." For purposes of this Policy, the following circumstances shall be deemed to create a Conflict of Interest:

   a. A director, officer, employee or volunteer, including a board member (or family member of any of the foregoing) is a party to a contract, or involved in a transaction with the Idaho Amateur Hockey Association for goods or services.

   b. A director, officer, employee or volunteer, (or a family member of any of the foregoing) has a material financial interest in a transaction between the Idaho Amateur Hockey Association and an entity in which the director, officer, staff or volunteer, or a family member of the foregoing, is a director, officer, agent, partner, associate, employee, trustee, personal representative, receiver, guardian, custodian, or other legal representative.

   c. A director, officer, employee or volunteer, (or a family member of the foregoing) is engaged in some capacity or has a material financial interest in a business or enterprise that competes with the Idaho Amateur Hockey Association.

   d. A director, officer, employee or volunteer, (or a family member of any of the foregoing) has an interest in the outcome of a disciplinary matter or investigation with the Idaho Amateur Hockey Association.

   Other situations may create the appearance of a conflict or present a duality of interests in connection with a person who has influence over the activities or finances of the Idaho Amateur Hockey Association. All such circumstances should be disclosed to the board or staff, as appropriate, and a decision made as to what course of action the organization or individuals

should take so that the best interests of the Idaho Amateur Hockey Association are not compromised by the personal interests of stakeholders in the organization.

Gifts, Gratuities and Entertainment. Accepting gifts, entertainment or other favors from individuals or entities can also result in a conflict or duality of interest when the party providing the gift/entertainment/favor does so under circumstances where it might be inferred that such action was intended to influence or possibly would influence the interested person in the performance of his or her duties. This does not preclude the acceptance of items of nominal or insignificant value or entertainment of nominal or insignificant value which are not related to any particular transaction or activity of the Idaho Amateur Hockey Association.

2. Definitions.

a. A "Conflict of Interest" is any circumstance described in Part 1 of this Policy.

b. An "Interested Person" is any person serving as an officer, member of the Board of Directors, staff or volunteer of the Idaho Amateur Hockey Association or a major donor to the Idaho Amateur Hockey Association or anyone else who is in a position of control over the Idaho Amateur Hockey Association who has a personal interest that is in conflict with the interests of the Idaho Amateur Hockey Association.

c. A "Family Member" is a spouse, parent, child or spouse of a child, brother, sister, or spouse of a brother or sister, of an Interested Person.

d. A "Material Financial Interest" in an entity is a financial interest of any kind, which, in view of all the circumstances, is substantial enough that it would, or reasonably could, affect an Interested Person's or Family Member's judgment with respect to transactions to which the entity is a party.

e. A "Material Financial Interest" in an entity is a financial interest of any kind, which, in view of all the circumstances, is substantial enough that it would, or reasonably could, affect an Interested Person's or Family Member's judgment with respect to transactions to which the entity is a party.

f. A "Contract or Transaction" is any agreement or relationship involving the sale or purchase of goods or services, the providing or receipt of a loan or grant, the establishment of any other type of financial relationship, or the exercise of control over another organization. The making of a gift to the Idaho Amateur Hockey Association is not a Contract or Transaction.

3. **Procedures**.

a. Prior to board or committee action on a Contract or Transaction involving a Conflict of Interest, a director or committee member having a Conflict of Interest and who is in attendance at the meeting shall disclose all facts material to the Conflict of Interest. Such disclosure shall be reflected in the minutes of the meeting. If board members are aware that staff or other volunteers have a conflict of interest, relevant facts should be disclosed by the board member or by the interested person him/herself if invited to the board meeting as a guest for purposes of disclosure.

b. A director or committee member who plans not to attend a meeting at which he or she has reason to believe that the board or committee will act on a matter in which the person has a Conflict of Interest shall disclose to the chair of the meeting all facts material to the Conflict of Interest. The chair shall report the disclosure at the meeting and the disclosure shall be reflected in the minutes of the meeting.

c. A person who has a Conflict of Interest shall not participate in or be permitted to hear the board's or committee's discussion of the matter except to disclose material facts and to respond to questions. Such person shall not attempt to exert his or her personal influence with respect to the matter, either at or outside the meeting.

d. A person who has a Conflict of Interest with respect to a Contract or Transaction that will be voted on at a meeting shall not be counted in determining the presence of a quorum for purposes of the vote.

e. The person having a conflict of interest may not vote on the Contract or Transaction and shall not be present in the meeting room when the vote is taken, unless the vote is by secret ballot. Such person's ineligibility to vote shall be reflected in the minutes of the meeting. For purposes of this paragraph, a member of the Board of Directors of the Idaho Amateur Hockey Association has a Conflict of Interest when he or she stands for election as an officer or for re-election as a member of the Board of Directors.

f. Interested Persons who are not members of the Board of Directors of the Idaho Amateur Hockey Association, or who have a Conflict of Interest with respect to a Contract or Transaction that is not the subject of Board or committee action, shall disclose to the Chair, or the Chair's designee, any Conflict of Interest that such Interested Person has with respect to a Contract or Transaction. Such disclosure shall be made as soon as the Conflict of Interest is known to the Interested Person. The Interested Person shall refrain from any action that may affect the Idaho Amateur Hockey Association’s participation in such Contract or Transaction.

In the event it is not entirely clear that a Conflict of Interest exists, the individual with the potential conflict shall disclose the circumstances to the Chair or the Chair's designee, who shall determine whether full board discussion is warranted or whether there exists a Conflict

of Interest that is subject to this policy.

Confidentiality. Each director, officer, employee and volunteer shall exercise care not to disclose confidential information acquired in connection with disclosures of conflicts of interest or potential conflicts which might be adverse to the interests of IAHA. Furthermore, directors, officers, employees and volunteers shall not disclose or use information relating to the business of IAHA for their personal profit or advantage or the personal profit or advantage of their Family Member(s).

1. **Administration of Policy.** Each board member, staff and volunteer shall be provided with and asked to review a copy of this Policy and to acknowledge in writing that he or she has done so.

a. Annually each director, officer, employee and volunteer shall complete a disclosure form identifying any relationships, positions or circumstances in which he or she is involved that he or she believes could contribute to a Conflict of Interest.

a. This policy shall be reviewed annually by each member of the Board of Directors. Any changes to the policy shall be communicated to all staff and volunteers.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

This guidebook is intended to assist everyone in supporting amateur hockey in Idaho. However, the IAHA Board of Directors also recognizes that disputes do arise in hockey; often because each person has their own perspective of what is right. This summary is intended to help you understand how disputes are resolved under the rules of USA Hockey and IAHA.

The Federal Amateur Sports Act governs amateur hockey in the United States. USA Hockey is required to comply with that law as the sanctioning body for America's national and Olympic hockey teams. The Act requires USA Hockey, and therefore IAHA, to maintain a fair and speedy process for resolving disputes. USA Hockey just rewrote its dispute resolution rules, which are contained in the new Section 10 of the Bylaws of USA Hockey.
Every Member Association, league, or independent team must maintain an impartial procedure for discipline and for dispute resolution. A team, which is part of an association, functions under its association's dispute resolution rules.

There is no right to appeal a game misconduct, since this rule is considered to be part of the referee's game jurisdiction. Note that supplemental discipline may be awarded under USA Hockey Rule 410 after a game misconduct, after hearing.

All hearings should have the following components

a. Adequate notice of the time and place of the hearing must be provided. This should be in writing. "Adequate notice" means giving a reasonable chance to prepare, including obtaining evidence or affidavits and getting the assistance of others. Notice of the charges or issues will be considered and the possible discipline, which may occur, must be provided.

This should also be in writing. It is the Association's responsibility to give prior notice of the allegations and the possible discipline. For example, absent an immediate threat to the safety of youth players, it would be improper to schedule a meeting to "discuss" a coach's conduct, and to then suspend the coach based on the "discussion".

b. Where playing conduct is under review, the player or his parent must be provided with the information supporting the suspension, including a copy of the game scoresheet and any report submitted by the referees, as well as written statements, or summaries of oral statements, to the extent those were relied upon in awarding or sustaining the penalty.
c. The person or panel that is ruling on the matter must be impartial and they must not have previously made up their mind on a dispute. It is invalid for someone who is involved in the dispute to rule on a matter.
d. The person who is the object of the hearing must have the right to hear all negative evidence and to present all favorable evidence. They must be permitted to have someone assist them or represent them. However, legal rules of evidence do not apply, and they do not have unlimited time to present their case.
e. The decision resulting from the hearing shall be promptly conveyed and should be memorialized in writing.
f. All Appeals are conducted in accordance with USA Hockey Bylaw 10.

INDIVIDUAL DISCIPLINE

Players, parents, coaches and all other individuals within IAHA are subject to the same rules and regulations of conduct and are equally subject to suspension, expulsion or discipline for conduct detrimental to the game, or for such other reasons as may be determined as grounds for suspension or expulsion by the Board of Directors

REVISIONS TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

At an Annual or Special Meeting of the IAHA Board of Directors the Board may consider revisions to its Policies and Procedures. Any such revisions shall be submitted to the Board at least 30 days prior to any regularly scheduled meeting (Annual (spring), Fall, or Winter) or 48 hours prior to the commencement of a special meeting in writing through electronic communications to each voting member of the IAHA Board of Directors. A simple majority is needed to make revisions at the Annual Meeting or a Special Meeting.

USA HOCKEY BLOCK GRANTS

USA Hockey gives money back to its affiliates each year based on its registration numbers. The Block Grant program has specific eligibility and reporting requirements. All member associations in good standing are eligible to participate in the Block Grants when they are offered. Associate members who are striving for full membership may be eligible for the USA Hockey Block Grant beginning their first year of membership.

BYLAWS OF THE IDAHO AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE 1 - NAME

The name of this Corporation is IDAHO AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, INC. In these Bylaws, this Corporation may also be referred to as IAHA.

ARTICLE 2 - OFFICE

The Association shall maintain a mailing address within the State of Idaho. The Association may maintain an office for the transaction of its business, which shall be designated by the Board of Directors and which shall be located within the State of Idaho. The Association's mailing address and/or its principal office may be changed by vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 3 - PURPOSES

SECTION 1. The principal purpose of the Association shall be to foster, promote and improve amateur hockey for charitable, educational and recreational purposes. To further that purpose, the Association shall:

A. Affiliate with USA Hockey and encourage registration of all teams at all levels of play with USA Hockey.

B. Cooperate with and participate in programs of the USA Hockey Rocky Mountain District.

C. Encourage, assist and administer the development of local and regional programs, leagues and teams to promote good sportsmanship, competition and player development within the Association's geographical area.

D. Administer hockey tournaments for teams within its geographical area leading to national tournaments of USA Hockey, conduct development camps and other selection processes for selection of players for tryouts for Rocky Mountain District and USA Hockey development teams, and may issue travel permits to teams of its Members certifying their eligibility to compete outside of IAHA's geographical area.

E. Administer all levels of hockey allowable within IAHA consistent with USA Hockey.

F. Do and perform any other acts necessary or desirable in fulfilling its purposes.

SECTION 2. The Association shall operate as a not-for-profit Association, and shall take all actions necessary to maintain its status as an Association exempt from taxation under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended. The Association is one that does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to its members and is organized solely for the non-profit purposes set forth above. No substantial part of the activities of this Association shall be devoted to carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation or becoming involved in political activity.

ARTICLE - USA HOCKEY PREEMINENCE AND INDEMNITY

SECTION 1. The association, in affiliation with USA Hockey, Inc., the national governing body for the

sport of amateur ice hockey in the United States, is authorized to regulate the sport of amateur ice hockey within the State of Idaho or within such other geographical area as IAHA's Affiliate Agreement with USA Hockey, Inc. may designate from time to time. A copy of the current signed Affiliate Agreement with USA Hockey, Inc. will be maintained with these Bylaws.

SECTION 2. IAHA, as an Affiliate Association of USA Hockey, Inc., shall abide by and act in accord with the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, playing rules and decisions of the Board of Directors of USA Hockey, and such documents and decisions shall take precedence over and supersede all similar governing documents and/or decisions of IAHA. Further, IAHA (i) shall assist USA Hockey in the administration and enforcement of the provisions of the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, Playing Rules and decisions of the Board of Directors of USA Hockey within and upon its members and/or within its jurisdiction and (ii) agrees to be guided by the core values of USA Hockey: Sportsmanship, Respect for the Individual, Integrity, Pursuit of Excellence at the Individual, Team and Organizational Levels, Enjoyment, Loyalty and Teamwork, as set forth and amplified in IAHA's Affiliate Agreement with USA Hockey, or as the same may be amended by USA Hockey from time to time.

SECTION 3. IAHA, as an Affiliate Association of USA Hockey, Inc. shall indemnify and hold harmless USA Hockey, the Board of Directors of USA Hockey and each member thereof, the Executive Committee of USA Hockey and each member thereof, councils and committees of USA Hockey and each member thereof, and all other elected, appointed, employed or volunteer representatives of USA Hockey from any and all claims, liability, judgments, costs, attorneys' fees charges and expenses whatsoever, arising from the acts and omissions of IAHA, except to the extent (i) that USA Hockey or its afore described representatives caused such claims, liability, judgments, costs, attorneys' fees, charges or expenses by their own intentional neglect or default or (ii) that such acts or omissions were the direct result of compliance with the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, playing rules or decisions of the Board of Directors of USA Hockey. Further, IAHA understands that USA Hockey and its afore described representatives have assumed such assignment, function, office or capacity upon the express understanding, agreement and condition that they be so indemnified and held harmless to the extent described in this Bylaw.

SECTION 4. USA Hockey Required Principles Membership. All Registered Participant Members of IAHA (players and coaches), as a condition of membership in good standing with IAHA, shall also be required to be Registered Participant Members in good standing with USA Hockey. "Registered Participant Members" is a defined term in USA Hockey Bylaw 1 and IAHA incorporates that definition, as amended from time to time, into these Bylaws.

Government.
The government and authority of IAHA shall be vested in a Board of Directors composed of at least three representatives, as determined by IAHA, selected through an annual democratic election process. A majority of the Board must always be composed of representatives selected by such election process. The officers of IAHA, selected by the Registered Participant Members or the Board of Directors, shall include at least a president, vice president and secretary- treasurer. It is recommended that the terms of directors and officers be staggered.

Voting.
Each Registered Participant Member of IAHA shall be entitled to one vote in the process adopted by IAHA for the election of its Board of Directors. The process adopted by IAHA for the election of its Board of Directors shall be based upon the premise that each Registered Participant Member of IAHA shall be entitled to one vote. The manner of any voting by proxy shall be stated in writing and shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Committee of USA Hockey.

Annual Meetings.
Any action(s) or policy(s) adopted or requested to be adopted by the Board of Directors or the officers of IAHA shall be reported to its membership, or their duly authorized representatives, at least once each year at a meeting called for such purpose, with notice and agenda of such meeting being given to all members of IAHA no less than fifteen (15) days in advance of the holding of the meeting, which meeting shall be open to all members of IAHA.

Financial Reports, Dues and Assessments.
IAHA shall provide to the Executive Director of USA Hockey an annual financial report of operations, and all dues and assessments by IAHA shall be reasonable in relation to the programs it offers to its members.

Publication of Constitution and Bylaws.
IAHA shall annually distribute, or make available online, to its members, copies of its constitution, bylaws and other governing documents, and all amendments thereto. Copies shall also be available upon request.

Equal Opportunity/Automatic Suspension Of Athletes Without a Hearing
IAHA must provide an equal competitive opportunity taking into account ability, physical size and other athletic criteria, to amateur athletes, coaches, trainers, managers, administrators, and officials to participate, consistent with the requirements of the Amateur Sports Act of 1978, as amended, in amateur athletic competition without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, or national origin. IAHA shall provide for the prompt and equitable resolution of grievances of its members, including fair notice and opportunity for a hearing to any amateur athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator, or official before declaring such individual ineligible to participate, in accordance with USA Hockey Bylaw 10. IAHA may impose a summary suspension only in those circumstances permitted by USA Hockey Bylaw 10. Any hearing following a summary suspension shall be conducted in accordance with USA Hockey Bylaw 10.

Insurance.
IAHA agrees, at all times throughout the term of this Agreement, to be covered by the general liability insurance policy and the Directors and Officers and Crime insurance policy maintained by USA Hockey. USA Hockey shall inform IAHA of the limits of that policy, and of the changes to those limits which may be made by USA Hockey at its sole prerogative. IAHA retains the right to obtain whatever additional insurance coverages it may desire, at its own expense, but agrees to name USA Hockey as an additional insured thereof. By purchasing and maintaining the aforementioned insurance policies, USA Hockey does not assume, and indeed disclaims, any liability for any actions or omission of IAHA.

501(c)(3) Status.
IAHA shall at all times during the term of this Agreement maintain its tax-exempt status under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and shall cooperate with USA Hockey in the event that USA Hockey and IAHA deem it advisable for IAHA to be included in a group exemption letter.

Abuse.
IAHA shall adopt policies prohibiting sexual and physical abuse which meet certain minimum criteria established by USA Hockey (subject to any contrary requirements contained in state or local law applicable to Affiliate).

ARTICLE 5 - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. This Corporation shall have members. Associations or other entities located within IAHA's geographical area which register amateur hockey teams with USA Hockey are eligible to become Members of IAHA. Any such association or entity must apply for Member status with IAHA under rules and regulations adopted and published by IAHA's Board of Directors from time to time and be approved for membership by a majority of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2 MEMBERSHIP – There shall be three (3) classes of Membership

REGISTERED PARTICIPANT MEMBERS -- defined as an individual who is a resident of the State of Idaho who is involved in ice hockey competition or programs and who is in compliance with the rules and regulations of USA Hockey and IAHA, including registration and payment of fees. Each Registered Participant Member of the affiliate shall be entitled to one (1) vote. A Registered Participant Member within a local association/member program shall cast his/her ballot through an authorized representative member of that local association/member program. However, no representative may cast ballots for more than one (1) local association/member program.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS- defined as an active properly registered USA ice hockey team located in the State of IDAHO.

MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS -- defined as an Association registering no less than one team in at least three (3) recognized USA Hockey age divisions and has no less than forty (40) Registered Participant player.

SECTION 3 MEMBER ASSOCIATION. Amateur hockey Associations which desire to be members of this Corporation may be (1) organized as a for profit entity (such as a corporation pursuant to the Idaho Business Corporation Act or (2) a limited liability company pursuant to the Idaho Limited Liability Corporation Act or (3) a not-for-profit entity (such as a not for profit corporation as a corporation pursuant to the Idaho Nonprofit Corporation Act

SECTION 4: MEMBER ASSOCIATION REQUIREMENTS. All Member Associations must properly register its teams with USA Hockey and comply with the Bylaws, Constitution, Policies and Rules and

Regulations of IAHA and USA Hockey.

The Board of Directors of IAHA shall establish the criteria to become a Member Association. Such criteria shall include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Non-profit Associations must have a board of directors; for-profit Associations have a designated Director of Hockey.
2. The Association's operations must be consistent with and follow the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, and Policies of USA Hockey and IAHA.
3. The Association must demonstrate the financial capacity to operate the programs as presented in their application.
4. The Association must be able to provide or access sufficient ice consistent with the size of its program.
5. Non-profit Associations must maintain director and officer (D&O) and liability insurance, and name IAHA as an additional insured. For-profit Associations must maintain liability insurance.
6. Associations serving youth players must be able to demonstrate an internal development program for current and future players consistent with USA Hockey's American Development Model (ADM or if a plan involves an external entity, a letter must be included from the external party confirming the relationship
7. The Member must be a Member in Good Standing per Section 6

SECTION 5: VOTING -Each Member Association shall be entitled to elect one (1) director to the Board of Directors, who shall serve for one (1) year and who shall have one (1) vote, as elected by the Registered Participant Members of the Member Association and shall be able to participate in all matters and vote on all matters coming before the Board of Directors of IAHA.

SECTION 6: MEMBERSHIP IN GOOD STANDING. - All Member Associations must be "Members in Good Standing" with IAHA and USA Hockey. Each Member Association shall submit to IAHA each year a copy of its Constitution, Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations (if any), a list of their current officers, and a membership compliance checklist using IAHA's current form, prior to IAHA's Annual Meeting. Membership within IAHA is non-transferable without the written consent of IAHA, which shall require at a minimum certification that the Association continues to satisfy the membership requirements and is a Member in Good Standing.

Members who conduct themselves in such a manner as to cause harm to the credibility of IAHA and youth hockey put their "Membership in Good Standing" at risk. Conduct of this nature includes, but is not limited to, Associational recruitment of players from other members, failure to pay ice rinks, failure to pay leagues, suppliers and officials, knowingly rostering a player not in good standing with his/her previous USA Hockey Association and providing false information to donors. Members who are alleged by IAHA or its Board of Directors to have conducted themselves in a manner which violates this Membership in Good Standing guidelines are required to respond to the IAHA Board of Directors or such committee as the Board delegates, and to informational requests from such parties, to review potential disciplinary actions.

In the event any Member Association is alleged by the IAHA Board of Directors or a committee

designated by the Board to have violated the Membership in Good Standing guidelines, they may be suspended by IAHA, or IAHA may impose other disciplinary action, following a hearing held in accordance with USA Hockey Bylaw 10 unless, under the USA Hockey Bylaws, no such hearing is required.

SECTION 7: APPLICATION Membership in the Affiliate may be acquired by application on an IAHA application form. A fee, as may be established by the Board of Directors, must accompany applications for membership, and as appropriate a certified copy of the applicant's Constitution and/or Bylaws. All membership applications must be submitted to IAHA 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting. The Board will vote on the application during the Annual Meeting, or at a special meeting called for that purpose, if necessary.

SECTION 8: MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE The IAHA President shall appoint a Membership Committee whose role shall be to review Membership Application Forms for completeness, provide applicants with assistance with completing the applications according to the Membership Application Procedure, reviewing the applications and making recommendations to the IAHA Board of Directors on whether the Member Association(s) have satisfied the membership requirements for the applicable membership classification.

SECTION 9. If approved for membership, associations or entities will be required to execute a Member Agreement committing their intention to abide by current or future rules as may be implemented from time to time. Member Agreements will be one year in duration, renewable annually by IAHA on a common renewal date (each April 30th). Member Agreements establish the contractual terms of membership and can be voluntarily non-renewed by the Member Association or other entities with sixty (60) days notice prior to the renewal date. Member Agreements may be updated periodically and must be executed annually in order for associations or other entities to maintain membership in IAHA.

SECTION 10. Current Members Associations that do not meet the qualifications on the renewal date may be placed on probation for the following year. During the one (1) year of probationary status, the Association may maintain its full membership in the Corporation At the end of the one-year probationary period, if the Association has not met the membership requirements, the Association shall be recognized, if applicable, as Member teams.

SECTION 11. Members shall be responsible for the payment of dues, fees and assessments established by the Board of Directors

SECTION 12. Members are responsible for ensuring that they, and their family members and guests, conduct themselves in a mature and sportsmanlike manner at all times during which players are participating in USA Hockey or IAHA sanctioned activities, and that coaches, players and officials are at all times treated in a respectful and non-abusive manner. If a Member, their family member(s) or guest(s) fail to conduct themselves as required herein, the Board of Directors shall have the authority to take appropriate action, including but not limited to requiring that the offending person(s) be precluded for a stated period from attending or participating in USA Hockey or IAHA sanctioned

activities. Such action by the Board of Directors shall be taken only after all concerned parties have been given a reasonable opportunity to be heard by the Board or the Disciplinary Committee established in these bylaws. Nothing in this section shall be construed to alter or limit the authority of referees or rink management to deal with any unruly or inappropriate behavior when it occurs.

SECTION 13. The books and records of the Association, both financial and non-financial, are the property of the Association and not of any Member. It is the responsibility of the Board of Directors to obtain the return of any Association records in the possession of a Board Member, officer or other Member of the Association at the conclusion of the term of office of any such person or whenever such person no longer has need of the records in working on matters for the Association. Members of the Association shall have the right to inspect the books and records of the association upon written request to the Board, provided, however, that the requested inspection shall be reasonable in scope and purpose, shall be scheduled not less than ten days after the request is made, and provided further that the Board may establish reasonable limits on the time, place and manner of making the records available.

ARTICLE 6 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1: DUTIES OF THE BOARD

The regular management of IAHA shall be vested in the Board of Directors (hereafter called the Board), and the Board shall have the authority to do all things necessary for the orderly management of the Affiliate, including, but not limited to, establishing committees, signing contracts, hiring personnel, and establishing reasonable rules and regulations to implement the purpose of the Affiliate.

It shall be incumbent upon the Board to enforce all bylaws, and rules and regulations of IAHA, Rocky Mountain District and USA Hockey at all times. The Board of Directors shall have final authority over all matters pertaining to the administration of IAHA. The Board of Directors may, in its discretion and consistent with these bylaws, delegate authority as to particular matters to any officer(s), committee(s) appointed by the Board of Directors or other individual member(s) designated by the Board.

Matters requiring a vote of the Board shall be by a majority vote of those present, except as otherwise specified in these bylaws. Alternative methods for Board members to participate in the administration of IAHA include conference call or video conference or other acceptable means of electronic communication.

SECTION 2: COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD

The Board shall be comprised of an Executive Committee (President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary) plus Representatives from Member Associations in good standing and an At-Large Director who represents all Associate Members. Each member of the Board is entitled to one vote *and proxy voting shall not be permitted*. The registered participant members of IAHA's Member Associations and Associate Members shall elect a President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary, with two-year terms staggered as follows - President and Treasurer: Odd-numbered years : Vice President and Secretary: Even-numbered years.

SECTION 3: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board and the Affiliate. The President shall make an annual report on the activities of the Affiliate to the membership at the annual meeting. The President shall represent the Affiliate at all meetings (or shall appoint someone to serve in his/her place) at affiliated or unaffiliated hockey organizations at all levels. The President shall be empowered to do all things necessary to accomplish the orderly operation of this Affiliate between meetings of the Board, subject to approval at the next meeting of the Board. The President or his/her designee shall be the representative of the Affiliate at, and shall have the authority to cast votes to which the Association is entitled, at all Rocky Mountain District and USA Hockey meetings. In matters which only require a majority, the President shall vote only in the event of a tie. In all other matters which require more than a majority of those voting, the President shall have a vote. The President shall vote in all election of Officers.

VICE PRESIDENT. The Vice President shall discharge the duties of the President during the President's absence or disability, and other duties as assigned by the President.

SECRETARY. The Secretary of the Affiliate is responsible for providing notice of and formal agenda for all official meetings, as directed by the President, and maintaining minutes of all official meetings.

TREASURER. The Treasurer shall keep full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements of the Association and shall deposit all monies or other things of value in the name and to the credit of the Association in such bank or banks as the Board may approve from time to time. The Treasurer shall disburse the Association's funds under the direction of the Board, taking proper vouchers therefore, and shall render a report as to the financial position of the Association at all meetings of the Board of Directors, not less than annually. . The Treasurer shall be responsible for preservation of the Affiliate's non-profit 501(c)(3) status, the preparation of all reports, maintain all records and control all financial activities in the manner prescribed by local, state and federal law. The Treasurer shall be responsible for arranging for the filing of all required tax returns with any governmental authorities and for providing any financial reports to USA Hockey required by IAHA's Affiliate Agreement with USA Hockey. The Treasurer shall be an authorized signatory on all Association disbursements, provided that, in the Board's discretion, another Board member may be designated from time to time as a signatory on the Association's accounts, either singly or jointly with the Treasurer. Unless the Board of Directors determines that bonding is not available at a reasonable cost, the Treasurer shall obtain a fidelity bond at the expense of the Association.

SECTION 4: ELIGIBILITY

The President shall not be a voting member of any Member Association.
The Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary shall not hold a similar board position within any USA Hockey Affiliate or Member Association.
To be eligible for election as President or Vice-President for the Board, an individual must have a minimum of one-year experience on a USA Hockey or IAHA board or similar organization.

To be eligible for election as Treasurer, an individual must have general knowledge of bookkeeping best practices and understand sound financial controls and financial records retention laws.

SECTION 5: TERM
Each of the Executive Committee members shall serve two (2) year terms, with two positions (President and Treasurer) being elected in odd years, and two positions (Vice President and Secretary) elected in even numbered years.
The Board may fill a vacancy of the Executive Committee at its discretion, for reasons other than an expired term of office. Candidates nominated for a vacant position on the Executive Committee shall be elected by a majority vote of the Board. The elected Executive Committee member shall serve the remainder of the term of office for the position. Vacancies in the Voting Representative position of the member shall be filled according to the individual member association Bylaws.

SECTION 6: COMPENSATION
Directors of the Board shall receive no compensation or remuneration for serving as Directors, other than reimbursement, upon presentation of proper vouchers, of actual expenditures incurred on behalf of and approved by Board of Directors.

SECTION 7: NON-VOTING
1. The Associate Registrar shall be appointed by and shall serve at the pleasure of USA Hockey. The Associate Registrar is responsible for working with the District Registrar, USA Hockey and the Registrars of IAHA Members to assure compliance with all rostering requirements of USA Hockey and the District Registrar. The Associate Registrar is responsible for the issuance of travel permits to Member teams for competition outside of IAHA's geographical area when required.
2. The State CEP Coordinator shall be appointed by and shall serve at the pleasure of USA Hockey. The State CEP Coordinator is responsible for working with USA Hockey and District CEP Coordinators to provide training and development activities to persons who are or wish to become coaches.
3. The State RIC shall be appointed by and shall serve at the pleasure of USA Hockey. The State RIC is responsible for working with USA Hockey and District RIC to provide training and development activities to persons who are or wish to become official.
4. SafeSport Coordinator shall be appointed by the Executive Committee
5. ADM Coordinator shall be appointed by the Executive Committee
6. Goaltending Coordinator shall be appointed by the IAHA Board of Directors
7. Grow the Game Coordinator shall be appointed by the IAHA Board of Directors
8. Disabled Hockey shall be appointed by the IAHA Board of Directors
9. Girls/Women Hockey shall be appointed by the IAHA Board of Directors

ARTICLE 7 - FEES, DUES & SANCTIONS

SECTION 1: FEES
The Board of Directors may establish a membership fee for association membership in this Affiliate. This fee shall be established in January by the Board of Directors on an annual basis and published in official minutes and included on the application form. This will be a one-time only fee.

SECTION 2: DUES
All participant dues shall be established during the January meeting and collected during the registration process with USA Hockey. All participants must register online with USA Hockey.

SECTION 3: SANCTIONS
Each Member association, club, or team failing to pay the established dues and/or fines, when payable, may be subject to suspension of membership from IAHA. The continued failure to pay the required registration fees and/or dues for a period of thirty (30) days shall result in the loss of membership. The Treasurer will monitor the payment of these fees and notify the Board of Directors of any violation.

ARTICLE 8 - APPOINTMENTS & COMMITTEES

SECTION 1: APPOINTED POSITIONS
Appointed positions required by USA Hockey (American Development Model and Safe Sport Coordinators) are made by the Executive Committee. Additional appointments for Player Development Coordinator, High School Commissioner and any other appointments that may be required by USA Hockey will be made by the IAHA Board of Directors.

SECTION 2: STANDING COMMITTEES
The Standing committees for IAHA shall be Discipline, Audit, Membership and Nominating. The chairperson and general members of standing committees shall be appointed by the President and ratified by majority vote of the Board.

1. A member of the Board of Directors will chair all standing committees.
2. The Chairperson of each committee, with input and assistance of the committee members shall carry out the duties of the committee and provide a written report to the Board of Directors as needed and/or requested. Decisions or recommendations of the Committee shall be made by majority vote of the Committee Members. Each committee chairperson shall present a written Annual Report to the President at least one week prior to the Annual Meeting.
3. The President of IAHA is a member of all committees but shall vote only in the event of a tie.
4. The duties and authority of all standing committees shall be as set forth in the Annual Guidebook of Affiliate, which shall in any case be subject to the Constitution of the Affiliate and the USA Hockey Bylaws, Rules & Regulations and Policies.

SECTION 3: AD-HOC COMMITTEES
Ad-hoc committees (e.g., Tournament Committee, Coaching Program, Finance, etc.) may be established by the President or by a majority vote of the Board. The selection process of chairperson and general members of ad hoc committees shall be the same as for standing committees except members need not be ratified by the Board and a Board member may be selected as a chair, but not required.

1. The Chairperson of each committee, with input and assistance of the committee members shall carry out the duties of the committee and provide a written report to the Board of Directors as needed and/or requested. Decisions or recommendations of the Committee shall be made by majority vote of the Committee Members. Each committee chairperson shall present a written Annual Report to the President at least one week prior to the Annual Meeting.

2. The President of IAHA is a member of all committees but shall vote only in the event of a tie.
3. The duties and authority of ad hoc committees shall be as set forth in the Annual Guidebook of Affiliate, which shall in any case be subject to the Constitution of the Affiliate and the USA Hockey Bylaws, Rules & Regulations and Policies.

SECTION 4: REMOVAL OF BOARD MEMBER
The Board (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, At-Large Director and Voting Representatives of Member Associations in good standing) may remove an Executive Committee Member by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors.

The Board may require the replacement of a Voting Representative of a Member Association after a Bylaw 10 hearing has been held. This removal requires a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 9 - MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

SECTION 1: MEETINGS
1. Annual meetings of the Board shall be held at such times and at such places as fixed by the President. Alternative methods for Board members to participate in the administration of IAHA include conference call or videoconference.
2. General Board meetings shall be open to all members. However, such members shall not participate in, or in any way interfere with the conduct of the board meeting unless the item for discussion has been submitted to the IAHA President and is a topic of discussion on the meeting agenda. The Board may allow for a closed session, as it deems necessary.
3. Agenda topics must be submitted to the IAHA Secretary no later than fifteen (15) days prior to a General meeting or Annual meeting and 48 hours prior to a Special meeting.
4. Non-agenda items. A time limit of three (3) minutes shall be allowed for participant members to state their business on non-agenda items, unless the Board provides for a longer period of time. The Board may request further discussion at a future meeting.

SECTION 2: QUORUM
A quorum is defined as the presence of a simple majority of the Board at the commencement of a meeting.

ARTICLE 10 - ANNUAL & SPECIAL MEETINGS

At least three (3) meetings of the Board of Directors shall be accomplished in each calendar year

SECTION 1: ANNUAL MEETING
The Annual Meeting, which is open to all participant members, shall be held in May at a place and time designated by the Board.

SECTION 2: GENERAL MEETINGS

A general meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held during the months of January (Winter Meeting) and September (Fall Meeting) each year.

SECTION 3 SPECIAL MEETINGS
Special meetings of the membership may be called by the (1) IAHA President, or (2) a simple majority of the Board.

SECTION 4: MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
1. Notice and agenda of regular and Annual meetings: There shall be no less than a thirty (30) day notice for a General meeting and 30-day notice for the Annual Meeting. Agendas shall be available no less than ten (10) days for a General meeting and ten (10) days for the Annual Meeting.
2. Special meetings may be conducted by video conference or conference call for topics with urgency that require a resolution prior to a regularly scheduled meeting. A 48-hour notice period is required for special meetings unless a Special Meeting is called to amend the Bylaws. A Special Meeting to amend the Bylaws requires a 15-day notice.

ARTICLE 11 – ELECTIONS

SECTION 1: RESULTS & ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE
The election of the Executive Committee Members (President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary) and the At-Large Director shall be the last item on the agenda of the Annual Meeting of the Affiliate, and the newly elected Executive Committee Members and At Large Director shall assume office at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting. Newly elected/newly appointed Affiliate positions shall also assume office at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting. Those individuals appointed to complete a remaining term of a vacated position assume office upon appointment.

SECTION 2: ELECTIONS PROCESS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS -A Director and Alternate shall be elected by a democratic process by the registered participants in a qualified member association with whom he/she is a member and certified by the President and Secretary of that association. A Director and Alternate elected by a member association shall serve a term of one (1) year. In the event of vacancy, the affected association shall appoint a successor for the remainder of the term.

AT LARGE DIRECTOR -Nominations and biographies for open positions of the At-Large Director must be received by the Nominating Committee 21 days prior to the Annual Meeting.
Candidates may run for a stated position up for election, subject to eligibility requirements for positions. Once the nominations have been submitted, the ballot will be closed and only those names will be included on the Annual Meeting Agenda

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. -Nominations and biographies for open positions of the Executive Committee must be received by the Nominating Committee 21 days prior to the Annual Meeting. Candidates may run for a stated position up for election, subject to eligibility requirements for positions. Once the nominations have been submitted, the ballot will be closed and only those names will be included on the Annual Meeting Agenda .

ARTICLE 12 - CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

SECTION 1: ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER
All meetings of the membership and the Board shall be conducted in accordance with the most recent edition of "Robert's Rules of Order."

SECTION 2: LEADERSHIP
In the case of the President taking a leave of absence from his/her position, the Vice President shall immediately become President during such leave of absence, or for the remainder of the President's term if the President has resigned. In the event there is no Vice President to succeed to the Presidency, then the Secretary shall be empowered to conduct a Board Meeting for the sole purpose of electing a new or interim President.

ARTICLE 13 - DISPUTE RESOLUTION, DISCIPLINE, ARBITRATION

SECTION 1: DISPUTE RESOLUTION

1. General - All claims, demands, discipline or disputes ("Disputes") arising by and between Parties, as defined in USA Hockey Bylaw Section 10, shall be subject to the provisions of this Article and USA Hockey Bylaw 10 and constitute the sole and exclusive remedy for dispute resolution.
2. Purpose - It is the specific purpose of this Article and USA Hockey Bylaw 10 to provide a uniform method of resolving Disputes that is a full and complete substitute for any court proceedings and that utilizes the specific skills, expertise and background of individuals experienced in the sport of hockey and sports administration. The procedures set forth in USA Hockey Bylaw 10 are referred to collectively as the "Dispute Resolution Procedure."
3. Failure to Follow Procedure - All Parties agree to abide by this Dispute Resolution Procedure. Failure to abide by the Dispute Resolution Procedure shall, in addition to any other sanctions allowed by these Articles:
4. Make a Party and any person or entity representing, participating with or aiding such Party liable for any and all costs and expenses, direct or indirect, including reasonable court costs and attorneys' fees and the value of volunteer time incurred by USA Hockey, its Affiliate Associations, directors, officers and/or agents; and
5. Subject such Party to Summary Suspension and/or disqualification from membership and any right to participate in USA Hockey or its Affiliate Associations' sanctioned events in the sole discretion of USA Hockey or its Affiliate Associations.

ARTICLE 14 – AMENDMENTS SECTION 1: CONSTITUTION & BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

The Constitution and Bylaws of the IAHA Affiliate may be amended as follows:

1. Such proposed amendments shall be provided to all Board Members at least fifteen (15) days prior to any Annual or Special Meeting where such amendments are to be voted upon.
2. To be approved, any amendment must receive the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) vote of Board Members voting in person at any Annual or Special Meeting.

ARTICLE 15- DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION

SECTION 1: IRS SECTION 501(c)3 REQUIREMENT

The assets of IAHA are permanently dedicated to exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provisions of future laws), IAHA shall not be operated for pecuniary profit and shall have no capital stock and shall make no distribution of dividends to its members, directors, officers or persons having a private interest in the activities of the corporation.

SECTION 2: DISSOLUTION

In the event IAHA is dissolved, the Board of Directors shall pay, satisfy and discharge all liabilities and obligations of IAHA or make adequate provisions therefore and distribute all remaining assets of IAHA to an organization or organizations engaged in activities substantially similar to those of IAHA and organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at that time qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provisions of future laws).

Amended Date*: June 6, 2020*

IAHA Secretary*: /s/ Joanne Tirocke*

Affiliate Agreement

This agreement, made and entered into this _____ day of _____ , _____ , by and between USA Hockey Inc., a non-profit District of Columbia corporation with its principal place of business located at 1775 Bob Johnson Drive, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80906 (hereinafter to be referred to as "USA Hockey"), and the, Idaho Amateur Hockey Association , a non-profit corporation (hereinafter to be referred to as "Affiliate"), for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained.

Whereas, USA Hockey is the national governing body for the sport of amateur ice hockey, pursuant to the Amateur Sports Act of 1978, as amended; and Whereas, USA Hockey is the duly authorized representative of the International Ice Hockey Federation ("IIHF") with exclusive jurisdiction over the conduct of the play of the sport of amateur ice hockey as sanctioned by the IIHF within the United States of America; and

Whereas, Affiliate and USA Hockey wish to associate in the interest of developing and administering the sport of amateur ice hockey within Affiliate's geographical jurisdiction, as provided herein, and consistent with the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, Playing Rules and decisions of the Board of Directors of USA Hockey and the IIHF;

Now, therefore, intending to be legally bound hereby, USA Hockey and Affiliate hereby mutually covenant and agree as follows:

I. *JURISDICTION*

USA Hockey hereby grants to Affiliate, subject to the limitations contained herein and federal law, the exclusive jurisdiction (as an "Affiliate Association" under USA Hockey's Bylaws) to conduct certain of the affairs of USA Hockey, to assist in the governance of the members of USA Hockey, and to regulate the sport of amateur ice hockey within the geographical area of _____, in each case as follows:

A. *To assess and charge a reasonable team and/or individual fee for members within its jurisdiction, in addition to the regular USA Hockey fee, which fee(s) for the previous season shall be reported in writing to the Executive Director of USA Hockey on or before May 1 of each year.*

B. *To operate fund raising programs to support its functions as an Affiliate Association of USA Hockey, including a special charge on paid gate tournaments, games or events sponsored by Affiliate, so long as such fund raising programs do not conflict with USA Hockey's sponsorship or licensing programs of which Affiliate is notified from time to time.*

C. *To establish and collect a reasonable "travel permit" fee from members as a condition of certification that the member is eligible to compete outside the jurisdiction of Affiliate, which fee for the previous season shall be reported in writing to the Executive Director of USA Hockey on or before May 1 of each year.*

D. *To establish and adopt, subject to the prior written approval of the appropriate Council of USA Hockey, reasonable regulations governing eligibility of members for playoff competition leading to national tournaments of USA Hockey including the establishment and collection of reasonable fees for such playoffs, such fees to be submitted for review at or before USA Hockey's Annual Congress and such regulations to be submitted within 30 days thereafter.*

E. *To perform and/or provide certain other authorized services or functions to promote and regulate the play of the sport of amateur ice hockey as an Affiliate Association of USA Hockey.*

USA Hockey hereby agrees that it will accept and recognize only those individuals, teams, leagues and associations within Affiliate's jurisdiction which hold and continue membership in good standing with Affiliate. Further, USA Hockey, in accord with the exclusive jurisdiction herein granted, agrees to cooperate with and assist Affiliate in the administration of the play of the sport of amateur ice hockey within Affiliate's jurisdiction, when such cooperation and assistance is deemed necessary and/or advisable by Affiliate and USA Hockey. USA Hockey hereby agrees to assign Affiliate to one of its districts and Affiliate is hereby entitled to participate with any other Affiliate Associations within its District with respect to the affairs of the District pursuant to the Bylaws and Rules and Regulations of USA Hockey.

This Agreement establishes certain obligations of and grants certain rights to Affiliate as an "Affiliate Association" of USA Hockey. USA Hockey acknowledges that Affiliate is and shall remain a separate entity with complete authority to conduct its affairs and programs, subject only to the express obligations and restrictions contained in this Agreement.

II. *BYLAWS AND/OR POLICIES WHICH MUST BE ADOPTED BY AFFILIATE*
The Affiliate, in consideration of the grant of exclusive jurisdiction, hereby agrees to adopt as official policy and/or bylaws of its organization, the following:

A. *Bylaw #1 – USA Hockey Preeminence*
The Idaho Amateur Hockey Association , an Affiliate Association of USA Hockey, Inc., shall abide by and act in accord with the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, Playing Rules and decisions of the Board of Directors of USA Hockey, and such documents and decisions shall take precedence over and supersede all similar governing documents and/or decisions of the Idaho Amateur Hockey Association .
Further, the Idaho Amateur Hockey Association (i) shall assist USA Hockey in the

administration and enforcement of the provisions of the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, Playing Rules and decisions of the Board of Directors of USA Hockey, within and upon its members and/or within its jurisdiction and (ii) agrees to be guided by the following core values of USA Hockey:

1. *Sportsmanship*
   Foremost of all values is to learn a sense of fair play. Become humble in victory, gracious in defeat. We will foster friendship with teammates and opponents alike.
2. *Respect for the Individual*
   Treat all others as you expect to be treated.
3. *Integrity*
   We seek to foster honesty and fair play beyond mere strict interpretation of the rules and regulations of the game.
4. *Pursuit of Excellence at the Individual, Team & Organizational Levels*
   Each member of the organization, whether player, volunteer or staff, should seek to perform each aspect of the game to the highest level of his or her ability.
5. *Enjoyment*
   It is important for the hockey experience to be fun, satisfying and rewarding for the participant.
6. *Loyalty*
   We aspire to teach loyalty to the ideals and fellow members of the sport of hockey.
7. *Teamwork*
   We value the strength of learning to work together. The use of teamwork is reinforced and rewarded by success in the hockey experience.

B. *Bylaw #2 – Indemnity*

The Idaho Amateur Hockey Association , an Affiliate Association of USA Hockey, Inc., shall indemnify and hold harmless USA Hockey, the Board of Directors of USA Hockey and each member thereof, the Executive Committee of USA Hockey and each member thereof, the councils and committees of USA Hockey and each member thereof, and all other elected, appointed, employed or volunteer representatives of USA Hockey from any and all claims, liability, judgments, costs, attorneys' fees charges and expenses whatsoever, arising from the acts and omissions of Idaho Amateur Hockey Association , except to the extent (i) that USA Hockey or its aforedescribed representatives caused such claims, liability, judgments, costs, attorneys' fees, charges or expenses by their own intentional neglect or default or (ii) that such acts or omissions were the direct result of compliance with the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, Playing Rules or decisions of the Board of Directors of USA Hockey. Further, the Idaho Amateur Hockey Association understands and acknowledges that USA Hockey and its aforedescribed representatives have assumed such assignment, function, office or capacity upon the

express understanding, agreement and condition that they be so indemnified and held harmless to the extent described in this bylaw.

USA Hockey shall reasonably cooperate with Affiliate in any litigation and provide reasonable support in connection therewith, including but not limited to advice and testimony upon reasonable request; provided, however, that such cooperation shall not require USA Hockey to incur any out of pocket expense not reimbursed by Affiliate.

III. *ADDITIONAL PRINCIPLES WHICH MUST BE CONTAINED IN AFFILIATE'S BYLAWS OR OFFICIAL POLICY*

Affiliate hereby understands and agrees that the organization, structure, policy, bylaws and/or operation of Affiliate shall reflect, and shall not violate, the following principles:

A. *Membership*

All Registered Participant Members of Affiliate, as a condition of membership in good standing with Affiliate, shall also be required to be Registered Participant Members in good standing with USA Hockey.

B. *Government*

The government and authority of Affiliate shall be vested in a Board of Directors composed of at least three representatives, as determined by Affiliate, selected through an annual democratic election process. A majority of the Board must always be composed of representatives selected by such election process. The officers of Affiliate, selected by the Registered Participant Members or the Board of Directors, shall include at least a president, vice president and secretary- treasurer. It is recommended that the terms of directors and officers be staggered.

C. *Voting*

Each Registered Participant Member of Affiliate shall be entitled to one vote in the process adopted by Affiliate for the election of its Board of Directors. The process adopted by Affiliate for the election of its Board of Directors shall be based upon the premise that each Registered Participant Member of Affiliate shall be entitled to one vote. The manner of any voting by proxy, shall be stated in writing and shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Committee of USA Hockey.

D. *Annual Meetings*

Any action(s) or policy(s) adopted or requested to be adopted by the Board of Directors or the officers of Affiliate shall be reported to its membership, or their duly authorized representatives, at least once each year at a meeting called for such purpose, with notice and agenda of such meeting being given to all members of Affiliate no less than fifteen (15) days in advance of the holding of the meeting, which meeting shall be open to all members of Affiliate.

E. *Financial Reports Due and Assessments*

Affiliate shall provide to the Executive Director of USA Hockey an annual financial report of operations, and all dues and assessments by Affiliate shall be reasonable in relation to the programs it offers to its members.

F. *Publication of Constitution and Bylaws*

Affiliate shall annually distribute to its members, copies of its constitution, bylaws and other governing documents, and all amendments thereto. Copies shall also be available upon request.

IV. *EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION OF ATHLETES WITHOUT A HEARING*

Affiliate must provide an equal competitive opportunity taking into account ability, physical size and other athletic criteria, to amateur athletes, coaches, trainers, managers, administrators, and officials to participate, consistent with the requirements of the Amateur Sports Act of 1978, as amended, in amateur athletic competition without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, or national origin. Affiliate shall provide for the prompt and equitable resolution of grievances of its members, including fair notice and opportunity for a hearing to any amateur athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator, or official before declaring such individual ineligible to participate.

A. *Insurance*

Affiliate agrees, at all times throughout the term of this Agreement, to be covered by the general liability insurance policy and the Directors and Officers and Crime insurance policy maintained by USA Hockey. USA Hockey shall inform Affiliate of the limits of that policy, and of the changes to those limits which may be made by USA Hockey at its sole prerogative. Affiliate retains the right to obtain whatever additional insurance coverages it may desire, at its own expense, but agrees to name USA Hockey as an additional insured thereof. By purchasing and maintaining the aforementioned insurance policies, USA Hockey does not assume, and indeed disclaims, any liability for any actions or omissions of Affiliate.

B. *501(c)(3) Status*

Affiliate shall at all times during the term of this Agreement maintain its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and shall cooperate with USA Hockey in the event that USA Hockey and Affiliate deem it advisable for Affiliate to be included in a group exemption letter.

C. *Abuse*

Affiliate shall adopt policies prohibiting sexual and physical abuse which meet certain minimum criteria established by USA Hockey (subject to any contrary requirements contained in state or local law applicable to Affiliate).

D. *Adoption*

Affiliate shall adopt, as amendments to its bylaws and as official policy, the foregoing principles set forth in Sections ii and iii within 180 days of the date of this Agreement. It shall be a condition of the continuation of the grant of affiliate status contained herein for Affiliate to deliver written proof of such adoption to USA Hockey at its principal office within 210 days of the date of this Agreement. If Affiliate does not adopt the foregoing principles as required herein, its members shall not be entitled to the benefits of membership in USA Hockey.

V. *TERM*

The term this Agreement, shall be for one (1) year, from September 1, _____, to August 31,_____ and renewed annually thereafter, unless (i) either party shall notify the other of an intention to terminate the relationship herein created no less than sixty (60) days prior to the end of the term provided for above or (ii) earlier terminated for breach as hereinafter provided.

VI. *BREACH*

In the event that Affiliate shall breach any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, or any of the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, Playing Rules or decisions of the Board of Directors of USA Hockey (which provisions are incorporated herein by this reference as though fully set forth herein), then USA Hockey shall have the right to impose sanctions pursuant to Bylaw 10 of USA Hockey's Bylaws and/or terminate (subject to a 30 day right to cure) this Agreement and the status herein granted to Affiliate.

In the event that USA Hockey shall breach any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, then Affiliate shall have the right to terminate (subject to a 30 day right to cure) this Agreement and the status herein granted.

VII. *MISCELLANEOUS*

For the purposes of consistent administration of this Agreement, the following shall govern and control the relationship between USA Hockey and Affiliate:

A. *Notice*

Each party hereby designates (and agrees to notify the other party hereto promptly in the event of a change in such designation) the following official representative to whom notice should be given of any and all matters involving USA Hockey and Affiliate as provided for in this Agreement:

USA Hockey Executive Director USA Hockey, Inc.
1775 Bob Johnson Drive Colorado Springs, CO 80906-4090
Affiliate_____

B. *Amendment*

This Agreement is not subject to any addition, alteration, modification, or amendment, unless and upon condition that said addition, alteration, modification or amendment is in writing, and signed by both parties hereto.

C.*Severability*

In the event that any article, section, or clause of this Agreement shall be declared illegal or void by a court of competent jurisdiction, then the article, section or clause so declared shall be deleted from this Agreement to the extent that it violates the law, or has been

declared void. The remaining articles, sections and clauses shall remain in full force and effect throughout the entire term hereof.

D. *Entire Agreement*

This Agreement shall be binding upon both parties hereto, and supersedes all other agreements and understandings by and between the parties hereto.

E.*Governing Law*

This Agreement shall be construed, administered, enforced and interpreted pursuant to the laws of the State of Idaho.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their respective representatives, and attested to by their respective representatives on this _____ *day of* __ ,_____.

USA HOCKEY, INC.

By _____

Its _____

_____/_____/_____

Printed Name Date

<<AFFILIATE>>

By _____

Its _____

_____/_____/
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Printed Name Date