

Minutes – Monday, September 10, 2018  
following Annual Meeting  
Ice Den Scottsdale  
AAHA Monthly Meeting

APPROVED  
OCTOBER 8TH, 2018

- Call to Order **7:01 pm**
- Dial in to Conference call if needed **Ryan DeJoe and Scott Shafer via technology**
- Establish a quorum and identify any directors with proxies
- Introductions
- Approval of the agenda **Motion: Curley, 2nd Urban Motion Carries.**
- Approval of August Minutes **Motion: Koshiol with Do Not Play discussion struck, 2nd Radke. Motion Carries.**

**Reports**

- President Report
  - **AAHA website calendar will be updated including all Tier I games, Tier II games, Most of AZYHL, State Championship, AZYHL championship – will be online by the end of the week.**
- Treasurers Report – **2018-19 proposed budget submitted for review**
- Secretary Report – **Submitted Electronically**
- AAHA Admin Report – **Submitted Electronically**
- AZYHL Report
  - **Reckell: Manager meeting 9/8/18 for scheduling went very well. Radke: Cooperative, done very efficiently. 9am – 3:45pm. All teams scheduled and good.**
  - **One review on AZYHL: Seeding tournament was held on Labor Day weekend. There were managers, coaches, volunteers who were not on the 1-T rosters but were in the locker rooms, on the bench – places they were not supposed to be. All coaches that were redlined were not supposed to be on the bench.**
- Background Screening / Safe Sport Report – **Submitted Electronically**
- By-Laws and Policy Report – **Submitted Electronically**
- Coaching Report – **Upcoming Level 1 clinic Level 2 clinic in Peoria.**
- Disciplinary Report – **Submitted Electronically**
- Mite Committee Report – **No report**
  - **Jerseys are ordered for the jamboree. 5 people on committee for all jamboree in Chandler.**
- Officiating Report – USA Hockey – **Submitted Electronically**
- Officiating Report - AHRA – **Submitted Electronically**
- Registrars Report – **No report**
- Tier Committee Report – **Submitted Electronically**
- Adult Hockey Report – **Submitted Electronically was not included in email.**
  - **Received good feedback about learn to play progress for adult players.**
- Arizona Coyotes Report –
  - **Coyotes intentions for Small Frys program and all development programs. Several new programs. We are introducing to 309 schools in county. Giving schools sticks and equipment. How to incorporate hockey into school curriculum.**
  - **Small Frys – Girls Development program, what is the focus and goal is for this program. Lindsey Fry in attendance. Giving girls a development program to play hockey with just girls. Is at one rink right now would like to expand it to more rinks. Encourage them to play house league and the Small Fry development giving them discounts to attend house programs. Reached out to females in Little Howlers.**
  - **Lindsay: Played boys until 2<sup>nd</sup> year bantam. She is a proponent of playing with boys and travel/house. This is a bridge option between Little Howlers and the house leagues. Social aspect that builds confidence on and off the ice. Girls have made mite travel teams. Not trying to pull any girls away from the rinks – trying to develop them and funnel back to the programs. Young girls development program to have fun, development and make relationships so when they reach the 12, 14 years old they can integrate. Chose nights where there would be no ice conflicts with programs. Email Matt or Lyndsey with any questions.**

**Old Business**

- Non Members with USA Hockey Registration Numbers
  - **Donnalee and Tim still working on.**
- Vote on bylaw change regarding director attendance
  - **Motion: Urban, 2nd Curley. Motion Carries.**

- Vote on policy change regarding Tier-rules
  - **Motion: Urban, 2nd Jacobson further discussion that jumps to order of New Business with Jeremy Goltz presenting:**
  - **Goltz director of mission. Been doing this for 13 years. Tier I meetings – Geoff July 31<sup>st</sup> I received an email on July 24<sup>th</sup>. Had commitments couldn't attend. The Tier committee changed the Tier II structure. Biggest issue – July 31<sup>st</sup> – signed contracts, handed money over, knew what the structure was, now changing it right before the season. Figure out a time when we can implement actual changes to the tier tournaments between the end of the season and tryouts. Asking moving forward that there is no vote on these changes today. Changes the major elements like # of teams and how many games. He would like to not see this go through. I'm here stating my case about my program's opinion on this – it has never happened this late in the pre-season. Motion did not go to a vote.**
  - **Geoff – nothing changed but a recommendation from the Tier committee to make these changes.**
- Proposal is the Tier committee going forward would decide the format of the tournament every year.
- Delinquent Player List – further discussion
  - **Tim's question for clarification is should programs have to substantiate a reason for placing a player on the do not play list. Clean up policy 8.0 and 9.0 – policy committee will need to review and revise. Tony Radke will draft language for discussion will send this to EC and policy committee.**

### **New Business**

- Jeremy Goltz – Tier tournament format discussion – **see old business**
- **Motion to suspend agenda to hear ADHL group – Motion: Urban, 2<sup>nd</sup> McCaughey Motion Carries.**
- Rivers Ball rostering approval
  - **Motion: Urban, Triant 2nd. Motion Carries**
- ADHL clinics –
  - **Greg Sitrick information about the ADHL. This is a supplemental program to house league. Need to be currently in a house league. Kids get more development and play. Kids at the peewee/bantam level that are ready for more hockey sense – house league doesn't allow for that much of an opportunity. There are other reasons like the cost of travel hockey, and time commitment. Fall clinic ends in January when the House Allstar programs are starting. Don't want to compete with travel teams. Really this is meant for house level players that want the next level. In attendance are parents, coaches and general counsel. All players are USA Hockey registered players, all coaches are USA Hockey registered.**
- Presentation for Discussion - Policy change to appeal procedure
- Presentation for Discussion – Policy change regarding play up rule
- Bylaw 5.01(b) – minimum qualifications for Member Organization voting director
  - **AZ Lady Coyotes – Jennifer – has two teams 14U & 19U those numbers would not make up 74 players. But if you add in board of directors, coaches, parents, volunteers they would come above the 74 number.**
  - **Motion: Urban, 2nd Frost. Allow the Lady Coyotes a vote on the board this year, then starting in 2019 they will need to come into compliance. Motion Fails. Previous notice given by AAHA President stands. Lady Coyotes will not have a voting member for the 2018 – 2019 season.**
- AAHA regular meeting dates proposed changes –
  - **Bruce Urban proposes AAHA meeting reduction by three meetings. November, April and June to be removed. If an emergency meeting is required, President can call it. Reports will continue to be provided electronically. Will go to vote next month.**

### **Announcements**

Don't forget to turn in your paperwork to the Secretary asap – conflict of interest forms, member association agreements, proof of organization “good standing” with the Arizona Corporation Commission

**Adjournment 9:20 pm Motion: Curley, 2nd Urban**

### **Future State AAHA Board Meetings**

- Monday, October 8, 2018
- Monday, November 12, 2018
- Monday, December 10, 2018

# 2018-19 AAHA Budget

<b>Income</b>		Year	Qty	Amt	last updated: 9.1.18	
					Budget 9/17	Actual to date
						Through 5/31/18
1	Adult Player Reg (USA Hockey)	17/18	4538	\$ 10.00	\$ 45,380.00	
2	Youth Player Reg (USA Hockey)	17/18	3069	\$ 15.00	\$ 46,035.00	
1	Adult Player Reg (USA Hockey)	18/19	4550	\$ 10.00	\$ 45,500.00	\$ 8,460.00
2	Youth Player Reg (USA Hockey)	18/19	3075	\$ 15.00	\$ 46,125.00	\$ 33,015.00
6	USA Hockey Block Grant	18/19			\$ 17,763.13	\$ 17,763.13
	USA Hockey Block Grant	18/19			\$ 3,575.00	
7	Arizona Coyotes Sponsorship				\$ 20,000.00	
8	AZYHL Preseason Tournament		33	\$ 1,056.06	\$ 35,685.00	\$ 34,510.00
9	Youth State Player Development		165	\$ 194.00	\$ 40,500.00	
10	Tier Declaration fees		28	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 28,000.00
11	Tier Championship team fees				\$ 10,539.73	
12	Adult State Championship		35	\$ 599.00	\$ 20,965.00	
	Checking Clinic	128			\$ 2,560.00	
13	AZYHL Championship Tourn.		37	\$ 1,350.44	\$ 51,039.00	
14	Donations & Fundraising					
15	Penalties & Fees					
	Appeal Fees				\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
16	Deposit National Tournament					\$ 2,000.00
17	Website Advertising					
18	<b>Total State income</b>				<b>\$ 322,501.86</b>	<b>\$ 123,998.13</b>
20	<b>Expenses</b>					
21	RMD District Adult Player fees		3574	\$ -	\$ 1,575.00	
22	RMD Distric Youth Player fees		3126	\$ -	\$ 2,525.00	
23					\$ 4,100.00	\$ -
24	AZYHL Pre-Season Tourn.					
25	Ice				\$ 26,529.23	
26	Printing/Mailing/Misc.					
27	Referees/SK				\$ 5,704.00	
28	Awards				\$ 3,100.00	
29	Tournament Director(s)				\$ 310.00	
30					\$ 35,643.23	\$ -
31	Youth State Tier Championships					
32	Ice				\$ 28,300.00	
33	Printing/Mailing/Meetings/Misc.				\$ 500.00	
34	Referees/Sk				\$ 8,143.00	
35	Awards				\$ 1,593.63	
36					\$ 38,536.63	\$ -
37	Youth State AZYHL Championships					
38	Ice				\$ 39,902.00	
39	Printing/Mailing					
40	Referees/SK				\$ 11,137.00	
41	Misc.					
42	Awards					
43					\$ 51,039.00	\$ -
44	Adult State Championship Tourn.					
45	Ice				\$ 21,000.00	
46	Refs/SK				\$ 6,412.00	
47	Scorekeepers					
48	Awards					
49					\$ 27,412.00	\$ -
50	State Player Development Camp					
51	Coaches Stipends				\$ 5,000.00	

52	Jerseys				\$	1,000.00	
54	Coaches Jackets				\$	1,050.00	
55	Pucks/waterbottles				\$	75.00	
56	Ice				\$	10,000.00	
57	Misc - Adv. Posters						
58	Meeting				\$	200.00	
59	Refs/SK						
60	Supplies/Water				\$	350.00	
61	Third Party Registration				\$	680.00	
62	Travel - Air, Hotel, Meals, R.Car				\$	4,500.00	
63					\$	22,855.00	\$ -
64	<b>Growth Initiatives</b>						
65	Coyotes Little Howlers Equipt	1	\$ 2,000.00		\$	2,000.00	
66	Mite Jamborees	3	\$ 2,000.00		\$	6,000.00	
67	Total Goalie Quick Change	48	\$ 189.99		\$	4,000.00	
68	Cross Ice Boards - Tucson	1	\$ 7,500.00				
69	Free Girls Clinics				\$	4,500.00	
70	Adult Growth Initiative - Skills Clinics				\$	8,250.00	
70	Youth Growth Initiative - Skills Clinics				\$	8,250.00	
71	Disabled Hockey Development				\$	7,500.00	
72	Goalie Development Program				\$	5,000.00	
73	Donations/Gifts				\$	250.00	
74	Coaching Education Program				\$	2,000.00	
75	CEP Equipment				\$	1,500.00	
76	Referee Training split with District				\$	2,000.00	
77	Recognition Awards, Plaques, Sponsorships						
78	Background Screening Program				\$	11,000.00	
79	Bank Service Charges				\$	450.00	
80	AZ Corporation Commission				\$	10.00	
81	Records Storage Unit				\$	700.00	
82	Office Supplies/software/QBO				\$	700.00	
83	Meeting Expense F&B				\$	4,500.00	
84	Postage & Delivery				\$	300.00	
85	Copies/Printing checks				\$	200.00	
86	AZ Rubber Advertising Program						
87	AAHA Admin Assistant	20	\$ 15.00		\$	15,000.00	
88	AAHA Admin Social Media				\$	10,000.00	
89	Professional Fees (Tax Return)				\$	1,000.00	
90	Legal Fees				\$	30,000.00	
91	D & O Insurance				\$	2,306.00	
92	Website				\$	1,000.00	
93					\$	128,416.00	\$ -
94	<b>Tournament Fees</b>						
95	Boys Pittsburgh America's Showcase				\$	1,000.00	
96	Youth Tier 1 RMD Championship				\$	4,000.00	
97	Girls RMD District Championship				\$	1,000.00	
98					\$	6,000.00	\$ -
103	Travel						
104	USA Hockey Annual Congress		June		\$	4,000.00	
105	USA Hockey Mid Winter Meeting		January		\$	3,000.00	
106	Rocky Mountain Annual Meeting		August/January		\$	1,000.00	
107	Coaching Ed./RMD Girls/Misc Travel		Misc.		\$	500.00	
108					\$	8,500.00	\$ -
110				<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$	<b>322,501.86</b>	\$ -
111				<b>Total Income</b>	\$	<b>322,501.86</b>	\$ <b>123,998.13</b>
112				<b>Income(deficit)</b>	\$	<b>-</b>	\$ <b>123,998.13</b>

**Secretary Report**  
**September 2018 AAHA Meeting**

**Prepared By: Sherri Koshiol**

**Date: September 2, 2018**

**1. PAPERWORK – please turn these documents to the Secretary at the Annual Meeting or prior to September 15, 2018:**

ALL directors (voting, non-voting, at-large & ex-officio) will be required to sign 2018-19 conflict of interest forms.

ALL member organizations must sign the annual AAHA membership agreement along with provide a copy of their Arizona Corporation Commission Certificate of Good Standing (screen shot from the ACC website is fine).

- 2.** The delinquent player list has been shortened – at the direction of the Executive Committee – former minor players with the association listed as “Unknown” who have since aged out of youth hockey (1999 and older) were removed. If any other associations would like any players removed from this list please advise the President and Secretary.

## AAHA Administrator's Report August 2018

August has been a very busy month gearing up for the 2018-19 Season the areas worked on were:

- Checking Clinic - the clinic registration was actual setup in July, but for the first part of August it was monitored and reported on to the Clinic organizers
- Referee's tab - an updated was made to the Referee's tab with the date being announced for the last Referee's clinic this fall
- Adult tab - the pictures for the tier winners of the 2018 Adult Summer Classic tournament were received and uploaded. Also added a banner picture to highlight the names on the various winning teams.
- AZYHL Pre-Season Labor Day Weekend Seeding Tournament -
  - Finalized the ice arrangements
  - Worked with Fox News-Sports on distributing a schedule for their participation
  - Booked the Referee's for the tournament
  - Created the new season's web pages for the AZYHL Leagues/Division/Teams
  - Created the schedule on-line for the tournament, both as games for each team and as PDF's spreadsheets for easy access to and seeing the whole schedule, by League/Division
- Rostered the teams in the Tier I, Tier II and AZYHL Leagues -
  - Using the Commitment Letter process and USA Hockey 1T Rosters was able to roster players onto their appropriate teams
- Created on the Tier I and Tier II tabs the league schedules for both Leagues and all Divisions
- Created and uploaded AZYHL Contact lists for each League/Division
- Continued the work with Sport's Engine Beta team on the development of the Scheduler Module. The module has gone live, but am still working with them on enhancements and upgrades.

- Commitment Letter process worked very well, but working with Sports Engine to make it more streamlined and easier for registrants to us.

## **Safesport & Background Screening Report**

**By Herb Haley**

**September 2018**

Since April 1 (the new registration period) through August 31 (the end of the current season) - there have been 698 applications submitted.

During that period 577 applications have been 'Cleared'. 63 applications were 'duplicate', meaning they were still current (through 08/31/2019) or they actually just completed an application during this registration period, some within the past 2-3 weeks!

Of the 698 applications noted above, 207 applications were submitted for the period 8/15/18 through 08/31 - 130 have been cleared. 21 were Duplicate; 2 pending additional information, 54 still pending with vendor.

For the final week of the registration period, 08/24 - 08/31 - there were 94 applications submitted.

There are still a number of screenings to be processed and imported by USAH into the portal, and it is the busy time of the season for everyone, so thank you in advance for your understanding and patience.

If a person has not been screened for the 2018-2019 season or completed the SafeSport training (all three [3] modules) they are not permitted to actively participate as a volunteer in any capacity effective 09/01/2018.

Reminder of the associations responsibility to have a Locker-Room policy in place for every game, home and away. Attached is the Locker-Room Monitor Reference sheet as a reminder.

## Bylaw and Policy Committee Report

### September 2018 AAHA Meeting

Prepared By: Sherri Koshiol

Date: September 6, 2018

Approved changes to Concussion policy (4.2), Helmet Rule 4.3.2, and appeal policy (5.1.8) were all revised and updated on the AAHA website.

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#### **Vote regarding Bylaw 5.03 revision having to do with Meeting Attendance:**

**Intention of Proposal: The bylaws are silent on consequences for a director who is ABSENT for two consecutive meetings. Existing Section 4.13 having to do with Proxy voting indicates that a director appointing a proxy for two consecutive meetings will be removed. This proposal adds similar consequences for a director missing two consecutive Board meetings. (Proposed additional clarification shown in red). The Policy and Executive Committees are also proposing a rule relating to removal of a director who misses 3 board meetings during their term.**

Section 5.03 Expiration of Terms.

(a) Upon confirmation of the Member Organization's newly-elected Director, the outgoing Director is no longer considered a voting Director.

(b) If a Director fails to maintain a membership in good standing of a Member Organization, his/her term would expire and would need to be replaced.

(c) A Director who does not attend two (2) consecutive Board meetings and/or appoints a proxy for two (2) consecutive Board meetings shall be removed as a Director. In order for that member organization to maintain their voting rights, a newly appointed replacement Director must be appointed in accordance with Section 5.04.

(d) A Director who does not attend three (3) Board meetings (whether consecutive or not) within their two-year elected term shall be removed as a Director. In order for that member organization to maintain their voting rights, a newly appointed replacement Director must be appointed in accordance with Section 5.04.

(e) Based upon approval of the Executive Committee, a Director with extenuating circumstances causing rules 5.03(c) and/or 5.03(d) to be enacted may be allowed to remain on the Board and return to their voting Director position when their circumstances permit them to do so.

#### **Vote regarding Proposed Tier Rules Changes**

**Intention of Proposal: submitted by the Tier Committee as further clarification to the Tier rules**

## 13.4 Tier I/Tier II State Championships

### 13.4.1 Guidelines

1. Each playing season AAHA shall conduct Arizona State Championships at the following age divisions for the purpose of determining teams to represent Arizona in USA Hockey's National Tournament play according to a schedule approved each year by the AAHA Board of Directors.

Youth Division: 14U and above as defined by USAH; Tier I and Tier II for each age division.

Girls Divisions: 14U; 16U; and 19U; Tier I and Tier II for each age division.

2. The AAHA Board of Directors will announce the Championship dates for each Division prior to October 31st of each year and post to the AAHA website.

The **Arizona** Champion of each Youth **and Girls Tier (Tier I or Tier II) age division shall advance to USA Hockey's next level of USA Hockey's National Tournament.** ~~Tier I, and each Girls Tier I or Girls Tier II Divisions shall advance to the Rocky Mountain District Championships.~~

~~The Champion of each Youth Tier II Division shall advance to the USA Hockey National Championships.~~

3. All final costs (ice, referees, score and timekeepers, awards, etc.) per division, related to the State Championships, shall be shared equally by the teams participating in the Arizona State Championships. All costs shall be subject to review and approval by the AAHA Board of Directors.
4. Each Member Association wishing to participate in State Championships must be in good standing with AAHA.
5. ~~Member Associations shall submit a \$500 non-refundable fee, for each Tier I or Tier II playing division in which they field a team for the playing season, no later than October 31st of each year. The non-refundable fee from Member Association shall be used to offset the final State Championship fees due per division from each Tier I or Tier II team participating in the State Championships.~~

Beginning with the 2018-2019 playing season, Member Associations shall submit a \$1,000 non-refundable fee, for **each** Tier I or Tier II team fielded for the playing season, no later than August 15th each year. The non-refundable fee for **each** team shall be paid by the Member Association that is represented by the team and shall be used to offset the final State Championship fees due per division from each Tier I or Tier II team participating in the State Championships. The non-refundable fee shall be required for **ALL** Tier I and Tier II teams, even if they fail to qualify for the Arizona State Championships **or choose not to participate in the Arizona State Championships** and regardless as to whether or not they register as a Nationally Bound team. Fee payment shall be made payable to AAHA and delivered to the AAHA Treasurer. Failure to make the non-refundable fee payment on or prior to August 15th shall result in a \$500 penalty (per team not paid) to the delinquent Member Association. Any Member Association that has not paid their non-refundable fee plus penalty fee for a team or teams, representing that Member Association, prior to October 1st shall be referred to the AAHA Disciplinary Committee for review on the subject.

6. Each Member Association may declare ~~no~~ more than one team in each division to participate in the State Championships. ~~Member Associations that register multiple teams in a division with the Arizona Associate Registrar shall be free to determine which team may represent the Member Association per Division in any manner they wish, but the~~ **Each** Member Association shall declare to AAHA, in writing, which team **or teams** will represent that Member Association in the State Championships no later than **November 1<sup>st</sup> of the current playing season**. ~~10 days prior to the start of the Tier II State Championships.~~ See Section 13.4.3 for additional information on the State Championship format.
7. A final cost per team per division to participate in the State Championships will be forwarded to each Member Association no less than thirty (30) days prior to the state of the State Championships.
8. A Credentials Meeting shall be held approximately 7-10 days prior to the start of the State Championships. All remaining fees due per participating team shall be due no later than this meeting. A coach and/or manager from each participating team shall be required to attend. No one person shall represent more than one team unless prior approval is granted by the Tournament Director. Failure of a team to have a coach and/or a manager present for the credentials meeting shall result in the suspension of the Head Coach of that team's first game of the State Championship Tournament.
9. ~~AAHA will pay the entry fee for any team that represents AAHA in the Rocky Mountain District Championships and Tier II Nationals, not to exceed the RMD entry fee per team. Beginning with the 2018-19 playing season, AAHA will pay the entry fee or a maximum of \$1,000 towards the entry fee, whichever is less, for any team that represents AAHA in the Rocky Mountain District Championships~~ **and/or USA Hockey's National Tournament.**  
  
**Beginning with the 2019-2020 playing season, each team that represents AAHA at either the Rocky Mountain District Tournament and/or USA Hockey's National Championships shall be responsible for payment of their team's entry fee into the tournament.**
10. All games shall be played in accordance with District/National requirements as outlined in the latest edition of the USA Hockey Championship Tournament Guidebook including all games being played to a winner.

#### 13.4.2 Team Requirements

1. Teams declaring to participate in the Arizona State Championships MUST have their final rosters submitted to the Arizona Associate Registrar no later than December 15th of each year.
2. It shall be the responsibility of each team declaring for right to advance to the Rocky Mountain District Tier I Championships or the Tier II National Championships to schedule a date to review all items as required by USA Hockey with the Arizona Associate Registrar at least 10 days prior to AAHA State Championships. In the case of a team or teams advancing either to the Rocky Mountain District Championships or to the National Tournament without having to participate in the Arizona State Championships that team or teams shall be responsible for having all items required by USA Hockey to be reviewed by the Arizona Associate Registrar at least 3 weeks prior to the first games of the District Championships or National Championships.

### 13.4.3 Tournament Formats

The Tier Committee shall determine an Arizona State Championship Tournament format for the division or divisions that will represent Arizona in the National Tournament.

**Beginning with the 2018-2019 playing season, the Tier Committee shall establish the State Championship Tournament format on a yearly basis based on the number of teams in each age division that have indicated that they plan to participate in the State Championship Tournament. The format for the State Championship Tournament shall be established no later than November 5<sup>th</sup> of that playing season.**

**Bruce Urban to table this vote until the next meeting, McCaughey 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

~~The Arizona State Championship format for all Divisions shall be as follows:~~

- ~~1. In a Division of two (2) teams the teams will play a best out of three series. The first team to win two games will be declared the Champion. The third scheduled game in this division WILL NOT BE PLAYED if it is not needed to declare a Champion. All games will be played utilizing USA Hockey's semifinal rules.~~
- ~~2. In a division with three (3) or four (4) teams the teams will play a single Round Robin of games against all other teams in the division. The two teams with the greatest number of points at the end of the single Round Robin will play a best of three championship series to determine the State Champion. The team with the most points after the single round robin will be declared the Home team. If one or more teams are tied as the top two teams at the end of the single Round Robin, the tie breaking formula outlined in the most current USA Hockey Championship Tournament Guidebook will be used to break the tie and declare the final two teams.~~
- ~~3. In a division of more than four (4) teams, the results of the 4 game season series between all teams in the division shall be used to determine the top four (4) teams which shall advance to the Arizona State Championships. The top four (4) advancing teams shall then play a Championship series as described in 13.4.3, item 2 (above).~~

### **Discussion of Minor Revision to Appeal procedure**

**Intention of Proposal: Allow for appeals to be heard by an Appeal Committee or go straight to the overall Board to be heard**

5.1.8 Appeal Procedures – Any person or team that considers himself/herself aggrieved by sanctions imposed by the DC may appeal that decision to the AAHA Board of Directors. The AAHA President must receive written appeals of a decision or action of the DC within fifteen (15) days of notification of the decision of the DC (or on Monday following the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day if that day is Friday) for consideration. Such appeal must be accompanied by all written documentation from the original proceeding. The AAHA President will present the appeal to the Appeal Committee made up of three disinterested Directors on the AAHA Board **and/or the full Board** for reconsideration, and will be responsible for all appeal proceedings and actions. The Appeal Committee shall render its decision within a reasonable period thereafter. A check or money order in the amount of \$250 shall accompany the appeal. Check or money order is to be made out to AAHA.

Tim – we changed this two years ago and most of the appeals to the appeal committee is DC decisions. Was recommended by USA Hockey. There are some decisions that should be looked at by the full board. Discussion only available for vote next month. USA hockey would be the next level if person would like to appeal the appeal committee decision.

### **Discussion of Revision to Play Up Rules**

**Intention of Proposal: The proposed language on the Play Up rule was discussed at a Tier meeting last January. All of the Hockey Directors present that day were in favor of the proposed language. In discussion with USA Hockey ADM Administrators a disservice is done to players moving up an age division. They lose out on skill development for the age division they should be in as well as growth in maturity and muscle development. It was recently determined that it was never brought to the AAHA Board for approval. The minutes of that January meeting are attached. Hockey Directors present for that meeting were Marc Fritsche, Kenny Corupe, Jeremy Goltz, Ron Fillion, Brad McCaughey and Kurt Goar.**

**The original vote was not presented to the board properly – Urban. There is a reason NBT would not transfer 12u to 14u. but 14u players moving up to 16u tier ii team. Mccaughey – thereis a difference between a full team and an individual player. Proposed**

**Current language:**

12.2 Play Up Rules

All 8U age players (as defined by USA Hockey) shall only be eligible to participate on an 8U age team. No

8U age player or 8U team shall be permitted to “play up” in a higher division.

No team, 10U and above (boys or girls), shall roster a player more than one age group higher (as defined by USA Hockey) only if allowed by the Member Association. Appeals to these roster rules need to be made to the full AAHA Board prior to the August AAHA Board meeting so it can be reviewed by the Board at that meeting. This appeal must be accompanied by an evaluation by the head coach of the current team the player is trying out for as well as the head coach of the prior team the player was rostered on showing the player has the ability to play at this higher level.

There is a goaltender issue as well. Recommendation from the Tier committee - certain ages could play up with hockey director approval. Currently 6U can present a request to play up. Currently language that needs to be added regarding 12U playing up to NBT 14U and older. Develop an AAHA playbook for reference. AZYHL policies need to be aligned to AAHA policies.

**Proposed replacement language for entire section to read as follows:**

12.2 Play Up Rules

**All players may only play within their own age division as defined by USA Hockey's Annual Guide.**

This is supporting  
documentation for  
the 12.2 policy  
change proposal.

Tier Committee Meeting  
January 31, 2018  
Oceanside Ice Arena

Members present: Marc Fritsche, Kenny Corupe, Jeremy Goltz, Ron Filion, Leeor Shtrom, Brad McCaughey, Kurt Goar, Tim Reckell and Bruce Urban.

Members absent: Todd Brodfueher and Geoff Pashkowski

Meeting started at approximately 11:45am and adjourned at approximately 1:20pm

Play-up rule proposal:

There was discussion on the proposed play-up policy that has been presented to the AAHA Board. Every member present agreed that players should not move up to a higher age level. One of the primary reasons is that players lose out on skill development at their current age level

Mite play:

Discussion was primarily about Jamborees. The members agreed that the travel teams should participate in their own Jamboree under the AZYHL in a Jamboree format. The jamboree should be limited to two teams per association at each event. The members also agreed that travel mite teams be limited to only one travel per season out of state.

Jamborees for house teams are to be free. The format is that players will sign up and teams will be made up for just the Jamboree. Players will be selected for a team by drawing names out of a hat or similar.

Girls Tier Teams:

There was some discussion of changing the policy of having only one association that can register Tier Teams for girls. There was no conclusion that came from the discussion. There will be more discussion at the next Tier meeting.

Tier Policies:

The members agreed with the proposed Tier Policies that will go before the AAHA Board at the February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. They also asked that the state playdowns for the Tier I 2018/19 season be changed to the weekend before President's Day weekend and the Tier II state playdowns beginning in 2018/19 season be scheduled for the weekend after President's Day weekend.

The other changes to the policy was that the Tier I 18U games to be scheduled for 2 hours, the 14U games have a 5 minute warmup and scheduled at 1 ½ hours with no ice cut and the 15 Only and 16U remain the same.

For Tier II the change was that 16U and 18U games scheduled at 1 ½ hours with an ice cut after the second period.

Tier I Applications:

The two Tier I applications were tentatively approved pending the changes that Tim Reckell and Bruce Urban acknowledged at the meeting that needed to be made.

Arizona Amateur Hockey Association  
Disciplinary Report  
September 2018

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1. A match penalty was assessed to a player from the Gilbert Summer Prep League under USA Hockey rule 627 (b) for kicking. This penalty occurred in a game played at the Gilbert rink on July 31, 2018. The player did admit that he made a kicking motion with his skate to the player's upper body when the player was down on the ice. He acknowledged that he understood the seriousness of kicking. The player was not injured as a result of the kick. The Disciplinary Committee suspended the player through September 1, 2018. He was also placed on a one year probation beginning on September 2, 2018. The player was made aware of the appeal process.
2. A match penalty was assessed to a player from the Chandler Adult League under USA Hockey rule 601 (f3), behaving in a manner that is critically detrimental to the game. This penalty occurred in a game played at the Chandler rink on August 5, 2018. According to one of the officials the player said to another player that he was "going to f\_\_\_ing kill him." The player indicated that what he said was that "we f\_\_\_ing killed you" or something to that effect. He also indicated that the game was pretty much out of control most of the night and that he was being fouled all night long but no penalties were being called. He also indicated that this happens in almost every game he plays in. The official of the game was contacted prior to the hearing and she did reiterate that the player in fact said what was written on the report. The Disciplinary Committee had no reason to not believe the official. Threatening another player cannot be tolerated in our game. The player was very defensive during the hearing and did not take any responsibility for his actions. The Disciplinary Committee suspended the player through November 4, 2018. He was also placed on a one year probation beginning on November 5, 2018. The player was made aware of the appeal process.
3. A match penalty was assessed to a player from the Oceanside Adult League under USA Hockey rule 601 (f3) for behaving in a manner that is critically detrimental to the game. The penalty occurred in a game played at the Oceanside Ice Arena on August 4, 2018. After the player was assessed a minor penalty for elbowing and on the way to the penalty box he disputed the call and continued to argue the call getting in the box and then slammed the boards with his stick. He was assessed a misconduct. He then swung the stick over top of the boards twice breaking the stick on the second swing and then continued to slam the stick on top of the boards multiple times. He was then issued a game misconduct. The player then began to demean the other official stating that he was the worse and laziest f\_\_\_ing ref ever and do you need to wear gloves when you ref because you are a drug addict with bad circulation you f\_\_\_ing pussy. After he went to the locker room he came back out to the boards with only his lower half of hockey equipment on to continue to argue the original elbowing penalty. He left and came back a second time walking by the score keepers box and yelling an obscenity towards a player on the opposing team. For all his actions after returning from the locker room the first and subsequent times he was issued a match penalty. The player did apologize for his bad behavior and for breaking the stick. He still disputed the original minor penalty for elbowing. He also indicated that what the official wrote regarding the demeaning words was not accurate and that at no

time did he refer to him as a drug addict. The player is also an experienced official and should know that rarely if ever is a minor penalty overturned. The Disciplinary Committee believes that his actions were irresponsible and cannot be overlooked. The Disciplinary Committee suspended the player from participating in any USA Hockey sanctioned event through October 3, 2018. He will also be on probation for one year beginning on October 4, 2018. The player was made aware of the appeal process.

This concludes my report for September 2018.

Respectfully,  
Bruce Urban  
Discipline Committee Chair

**USA Hockey Officiating Report**  
**September 2018 Submitted**  
**by Bryan D. Eisentraut**

**Registration Summary and Comparison**

Registration Highlights

- Registration up at every level

**2018-19 USA Hockey Officials Registration Data as of 9/1/2018**

	2018-19		
	Complete	Incomplete	TOTAL
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Level 3	7	65	72
Level 4	4	9	13
	<b>18</b>	<b>206</b>	
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	2017-18 (As of 8/26/2017)		
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Level 1	0	90	90
Level 2	3	35	38
Level 3	6	54	60
Level 4	0	11	11
	<b>9</b>	<b>190</b>	
	<b>199</b>		

	2017-18 (End of Season)		
	Complete	Incomplete	TOTAL
Level 1	104	38	142
Level 2	74	8	85
Level 3	57	1	58
Level 4	3	0	3
	<b>238</b>	<b>47</b>	
	<b>285</b>		

**Seminars**

Completed Seminars (Officials Attended)

August 12: Tempe  
 Level 4: 9

August 26: Glendale  
 Level 1: 36  
 Level 2: 9  
 Level 3: 30

Upcoming Seminars (Registered Officials)

September 9: Flagstaff  
 September 15: Gilbert  
 September 30: Tucson

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August 28, 2018

**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

AAHA/AZYHL

**RE: PLAYERS RIVERS BALL  
NEW MEXICO PROGRAMMING**

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am Melanie MacGillivray, the Association Registrar and member of the Board of Directors of the New Mexico Renegades Hockey Club, dba the New Mexico Warriors. We are a 501(c)(3) organization operating for the purpose of providing competitive youth ice hockey within the State of New Mexico. Please feel free to contact me directly at 123 East Marcy Street, Ste. 200, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501, 505-231-2241.

Rivers Ball is a former player with our organization. This letter will confirm that there is no USA Hockey registered Tier II program within the State of New Mexico at the Midget/15U/16U age division or any age division. As there is no team within the State of New Mexico for Rivers to play competitively at the Tier II level, he has relocated to Flagstaff, Arizona. The New Mexico Warriors support the efforts of Rivers Ball to play at a high competitive level and wish him the best of luck in his development as a competitive hockey player.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

New Mexico Renegades Hockey Club, dba  
New Mexico Warriors

By

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Melanie E. MacGillivray'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned over a horizontal line.

**Melanie E. MacGillivray**

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**Tim Reckell <treck09@yahoo.com>**

Jun 18, 2018,  
8:55 AM

to me, gsitrick@icloud.com, Bruce, Jim

Gregory,

We appreciate your effort to improve hockey in Arizona.

Arizona Amateur Hockey Association (AAHA) is the governing body for USA Hockey in Arizona, we are made up of member Associations. If you are interested in becoming a member Association the application is online at [azamateurhockey.org](http://azamateurhockey.org).

All of the rinks in Arizona follow the guidelines set forth by USA Hockey, if you are interested in just running clinics the USA Hockey Policies and Procedures as well as the Annual Guide are online at [usahockey.com](http://usahockey.com)

At this time it is not necessary for you to come before the AAHA Board of Directors, we are hopeful that you are successful in improving the skill level of hockey in Arizona.

Let me know if we can help in the future.

TIM RECKELL  
ARIZONA AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION  
PRESIDENT

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

On Saturday, June 16, 2018, 2:02 PM, Gregory Sitrick <[gsitrick@icloud.com](mailto:gsitrick@icloud.com)> wrote:

Hello Sherri, Tim, Bruce and Jim,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with some information about the Clinic I'm excited about.

I am putting together a clinic that gives house league players an extra practice a week, and some more advanced coaching and drills along with it. I am calling the clinic the ADHL Hockey Clinic, which stands for Advanced Development for House League Players.

Currently there is a gap in the beginning of the house league season in Arizona, where advanced house league players do not have the opportunity to develop to their full potential since the house league practices are typically designed such that the lowest level players can still participate and

have fun. There have been clinics in the past such as Think on the Rink, which provide the kids with extra ice time and coaching, but that clinic is no longer offered, and none of the clinics run in parallel with the house league season.

During the second half of the house league season, there is an All Star supplement for the kids that are more advanced, whereby they play on a team made up of the best house league players, and those teams play against the other house league all star teams. The ADHL Hockey Clinic is designed to give those advanced house league players during the first half of the season a similar supplement to the All Star program that is offered in the second half of the house league season. I have had tremendous positive feedback about the idea of the Clinic and everyone I've talked with agrees the need exists for those kids to be able to develop to their full potential.

These kids can not, or chose not to play travel for a variety of reasons, such as they live in a divorced family and one parent won't commit, or they can't afford to pay for travel, or they have multiple kids and can't commit on time. I've attached a flyer below that I'm using to promote the clinic as well as the link to the website.

The coaching staff for the clinic are all experienced house league coaches currently registered with USA Hockey, and all have the SafeSport and background checks in place. The Coaches are listed on the website and I require that they maintain current certifications with USA Hockey. All of the kids are USA Hockey registered as they are all house league players in the valley. We require the USA Hockey registration number and which house league they play for from each kid when they sign up so we know they are current. We plan to skate at Ice Den Scottsdale and Chandler, and AZ Ice Peoria and Gilbert, all of which are USA Hockey approved rinks.

We would like to get the Board's blessing on the clinic so that USA Hockey will also give its blessing to the clinic. I've spoken with the Darla Thomson from USA Hockey and she thought this was a great idea and that USA Hockey can find a way to sanction it with Donnalee's blessing. I then followed up with Donnalee, and she asked that we provide the Board with the information so that she and the Board can come to a decision and recommendation for Darla. Utilizing the current USA Hockey registrations makes the most sense since the coaches, kids and rinks for the ADHL Clinic are the same coaches, kids and rinks sanctioned and protected by USA Hockey in the house league.

We are limiting the Clinic to predominantly Pee Wee level kids this year as we test out our resources. Ice time has been the hardest thing to secure. If the Clinic is as successful as we hope and think it will be, we would like to expand it to Squirt and Bantam levels next year, assuming we can find ice times for it.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, information or to discuss. My cell number is 847-894-4656.

Thank you for your time and consideration of the ADHL Hockey Clinic.

[www.adhlhockey.com](http://www.adhlhockey.com)

# ADHL HOCKEY

## Advanced Hockey Development for House League Players

The Advanced Development House League (ADHL) Hockey Clinic provides advanced level coaching to house league players who have nearly mastered the basic skills for their level of play. The Clinic focuses on the continued development of advanced house players by fine tuning their skill development and teaching them the basics of system play, positioning, situational awareness, transitioning and other advanced hockey training.

Due to the advanced nature of the Clinic, participation is limited to advanced level house league players

- **PEEWEE LEVEL CLINIC ('06 & '07's)**
- **Runs August 2018 - January 2019**
- **Clinic is limited to 30 players and 2 goalies (2 Squads)**
- **16 Practices (about 1 per week)**
- **10 Scrimmage Games (5 per Squad)**
- **Includes Home and Away Jerseys**
- **Estimated Cost \$600 per player**
- **\$100 deposit due by July 10**
- **Clinic Evaluation will be held the first week of July if necessary**

Register by July 1, 2018 at:

[www.ADHLHockey.com](http://www.ADHLHockey.com)

CONTACT COACH GREG SITRICK TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT OR WITH  
QUESTIONS AT [GSITRICK@ICLOUD.COM](mailto:GSITRICK@ICLOUD.COM)