

USA UWH Committee

Annual meeting on Friday June 16, 2017 from 7pm to 9pm
Held at University of Cincinnati in [Baldwin Hall](#) 544.

Pizza and mingling and introductions

Committee members present: Diana, Eric, KT, Tom

Team USA Coaches speak

(See "TEAM USA slide deck" below)

Kendall Banks, U19 Women's coach, talked about the seasonal kids program at Sturgeon Bay.
Phil Hickey, Elite Women coach, talked about team selection and how to prepare for it.
Darryl Brambilla, Masters Women coach, talked about team selection process.

Presentation of Club Nationals rules

(See "USA UWH Club National Championships Bid Standards & Requirements" below)

Each person present introduced themselves and spoke briefly about what they know of the proposed changes. We then discussed the proposed changes as a group. Concerns and questions raised included:

How many hours of pool time do we need to satisfy min team and min game durations?

The tradeoff between maximum number of teams and the number of days needed to run the tournament.

What about gender representation at a club nationals? Women are may be more excluded if clubs have a tryout.

What about reffing? No changes proposed in this document but Don is working on improving reffing. Someone suggested stipulating a certain budget or number of dedicated refs.

Presentation of definition of Club and Club member

(See "UNDERWATER HOCKEY COMMITTEE RULES" below)

We discussed the proposed changes as a group. Concerns and questions raised included:

The 10 member minimum, club officer requirement etc. These are USOA requirements.

What is Regionals? These are for high level players on track to be on Team USA.

Goal of this change is to handle growth in number of teams that want to participate in nationals by excluding some teams so the tournament fits within the time we have available for a tournament. In some sense the regional selection tournaments change nationals from one weekend to several.

Meeting adjourned

TEAM USA



Juniors: U23 Men, U19 Women, U19 Men



Ongoing Programs



Roger Bacon High School –
Paul Wittekind



San Francisco Sea Lions –
Gustavo Pesce, Jakub Koulasek,
Holland Ja, Tom Brown

Takes individuals willing to put
the kids program before or
instead of their own uwh hockey
playing - rare

Seasonal Programs

(8-10 weeks - 2-3 times/week)



Realistic commitment for coaches,
helpers who still mostly want to play
UWH

Kids are accustomed to “seasons” for all
other sports

Kids and parents will make a larger
commitment for a finite period of time

Opportunity to partner with swim
coaches and pool managers

Fun to see the rapid improvement of kids
during the season and year over year

Suggestions



Run a disciplined practice

Group warm-up and workout no matter how short

Individual skills (need as many pucks as possible)

Team drill

Scrimmage – kids like this the best but will improve faster if they work for it

Keep a roster with all contact info for next year and beyond. We've had kids come back a year or two after

Minimum of 3 people (preferably more for beginning weeks)

1 – deck/gear

1 – general support

1 – leading the group

Gear – googles vs mask – it doesn't matter

U23 Men



Ege Akin
Raymond Antos
Tristan Debrunner
Michael Hilton – Vice Captain
Omar Mendoza
Che Shimizu-Castellanos
Samuel Mariani Baez - Captain
Nathan Baker
Decker Onken
Lee Drinkwater
Iain Curtain - Coach

U19 Men



Zakk Outram
Eric Mai
Ryan Situ
Quantum Zhuo - Captain
Raymond Dai – Vice Captain
Ben Zeigler
Calvin Chan
Justin Lee
Dayak Cabrera
Ben Leo
Holland Ja - Coach
Tom Brown – Assistant Coach

U19 Women



Nicole Wong
Rosa Zhang
Jennifer Tom
Kenya Lam – Vice Captain
Vivian Lee
Ianna Debrunner - Captain
Molly Banks
Paige Thompson
Teresa Lee
Abby Banks
Elsa Debrunner
Kendall Banks - Coach
Susan Banks – Assistant Coach

Women's Elite



What We (selection committee) are Looking for



In- game ability/skill

Formation knowledge/ discipline

Play- reading/ anticipation

Puck/stick skills

Winning battles

Fitness

Down-time (both single dive and total)

Speed/Acceleration

Work Ethic

(Strong Work Ethic + Good Workout
Plan) x Time= Results

Attitude

Don't be a jerk ☺

What You Should Focus On (Top 5)



1. Swim

Aerobic base fitness

2. Swim

Explosive power and speed

3. Swim

Underwaters

4. Puck Skills

Dry-land every day
Every time you get in the water

5. Come to Tryouts!

Anything Else?



Pay attention and be prepared.

Talk to your coaches,
selectors, and other players.
Communication is key!

Budget and plan, but don't be
afraid to ask for help!

Women's Masters



**“The Path To Success-
Through Passion, Motivation,
and Dedication”**

The Key People Involved



Steering Committee

Ruth Wylie

Carolyn Erdman

Natalia Villamizar-Duarte

Karen Thullner

Coach & Selectors

Darryl Brambilla – Coach

Brigit Grimm – Selector

Michael Riccitelli – Selector

Ben Holtzman – Guest Selector

Players

22 passionate, motivated, and dedicated women all working hard to make the 2018 Team USA Womens Masters team.

Do You Want to Join the Process?

How To Join The Process:

Contact the Coach, anyone on the Steering Committee
Communication is primarily done over Email, Phone, Social
Media

WE WANT YOU!!!

The 2018 Process while now closed to newcomers we are building for the FUTURE. We are targeting development events (tournaments / clinics) to work in building a larger base of Womens UWH in the USA.

WE ARE GROWING!!!

The 2016 Womens Masters team had 11 players trying out
That number doubled for the 2018 tryouts!

If you are interested in becoming a better player, want to experience some fantastic Womens UWH, have a competitive edge we want to hear from you! Join our mailing group so that you can receive future announcements about these opportunities and get involved in the process. Again, contact myself or anyone on the Steering Committee for further information about how to become involved.



What To Expect & Tryout Process

Clinics / Tournaments

Most teams will set out a schedule of events for the team tryouts. Typically these can be either mandatory or non-mandatory events and a minimum of 2 or more during the tryout process.

What to expect at a clinic

skills & drills, gameplay, whiteboard sessions, video review, team meetings & discussions, etc.

Every player that attends a clinic will typically learn something new or improve their hockey over a single weekend event. If you have never been to one, I strongly encourage you to attend a clinic in the future and see where your potential may be, or simply to help improve your own hockey skills.

Team USA Tryouts / Evaluations

Every coach & selector is different however most will provide team & individual analysis based on video recording at the clinic / tryout events, fitness tests / testing results, training workout log / recommendations, personalized feedback.



Fundraising & Final Comments

Fundraising & Costs:

Many teams will utilize what we call “cost sharing” which is designed to help even out costs across all players trying out for a team and attending an event. A typical player trying out for Worlds over a 2 year period will spend upwards of \$5000 between training and the actual Worlds event. Costs can be reduced by various fundraising through the teams.

At this time I would like to recognize 2 of our key supporters who have helped not just this year but continually support USAUWH in many ways.

CanAm – David Kennedy
BentFish USA – Kevin Ward
Northern Attire - Karen Thullner

Finally I would like to thank everyone that continues to support our worlds tryout players. There is a lot of hard work and dedication from all of our players but **your support** is important in so many ways as well – volunteering, emotional support, financial support, etc. Thank you on behalf of the 2018 Women’s Masters and USAUWH.



Men's Elite



Men's Training Program (MTP) is about more than the "Elite Team"

The MTP has worked with over 90 men representing over 20 clubs.

Any male USA player can attend one of our open events.

76% on the players that have attend an MTP event have never played on an Elite Team.

Our number one goal is to raise the level of men's hockey in the USA.

Players have attend our program with less than a year of experience and have been as young as 16.



What About International Competition?



To prepare for the 2017 Junior Worlds Championship, members of the U19 and U23 programs trained alongside the Men's Elite Players.

To prepare for the 2018 Worlds Championship, the men's elite and men's master programs will hold a joint event in the future.

In September the USA Men's Elite will hold its second International Training Session in Hawaii. This training event will feature Australia, Canada, Colombia, and New Zealand.

Men's Masters



Initial Training Camps (1+ years out from World Champs)



Open to all

Emphasizing the system: 2-3-1

Style of play

Drills

GOALS

Improve playing ability for all

Wider pool of candidates

Selections



Invitational Training Camps (12 months out from Worlds)

Limited to 20 candidates
Focus on higher level play
and skills

Final Selection Camps

Limited to 20 candidates
Focus on higher level play
and skills

You Made the Team, Now What?



Worlds Tune Up Camp (<6
months out from Worlds)

Name the team + alternates

Focus on stop play, set drills,
specific formations and
positions

WORLD CHAMPS!

Repeat Cycle and Make Modifications/Improvements



Initial Training Camp

Invitational Training Camp

Final Selection Camp

Worlds Tune Up Camp

THE END!



**Thank you all for
joining us. Thank
you very much to
all the presenters!**

**HAPPY
TRAINING! 😊**

UNDERWATER SOCIETY OF AMERICA

USA UWH **Club** National Championships Bid

Standards & Requirements

Revised ___ 2017

Outlined below are the bid standards for the USA Underwater Hockey **Club** Nationals competition. These are standards in addition to the USOA Standardized Competitive Rules; ~~where~~ in the case of a conflict, the USOA Standardized Competitive Rules take precedence. A host must petition the USOA UW Hockey Committee; ~~hereafter referred to as the 'Committee'~~, for approval of any modifications ~~or deviations from~~ this document. Failure to follow these standards without explicit approval of the ~~USOA UW Hockey~~ Committee will result in immediate denial of the bid.

1. Pre-tournament Logistics:

1.1. Bids to host Nationals are to be submitted in writing to the ~~USOA UW Hockey~~ Committee and Competitions Director before May 1st for the following year. The bid must include the following:

1.1.1. ~~Prospective dates for tournament;~~

1.1.1.1. ~~Prospective dates~~ must be **between** June 1st to July 31st **inclusive**,

1.1.1.2. ~~Prospective dates~~ must be a ~~minimum-maximum~~ of three days, ~~and;~~

1.1.1.3. **must spanning the days of 3 consecutive days limited to** Friday, Saturday, Sunday, **or Monday with preference to a Friday start.**

1.1.2. Estimated budget and team entrance fee.

1.1.3. Description of facilities and playing surfaces.

1.1.3.1. Facilities must have a minimum of two playing areas or courts.

1.1.4. Potential hours of pool time.

1.1.5. ~~Number of teams to be accommodated~~ **Schedule for accommodating a minimum of 25 teams while preserving:**

1.1.5.1. **A full round robin or pod & cross-over equivalent.**

1.1.5.1.1. **CMAS Regulation length pre-playoff games are preferred but a minimum of 10 minute halves and 2 minute half-time are acceptable if necessary.**

1.1.5.1.2. **CMAS Regulation length playoff and medal games are required.**

1.1.6. Potential tournament hotels and accommodations.

1.1.7. Potential banquet facilities.

1.1.8. Transport logistics: from airports to hotel, between hotel and pool, ~~and~~ etc.

2. Pre-tournament Announcements:

- 2.1. ~~1.2~~ Hosts are required to announce the tournament dates to the hockey community at least 10 months in advance of the tournament ~~date~~.
 - 2.2. ~~1.3~~ Hosts are required to announce the following information to the hockey community at least 6 months in advance of the tournament date:
 - 2.2.1. Tournament entry fee,
 - 2.2.2. Facility information (e.g., playing surface, water depth, etc.),
 - ~~2.2.3. Maximum number of teams,~~
 - 2.2.4. Online resource/website the community can access for information.
 - 2.3. ~~1.4~~ Hosts are required to announce the following information to the hockey community at least 3 months in advance of the tournament:
 - 2.3.1. Tournament Hotel information,
 - 2.3.2. Banquet fee and information,
 - 2.3.3. Registration deadline.
 - 2.4. ~~1.5~~ Hosts are required submit their tournament schedule to the ~~USOA UW Hockey Committee for approval at least one month before the event.~~ Hosts are required to submit to the Competitions Director and/or the Committee the tournament schedule at least 1 month prior to the start of the tournament for review.
 - 2.4.1. Hosts are required to publish online the tournament schedule a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the start of the tournament.
 - 2.5. Hosts will distribute the team rosters to the attending team managers at least one month before the event and shall accommodate roster changes up to the evening before the tournament starts.
 - 2.6. Team rosters shall be verified to be all USOA Members in good standing.
3. ~~1.6~~ The ~~USOA UW Hockey~~ Committee with agreement by the Competitions Director will approve or disapprove any bid within 30 days of bid receipt.

UNDERWATER SOCIETY OF AMERICA

UNDERWATER HOCKEY COMMITTEE RULES

Adopted the June 2009; Revised ___ 2017

USOA Underwater Hockey is one of several USOA underwater sports. These rules shall govern the USOA Underwater Hockey membership, along with the selection and operation of the USOA Underwater Hockey Committee; hereafter referred to as the 'Committee'. ~~The Chairperson of the Underwater Hockey Committee shall serve as the USOA Underwater Hockey Director with approval of the Society membership.~~ These Rules supplement and define the requirements of the USOA Bylaws and USOA Standardized Competitive Rules.

The mission of the USOA Underwater Hockey Committee is to foster an environment where UWH continues to develop in membership, level of play, and organization.

1. UNDERWATER HOCKEY MEMBERSHIP AND CLUBS

- 1.1. The Membership of USOA Underwater Hockey are those USOA members who have paid the established USOA Underwater Hockey Fee.
- 1.2. The USOA Underwater Hockey Fee shall be established annually by the vote of the Underwater Hockey Committee prior to the beginning of the USOA membership year.
- 1.3. A USA UWH Club is a group of UWH Club members that play UWH together regularly within the USA or its Territories, manages their affairs independently, and is affiliated with USOA.
 - 1.3.1. A group is comprised of at least 10 UWH Club members.
 - 1.3.2. UWH Club members must:
 - 1.3.2.1. Be current and good standing members of USOA.
 - 1.3.2.2. Be a USOA member of only 1 UWH Club.
 - 1.3.2.3. Be a member of the Club where you live and/or practice UWH.
 - 1.3.2.3.1. Exceptions to the above criteria can be requested on a case by case basis for approval by the UWH Committee or its appointees.
 - 1.3.3. Playing UWH together regularly means hosting UWH practices for Club members on average (mean) twice a month in a calendar year.
 - 1.3.4. Managing affairs refers to the following items:
 - 1.3.4.1. Has Club officers and performs the corresponding duties as defined in the USOA bylaws.
 - 1.3.4.2. Collects and distributes funds from Club members to cover expenses incurred by the Club (e.g. pool fees, insurance, gearbox, etc.).
 - 1.3.4.2.1. Exceptions to the above criteria can be requested on a case by case basis for approval by the UWH Committee or its appointees.
 - 1.3.4.3. Selects teams for competing in Club Nationals and other Club tournaments.
 - 1.3.5. Club affiliation with USOA is defined by:
 - 1.3.5.1. Submitting and maintaining the criteria to be considered a USOA sanctioned Club.
 - 1.3.5.2. Having a unique Club name, such as a city name, college name, or mascot name.

1.3.6. Clubs and/or Club members who do not meet USOA membership criteria are ineligible to participate in USOA sanctioned events.

2. UNDERWATER HOCKEY COMMITTEE

- 2.1. The ~~Underwater Hockey~~ Committee shall be composed of 7 members elected by the Underwater Hockey Membership.
- 2.2. **During the meeting** immediately following the election, the Committee shall select a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and a Secretary from its elected members.
 - 2.2.1. The Chairperson shall serve as the USOA Underwater Hockey Director pending approval of the USOA Membership at the Annual Meetings of the Society. **The Chairperson shall serve as the presiding officer of the Committee. The USOA Underwater Hockey Director shall be a liaison between the Committee and USOA, representing the decisions of the Committee.**
 - 2.2.2. The Vice Chairperson shall assist the Chairperson and, when needed, preside over the Committee in the absence of the Chairperson.
 - 2.2.3. The Secretary is responsible for recording the minutes and any written communications of the Committee.
- 2.3. The Committee shall select a Financial Secretary, who may be from outside the elected Committee. If not an elected member, the Financial Secretary shall be a non-voting Committee member.
 - 2.3.1. **The Financial Secretary is responsible for assembling an annual budget and communicating with the USOA Treasurer on all financial matters. See Section 6 for further clarification.**
- 2.4. The Committee shall make such nonvoting appointments as are necessary to manage and promote USOA Underwater Hockey, hereafter referred to as 'Directors'. **These Directors must be current USOA members in good standing. Director reports are due a minimum of once per year to the Committee and must adhere to all USOA and Committee guidelines. Travel may be involved; some expenses may be covered thru the UWH Budget.** Appointments shall include but are not limited to:
 - 2.4.1. A Rules Director who shall:
 - 2.4.1.1. manage rule change proposals as directed by the ~~Underwater Hockey~~ Committee,
 - 2.4.1.2. represent USOA Underwater Hockey at international rules meetings.
 - 2.4.2. A Chief Referee who shall manage the USOA referee program.
 - 2.4.3. A Development Director who shall:
 - 2.4.3.1. manage the development of Underwater Hockey in the ~~United States~~ **USA,**
 - 2.4.3.2. **foster growth and expansion of underwater hockey thru the following:**
 - 2.4.3.2.1. Assist in the formation and growth of underwater hockey Clubs,
 - 2.4.3.2.2. Expand tournament participation: (working with Competitions Director) including, but not limited to: regional tournaments, and bringing more clubs/members into existing tournaments,

- 2.4.3.2.3. organize recognition for first-time National Championships attendees.
- 2.4.4. A National Teams Coordinator who shall:
 - 2.4.4.1. initiate the selection process for each of the national teams as directed by the ~~Underwater Hockey~~ Committee and **Section 8**,
 - 2.4.4.2. coordinate logistics of entries, travel, and lodging for World Championships.
- 2.4.5. A Competitions Director who shall:
 - 2.4.5.1. facilitate the annual national championship tournament,
 - 2.4.5.2. manage the schedule of USOA Underwater Hockey sanctioned tournaments.
- 2.4.6. A Safety Director who shall coordinate all aspects of safety training and reporting.
- 2.4.7. A Women's Director who shall organize and promote women's underwater hockey events and training.
- 2.4.8. A College Director who shall organize and promote collegiate level underwater hockey events and training.
- 2.4.9. A Juniors Director who shall:
 - 2.4.9.1. organize and promote junior underwater hockey events
 - 2.4.9.2. Manage and govern the selection process for each of the junior national teams as directed by the Underwater Hockey Committee and Section 8.0.
 - 2.4.9.3. Coordinate logistics of entries, travel, and lodging of the junior national teams participating in international competitions (said World Championships).
- 2.4.10. A Referee Training Director who shall work with the Chief Referee in the training of all levels of referees.
- 2.5. If a Committee member is failing to perform adequately their tasks as outlined in Governance and Duties (Section 3) the member will receive a written notice describing any insufficient efforts.
 - 2.5.1. This notice shall come from the Chair in all instances excepting where the Chair is performing inadequately, in which case the notice shall come from the Vice-Chair.
 - 2.5.2. If after receiving the notice the member continues to perform adequately the member shall be put on notice of being removed from position in the case of the Chair, Vice-Chair, or Secretary, or removed from the Committee in the case of non-officer positions.
 - 2.5.3. During the next Committee Meeting a vote will take place to remove the member from their position, requiring 4/5 vote to pass.

3. GOVERNANCE AND DUTIES

- 3.1. The ~~Underwater Hockey~~ Committee shall:
 - 3.1.1. manage all elements of USOA Underwater Hockey,
 - 3.1.2. receive annual reports from all persons responsible to the Committee. An annual report is considered the minimum performance in any position,
 - 3.1.3. report annually to the USOA Board of Directors and to the Underwater Hockey Membership,

- 3.1.4. shall provide contact information to the Society office for all persons chosen to serve
USOA Underwater Hockey,
- 3.1.5. establish annually the USOA Underwater Hockey Fee prior to the beginning of the
USOA membership year,
- 3.1.6. support, abide by, and enforce the USOA Bylaws and USOA Standardized
Competitive Rules,
- 3.1.7. observe regulation imposed by the Society's tax exempt status, and
- 3.1.8. if otherwise not specified, conduct business in accordance with *Robert's Rules of Order*.
- 3.2. The ~~Underwater Hockey~~ Committee Members ~~shall~~ **should**:
 - 3.2.1. support the efforts and goals of USOA Underwater Hockey,
 - 3.2.2. attend all meetings of the Committee,
 - 3.2.3. serve on subcommittees as needed,
 - 3.2.4. provide advice and expertise as requested,
 - 3.2.5. prepare and present reports and materials as needed or requested, ~~and~~
 - 3.2.6. perform other tasks as needed or requested,
 - 3.2.7. be current USOA members in good standing.**

4. MEETINGS

- 4.1. The Annual Meeting of the USOA Underwater Hockey Membership shall be held at a time
and place specified by the Committee. The Annual Meeting will generally be in conjunction
with the USOA Underwater Hockey National Competition and be a physical meeting.
- 4.2. ~~4.2~~ The ~~Underwater Hockey~~ Committee shall meet:
 - 4.2.1. ~~immediately~~ **within 2 weeks** after a **Committee** election,
 - 4.2.2. monthly **on the fourth Tuesday of each month,**
 - 4.2.3. when called
 - 4.2.3.1. by the Chairperson,
 - 4.2.3.2. a majority of its members,
 - 4.2.3.3. when petitioned by ten percent of the USOA Underwater Hockey Membership
- 4.3. Meetings may be conducted in person, by mail or by electronic means.
 - 4.3.1. All meetings shall allow opportunity for discussion of any topic proposed.
- 4.4. Notice of meetings shall be as follows:
 - 4.4.1. a minimum of 60-days ~~notice~~ shall be given for the Annual meeting of USOA
Underwater Hockey and any other physical meeting of the Committee or Membership,
 - 4.4.2. a minimum of 30 days shall be provided for a mail/postal vote,
 - 4.4.3. a minimum of 15 days shall be given for an electronic meeting of the Committee.

5. UNDERWATER HOCKEY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

- 5.1. Terms of office – ~~Underwater Hockey~~ Committee Members shall be elected for a two-year
term. In as much as possible, an equal number of members shall be elected each year.
- 5.2. Term Limits – Committee Members are limited to 2 consecutive full terms. After 2 terms in
office, a person is ineligible for election for two years or one term.

- 5.3. Annually, 120 days prior to the Annual Meeting, the USOA Underwater Hockey Committee establishes a nominating subcommittee of three of its member to seek candidates for expiring and/or vacant positions.
 - 5.3.1. Nominees may be solicited by the subcommittee, may be nominated by a USOA group or member in good standing, or may volunteer themselves.
 - 5.3.2. The subcommittee shall strive for a slate of nominees with geographic diversity.
 - 5.3.3. All nominees must be willing to serve. The Committee will contact all candidates to determine their willingness to serve.
 - 5.3.4. A slate of at least one person per expiring and/or vacant position shall be presented at and no later than the Annual Meeting. A brief biography of each candidate shall be provided.
 - 5.3.5. At the Annual Meeting, other nominations shall be permitted, and/or the nominations shall be closed.
- 5.4. Voting shall be done by secret ballot; this process may be done electronically. No proxy voting is permitted, as each member must cast his/her own vote.
 - 5.4.1. Within 30 days of the close of the Annual Meeting the Underwater Hockey Financial Secretary shall send a brief biography and instructions for voting to each USOA Underwater Hockey Member of record at the close of the Annual Meeting.
 - 5.4.2. Ballots shall be cast no later than 60 days from the close of the Annual Meeting.
 - 5.4.3. If a mail ballot, the ballots shall be returned to the Society Executive Vice President, who shall tally them. If an electronic process is being used, then the certified results shall be delivered to the Society Executive Vice President. The Society Executive Vice President shall deliver the results to the Hockey Committee as soon as available.
 - 5.4.4. Term of office shall begin 90 days after the close of the Annual Meeting.
- 5.5. Vacant elected Committee Members terms may be filled by selection by the majority of the remaining Committee members.
- 5.6. ~~Upon adoption of these rules, the first Underwater Hockey Committee Elections shall be conducted as follows:~~
 - 5.6.1. ~~the seven persons receiving the most votes shall be elected.~~
 - 5.6.2. ~~these persons shall be designated 1 through 7 in order of the vote — i.e. the person with most votes is #1; person with second most of votes is #2 and so forth.~~
 - 5.6.3. ~~the odd numbered members shall be elected in odd years and shall have a two year first term.~~
 - 5.6.4. ~~the even numbered members shall be elected in even years and shall have a one year first term. This single year term shall not count in term limits.~~
 - 5.6.5. ~~section 5.6 shall be deleted in its entirety after the second annual election.~~

6. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

- 6.1. ~~The USOA Underwater Hockey~~ Committee may establish through the USOA Treasurer such restricted accounts as required to accomplish their purposes.

- 6.2. ~~USOA Underwater Hockey~~ The Committee shall authorize all expenditures from its funds by direct communication with the USOA Treasurer.
- 6.3. Expenditures are limited to funds on hand.
- 6.4. ~~USOA Underwater Hockey~~ The Committee may establish and/or approve fees for sanctioned events including but not limited to: tournaments, clinics, workshops, and courses.
- 6.5. The Underwater Hockey Financial Secretary shall:
- 6.5.1. collect and deposit any Society or Underwater Hockey membership fees to an account established by the USOA Treasurer or transfer those funds to the USOA Treasurer in a timely fashion. All membership fees shall be transferred, deposited and/or accounted for by name and group to the USOA Treasurer no later than the last day of each month,
 - 6.5.2. collect and deposit all other funds (tournaments, clinics, try outs, sales or event fees, development funds, and donations) to an account established by the USOA Treasurer or transfer those funds to the USOA Treasurer in a timely fashion. All such moneys shall be reported by category to the USOA Treasurer within two weeks of receipt or completion of the activity generating the funds,
 - 6.5.3. send copies of all collections and/or deposits to the USOA Treasurer. Copies of all checks shall be provided to the USOA Treasurer,
 - 6.5.4. not write checks and/or directly disperse funds.
- 6.6. The USOA Treasurer will regularly report a summary of receipts, expenditures and account balances to the USOA Underwater Hockey Committee and their Financial Secretary.
- 6.6.1. UWH Development Funds:
- 6.6.1.1. shall be collected by the UWH Financial Secretary and/or the USOA Treasurer.
 - 6.6.1.2. are used for, but not limited to the following:
 - 6.6.1.2.1. Development of Underwater Hockey thru the Development Director with approval from the Committee.
 - 6.6.1.2.2. World Referee Training and Support.
 - 6.6.1.2.3. Worlds Teams Training and Support.

7. RULE CHANGES

- 7.1. Rules of Play and their amendment procedure are as specified by ~~World AquaChallenge Association (WAA)~~, the World Confederation of Underwater Activities (CMAS), the International Governing Body for Underwater Hockey.
- 7.2. The process for changing USOA Underwater Hockey Committee Rules is as set forth in the USOA Standardized Competitive Rules.

8. NATIONAL TEAMS

- 8.1. The USOA shall send teams to the World Championships as appropriate.
- 8.2. Team selection:

- 8.2.1. The team(s) selection process shall be made known a minimum of 14 months prior to the first day of play of the associated world championship,
 - 8.2.2. The National Teams Coordinator shall appoint a team Steering Committee and/or Coach for each team to be fielded,
 - 8.2.3. Each team shall conduct its tryouts, camps, clinics and selection on its own schedule which may or may not coincide with other teams,
 - 8.2.4. Candidates ~~selected~~ for a team shall be required to make a ~~minimum~~ monetary deposit of \$500 ~~within 30 days of selection. This shall be~~ **to be** used toward their participation expenses.
- 8.3. Eligibility:
- 8.3.1. World team eligibility shall be as dictated by the ~~WAA~~ **CMAS**.
 - 8.3.2. All team candidates, **managers, and coaches** shall be USOA Underwater Hockey Members in good standing.
 - 8.3.3. All candidates shall sign the USOA waiver of liability prior to the selection process.

9. Club Nationals Participation

9.1. To participate in Club Nationals all teams/members must meet/have met the following criteria:

9.1.1. Comply with rules for competition under CMAS and USOA rules,

9.1.2. Submit their team roster to the Tournament Organizers prior to the Roster Submission Deadline, which shall be 6 weeks prior to the start of the tournament (Rosters will be distributed by the Tournament Organizers to all the attending team managers for their review per the Nationals Bid Document),

9.1.2.1. Rosters shall be submitted by Club officers.

9.1.2.2. Rosters shall include: Full Name and Club Affiliation for each player.

9.1.3. Be comprised of members solely from a single Club as defined by the USOA and USA UWH Committee Rules (see **Section 1.3**),

9.1.3.1. Additionally, members must have participated in Club practices with their affiliated Club at least 6 times in the 6 months prior to the Tournament.

9.1.3.2. Teams that combine players from 2 or more Clubs from the same USOA defined regions are defined as “Mixed Teams”.

9.1.3.2.1. Options for Mixed Teams (to be discussed/voted with the UWH community in 2 rounds, first round picks top 2 rule choices, second chooses final rule for 9.1.3.2.1.):

- Mixed Teams may compete in medal games and may win medals,

OR

- Mixed Teams may compete in medal games and may win medals through 2019 (or other year TBD), after which they will not receive medals over Club Teams,

OR

- Mixed Teams may compete in medal games but will not receive medals,

OR

- Mixed Teams may compete in medal games and may win medals through 2019 (or other year TBD), after which they shall not compete in medal games,

OR

- Mixed Teams shall not compete in medal games.

9.1.3.3. Teams that combine players from 2 or more Clubs from different USOA defined regions are not allowed.

9.2. If more than 5 teams from a USOA Region wish to attend Club Nationals that Region’s Director must choose which teams will attend with the approval of the UWH Committee or its appointees.

9.2.1. The preferred option is to hold a Club Nationals Selection Event for that region.

9.2.2. Only 1 team per Club is allowed for competition at Club Nationals with the following exceptions:

9.2.2.1. If the first round of team submissions from all Clubs nationwide leave openings in the schedule to accommodate additional teams, such additional teams will be allowed in the following order of preference and as determined by the UWH Committee or its appointees:

- i. Overflow teams from other Regions
- ii. Junior development teams
- iii. Mixed Teams
- iv. Additional Club teams

10. ADOPTION – These rules shall be ~~adopted~~ **appropriated** by the Hockey membership at a meeting called for such purpose. They shall take effect immediately on adoption subject to approval by the USOA Board of Directors at the Society's Annual Meetings.