

**NANTUCKET YOUTH HOCKEY LEAGUE
BY-LAWS**

NAME

Article I

Section I

The name of the organization shall be Nantucket Youth Hockey League (NYHL).

Section II

NYHL is a non-profit organization operating under General Laws, Chapter 180, as set forth by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Section III

NYHL is a member of USA Hockey, Mass Hockey and shall at all times abide by their rules and regulations and the By-Laws herewith.

PURPOSE

Article II

Section I

The purpose of the League shall be to provide a means of promoting the development of youth hockey in the town of Nantucket. To create and maintain a standard of goodwill, sportsmanship and fellowship among its youth.

MEMBERSHIP

Article III

Section I

Membership consists of volunteers, officers, coaches, assistant coaches and parents or guardians of minor children who participate in the program.

Section II

Each member shall be entitled to one vote during the Annual Meeting where all members are invited to convene.

Section III

For cause any membership may be suspended or terminated. Any membership may be terminated for violation of the By-Laws, or of any agreement, rule or practice properly adopted by the organization or for any other conduct prejudicial to the interest of the organization. Two-thirds (2/3) vote is necessary at an Executive Board Meeting.

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MEETINGS

Article IV

Section I

General meetings of the League shall be called by the President with at least four (4) each year (Annual Meeting to Annual Meeting) being open to all members.

Section II

Executive Board meetings will be held as necessary. The President is responsible for calling these meetings.

Section III

The Annual meeting shall be held in April or May. At the Annual meeting the Treasurer will provide a copy of the financial report for the most recent year ending for each member, parent, coach or guardian of minor players.

Each member, parent, coach or guardian of minor players will receive the following: copies of the By-Laws, including methods of becoming an Officer and/or Director, method of selecting coaches, definition of membership and voting rights as well as a list of current Officers and Directors.

Section IV

A simple majority of the membership present at the meeting shall be requested to determine matters presented for vote. The Board of Directors will be determined at the Annual Meeting with each voting member (parent, coach or guardian of minor players) being entitled to one (1) vote.

Section V

A simple majority of the Board present at the meeting shall be required to determine an issue. In case of suspension or termination of a Member, a two-thirds vote is required.

Section VI

All business shall be conducted in accordance with generally accepted parliamentary procedures.

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OFFICERS

Article V

Section I

The elected Officers of the League shall be a President, Vice President, Treasurer, and a Secretary. The President and Vice President will serve three (3) year terms while the Treasurer and Secretary will serve two (2) year terms. Officer's terms will over-ride Directors terms. These Officers will be elected by the Board of Directors at the first meeting following the Annual Meeting with each Board Member being entitled to one (1) vote.

Section II

The appointed officers of the League shall be of assistance to the President, a Financial Advisor, USA Hockey Advisor and additional assistants as determined by the President.

Section III

The elected officers and the appointed officers will serve as the Executive Board. The voting members of the Board shall consist of no less than 20% of individuals who are either parents, coaches or guardians of minor players. The Board will be responsible for the leadership of the club.

Section IV

The President shall plan, call and preside over all meetings.

Section V

The Vice President shall assist the President at all times, and in the absence or disability of the President shall perform the duties of the President.

Section VI

The Secretary shall make arrangements for all meetings.

Section VII

The Treasurer shall collect and be custodian of all funds in the name of the League. The Treasurer shall make all ordinary disbursements of the League funds.

Section VIII

All elected and appointed officers shall perform such other duties as usually pertain to their respective offices (Exhibit A).

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ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Article VI

Section I

There will be between 13 (thirteen) and seventeen (17) Directors including one representative from the Nantucket Youth Hockey Booster Club. A nominating committee of three (3), previously appointed by the President shall submit its recommendations to the membership at the Annual Meeting. Further nominations may be accepted from the floor.

Section II

All Directors shall be elected by a simple majority vote they shall take office at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting and shall serve a term of either two or three years depending on the vacancy they are filling. Any vacancies left by Directors resigning or being terminated shall be filled by appointment of the President, and such appointments shall be for the unexpired term or terms.

COMMITTEES

Article VII

Section I

The President shall appoint and be a member Ex-Officer on all committees.

ENDORSEMENTS

Article VIII

Section I

NYHL will have no political affiliations. No endorsements of any candidate for any public office may be made in the name of NYHL.

TEAMS

Article IX

Section I

The number of teams in each division will be determined by the Executive Board each season. The ages of each Division will be determined in accordance with USA Hockey rules.

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AMENDMENTS

Article X

Section I

Amendments to the By-Laws must be submitted in writing to the Executive Board at least 14 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

Section II

Amendments to the By-Laws may be made at the Annual Meeting called for that purpose.

Section II

Written notice of proposed amendments and meeting shall be sent to each member at least 10 (ten) days previous to said meeting.

Section IV

Amendments shall require a two-thirds ($2/3$) majority of the voting members present.