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RECORDS, BYLAWS, RULES & REGULATIONS

	2026 - 2027 DATES TO REMEMBER
Sept. 11, 2026	WAHA Board Meeting, Eagle River, 8 a.m.
Sept. 11-12, 2026	Wisconsin Hockey Hall of Fame Induction Banquet, Eagle Waters Resort, Eagle River-event, 5 p.m.
Oct. 1, 2026	**BY THIS DATE,** teams wishing to enter Tier I USA Hockey National/Regional Championships must pay WAHA playoff fee to the WAHA Treasurer. **BY THIS DATE,** teams wishing to enter Tier II USA Hockey National/Regional Championships must submit payment to the WAHA Treasurer.
Prior to on-ice activities	ALL coaches must complete Safe Sport & Background Screening requirements PRIOR TO participating in on-ice activities with youth or girls teams.
October 15, 2026	**DEADLINE** to submit application to the Tier I Committee for Tier I status for the 2027-28 season.
By Nov. 1st	All Tier I and Tier II associations must report the name & contact information of their Director of Hockey to their Region Director or the Chair of the Tier I Committee.
Prior to WIAA season	Tier 2 Nat'l. Bound Girls 14U/16U/19U State Playoffs
Nov. 15, 2026	**Rosters submitted by Nov. 15** will determine team eligibility for State Tournament participation. **DEADLINE** for **Safe Sport Compliance Form** to be completed and submitted to the WAHA Executive Director (find in Forms at WAHA website). **DEADLINE** for **Concussion Compliance/SCA Form** to be completed and submitted to the WAHA Executive Director (find in Forms at WAHA website). **LAST DATE** for all associations to submit Player Rosters for all levels of competition. **LAST DATE** to submit *8U Player Request to Move Up to 10U Form* (find in Forms at WAHA website). **LAST DATE** to submit *2026-27 Girls Cross Rostering Request Form* (find in Forms at WAHA website).
3rd Sunday in November, 2026	**LAST DATE** TO ENTER 2027 STATE TOURNAMENTS. Teams wishing to enter WAHA State Tournaments must be registered & entry fees paid by this date.
Nov. 15, 2026	**Deadline** for Co-op Requests 10U and 12U
Nov. 30, 2026	**Deadline** for Co-op Requests for 14U – 19U

	2026 - 2027 DATES TO REMEMBER
Dec. 11-12, 2026	WAHA Board Meeting, Holiday Inn, Stevens Point; Fri. Committee meetings; Sat., 8:30 am BOD meeting.
Feb. 5-7, 2027	**STATE TOURNAMENT PLAYOFF WEEKEND**
Feb. 27-28, 2027	WAHA State Tournaments: Youth 14U, Girls 14U
March 6-8, 2027	Tier I State Tournaments
March 6-7, 2027	WAHA State Tournaments: Youth 10U, Girls 12U
Mar. 12-14, 2027	Central District Playoffs
Mar. 13-14, 2027	WAHA State Tournaments: Youth 12U, Girls 10U
Mar. 19-21, 2027	WAHA State Tournament: Youth 18U
April 1, 2027	**LAST DATE** to submit Declaration of Candidacy for election to the WAHA Board of Directors.
April 15, 2027	**LAST DATE** for additions to or amendments of WAHA Bylaws and WAHA Rules and Regulations to be sent to the WAHA Secretary.
April 23-24, 2027	WAHA Board Meeting, Holiday Inn, Stevens Point; Fri. Committee meetings; Sat., 8:30 am BOD meeting.
April 24, 2027	Annual Meeting of the Wis. Hockey Hall of Fame, Holiday Inn, Stevens Point, 4 p.m.
May 15, 2027	**LAST DATE** TO SUBMIT REQUESTS TO HOST 2029 STATE TOURNAMENTS-via WAHA website.
June 30, 2027	**DEADLINE** for Local Association to register and pay Annual Dues for WAHA membership
August 6, 2027	WAHA Board Meeting, Holiday Inn, Stevens Point; Fri. Committee meetings; Sat., 8:30 am BOD meeting.
Aug. 6-7, 2027	Annual Association Officers Workshop, Holiday Inn, Stevens Point, 8 a.m.
Aug. 7, 2027	WAHA Annual Meeting, Holiday Inn, Stevens Point
Sept. 1, 2027	**DEADLINE**-WAHA Grass Roots Grants applications.
Sept. 10, 2027	WAHA Board Meeting, Eagle River, 8:30 a.m.
Sept. 11, 2027	Wis. Hockey Hall of Fame Induction, Eagle River

FUTURE DATES

NOTE: All of the dates in the table below are as accurate as the information we have on the date of the printing of this Guidebook.

EVENT	DATES
USA Hockey Pond Hockey Tournament	Jan. 28 – 31, 2027
Playoff Weekend	Feb. 6-7, 2027
	Feb. 5-6, 2028
	Feb. 3-4, 2029
State Tournaments	
Girls 16U; Girls 19U	Prior to WIAA season
Youth 14U; Girls 14U	Feb. 26-27, 2028
Youth 10U; Girls 12U	March 4-5, 2028
Youth 12U; Girls 10U	March 11-12, 2028
Youth 18U	March 17-19, 2028
Girls 16U; Girls 19U	Prior to WIAA season
Youth 14U; Girls 14U	Feb. 24-25, 2029
Youth 10U; Girls 12U	March 3-4, 2029
Youth 12U; Girls 10U	March 10-11, 2029
Youth 18U	March 16-18, 2029
USA Hockey National Tournaments	
2027 USAH High School	March 17-21, 2027
2027 USAH Tier I Youth	Mar 30 – Apr 4, 2027
2027 USAH Tier II Youth	Mar 31 – Apr 4, 2027
2027 USAH Tier I Girls	Mar 30 – Apr 4, 2027
2027 USAH Tier II Girls	Mar 31 – Apr 4, 2027
WIAA State Hockey Tournaments	
2027 Boys & Girls	March 4-6, 2027
2028 Boys & Girls	March 2-4, 2028
2029 Boys & Girls	March 1-3, 2029
Holidays	
Easter	March 28, 2027
	April 16, 2028
	April 1, 2029

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 2026–2027 Hockey Season!

The Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association's mission is to support everyone who participates in ice hockey. Thanks to the dedication of volunteers across our state, hockey in Wisconsin continues to thrive. Player participation is at an all-time high, WAHA has the fourth-largest number of registered female players in the country, and we remain the largest USA Hockey affiliate without an NHL franchise.

Our success begins with you. The volunteers who serve in our local associations create the welcoming, positive environment that helps players develop, families feel connected, and communities grow stronger. Your commitment is the reason so many young athletes discover a lifelong love of the game.

WAHA is committed to doing its part to help grassroots hockey grow. Again, this year, we sponsored the Mite Equipment Grant Program. Three hundred sixty (360) sets of equipment were distributed to 36 associations across Wisconsin. In addition, thanks to the generosity of a dedicated donor, we have purchased and equipped a Try Hockey for Free trailer with 60 complete sets of youth equipment, including skates and sticks. This resource gives local associations another opportunity to introduce new families to hockey by providing everything they need for a great first experience on the ice.

Parents should see their child improve their skills, deepen their understanding of the game, and, above all, have fun. When those remain our priorities, success follows—not only on the scoreboard, but in the families who choose to return year after year because they know their children are supported and valued.

As you prepare for the season, remember that this Guidebook is an important resource, and your Region and Section Directors, along with the entire WAHA leadership team, are always here to support you. We are grateful for all you do, and we look forward to another great season together.

Wishing you a successful and rewarding hockey season,
Fran Finco
President, Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association

WAHA HISTORY

No history of the Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, or WAHA, as it is popularly known, would be complete without an historical background of the sport in the State of Wisconsin. Although best known as a youth organization, the foundations of WAHA lay in participation by adult teams. It appears that the first organized hockey in Wisconsin was played in Superior in the late 1890's, where a club was assembled that played against teams from Duluth and Two Harbors. Hockey spread south from Superior and eastward from Minnesota to Eau Claire, Green Bay, the Fox Valley area and into Milwaukee, which, in 1923, fielded a team in the USAHA, the strongest circuit in the United States at the time, against other members from Cleveland, Pittsburgh, St. Paul Eveleth and Duluth. At about the same time, the Fox River Valley League formed in the eastern side of the State, and the Rock River League was born in the southern area.

In February 1930, the Wisconsin State Amateur Hockey Association was organized, and officers elected were President John Farquhar, Madison; Secretary, A.E Bergman, Janesville; and Treasurer Sid Goldstine, Madison. Teams that signified intentions of joining were Madison, Milwaukee, Janesville, Manitowoc, Watertown, Fort Atkinson, Kenosha, Racine, Beloit, Eau Claire, Chippewa Falls, Lake Mills, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin Rapids, Beaver Dam and Rockford, Illinois. By the 1920's and into the 1930's teams had been formed and were competing against each other across the northern part of the State. About this time, the first successful program for younger boys was organized in Janesville with 14 teams divided into two leagues, the Lightweights and Middleweights.

By 1930, hockey had become popular in high schools and prep schools, and teams from Milwaukee to Lake Geneva to Appleton played a regular schedule of games. A high school team from Ashland played a schedule against Duluth and Iron Range schools from Minnesota. By the end of the decade, the sport had grown in popularity and schools from across the breadth of the state and as far north as Wausau had begun participation.

During the 1930's and until World War II, Eagle River and Wausau fielded the strongest amateur teams, with Eagle River, at the time, having the only enclosed rink in the State. The Eagle River team, coached by Connie Pleban from Eveleth, Minnesota, captured six consecutive State Championships. It was also during the 1920's and 1930's that Marquette University and the University of Wisconsin fielded teams, with Marquette and the University of Minnesota usually battling it out for Midwest supremacy. Hockey was popular at Marquette with crowds of more than 1,500 regularly in attendance. During the Depression, hockey was dropped at the University of Wisconsin, but became very popular when brought back as a varsity sport in the mid-1960's.

World War II was a dark period for hockey due in part to the war itself, and the lack of playing facilities in the State. Most of the high schools and many of the amateur teams suspended operations, many of them never to return. A.E. Bergman, who had now moved to Beaver Dam, called a meeting of hockey leaders in that city in 1947 for the purpose of reviving the Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association. Bud Bellon of Horicon was elected the first President,

followed by R.J. Van Adestine of Green Bay. In the several years following, the focus of the association remained adult hockey. The earliest official Guidebook known to exist is dated 1954 and has rules and regulations directed at adult level players. At about the same time, the Wisconsin State Amateur Hockey Association was formed, and it would be the forerunner of the Badger State League, and later, the Great Lakes Hockey League. The GLHL remains to this day as the only remaining full-check Adult hockey league in the United States.

In 1960, Joe Leszcynski of Superior became President, and Fenton Kelsey, Jr. of Madison became Secretary, and the objectives of WAHA began to change to the youth side. By this time, the Wisconsin State Amateur Hockey Association ceased to exist, and, although adult hockey remained important, with state-wide participation in the Badger State League, high school hockey was beginning to grow, and with that came the need for the growth of feeder programs at the youth level. The Guidebook for the 1962-63 season lists State Tournament champions for only adults, but in the 1963-64 Guidebook, there are listings for not only adult champions, but also for Peewees, Bantams, Midgets and Juveniles dating back to 1961. Though written records are sketchy, we do know that Hartmeyer Arena in Madison hosted the first State Bantam Tournament in 1961 and the result was Superior 4, Madison Lakers 1.

By 1962, WAHA had become affiliated with AHAUS, or the Amateur Hockey Association of the United States, now known as USA Hockey. Growth in this era was hampered by a lack of indoor facilities and only a very few communities had them: Eagle River, Milwaukee, Superior and Madison. The demand began to grow with the number of youngsters playing, and while the growth of indoor facilities was arithmetic, the growth of kids was about to become exponential, with each of these components lending to growth of the other. An unofficial high school boys tournament was held twice in the late 1960's, both won by Superior, and the sport would officially be sponsored by the WIAA in the 1970-71 season.

In 1962, Don Kohlman, an adult player from Fond du Lac, joined the WAHA Board, and for almost five decades served WAHA in numerous capacities until his untimely passing in 2008. Kohlman would truly become Mr. Hockey across the State and was in large part responsible for much of the growth that would take place into the 21st century. He not only held various positions with WAHA but was also a Central District Director for USA Hockey and was elected Director Emeritus by that body. Kohlman served as President, Vice President, Registrar, Secretary and Treasurer for WAHA, and held those last three positions right up until his death in October 2008.

As ice hockey began to grow and expand dramatically in the 1980's and 1990's, the leadership of WAHA would evolve and help increase the growth in youth numbers and encourage this expansion, particularly related to the growth of girls hockey. Many girls would play on boys teams until numbers reached a point where girls-only teams could stand on their own. Bill Sparks and Jerry Edwards would serve as Presidents at this juncture and take WAHA from a male dominated sport to a more inclusive activity for both boys and girls.

Following Jerry Edwards' tenure as President, Don Mulder and then Al Deming would not only lead WAHA from within the Badger State, but also became involved more closely with USA Hockey Central District and then within the leadership of USA Hockey as the National Governing body for ice hockey in the United States. Other members of the WAHA Board of Directors would get their chance as more and more of those members would be called upon to serve in sections and councils with USA Hockey, and in positions with Central District.

From very humble beginnings, WAHA membership would grow to more than 400 teams in the 1980's, and eventually would pass 1,200 teams and 18,000 players and coaches, plus one of the largest memberships in the country in its officiating arm, the Wisconsin Hockey Officials Association, as hockey grew into the new millennium. The participant numbers would surpass 20,000 as WAHA entered the third decade of the 21st Century.

Toward the end of the 2019-2020 season, Covid-19 would have a significant impact upon the World, the Nation and the State, and WAHA would be no exception to this pandemic. One of the most difficult decisions that the WAHA Board of Directors would ever make was cancelling State Tournaments in the middle of State Tournament season. The result was that it turned out to be the right thing to do as more and more data surfaced illustrating just how contagious and deadly the virus was proving to be. The ensuing 2020-2021 season would be challenging to say the least, as the WAHA Board met endlessly trying to keep everyone safe and to keep players, coaches and officials on the ice. While other states shut down their hockey programs entirely or for long periods of time, WAHA was able to make accommodations to keep most of its programs operating and viable while mitigating the effects of Covid-19. Though there were long-lasting problems across the State, WAHA would emerge on the other side largely intact and would use tools from USA Hockey to begin growing youth and girls programs at a stronger level than ever before. Girls hockey would indeed begin to grow at an even greater rate across the State as interest by girls grew in the new decade.

2025 was the 65th anniversary of WAHA's youth program being registered with USA Hockey. WAHA has grown to over 22,000 players, over 1,100 teams, over 1,800 officials and over 3,400 coaches. In addition, there are eight disabled hockey teams in operation around the state. As an organization, WAHA now has the 7th largest affiliate in USA Hockey and had the third highest percentage of female hockey players in the country. There are now 81 local associations that make up WAHA.

FORMER/CURRENT WAHA BOARD MEMBERS/STAFF MEMBERS

NOTE: If you have information about someone whom we have missed in this list, please contact the WAHA Secretary to have that person or persons included. We are missing several Guidebooks from the early years, specifically from 1954-1962, and the following: 1964-66, 1967-68, 1969-70, 1971-72 and 1974-75. Note also that the dates below are sometimes approximations based on anecdotal evidence that we have been able to cull from old accounts of the early years of Wisconsin Amateur Hockey.

**WAHA President +Director Emeritus

NAME	HOMETOWN	YEARS SERVED
A.E. Bergman	Beaver Dam	1947
Francis "Bud" Bellon**	Horicon	1947-55
Herb Kell**	Mosinee	1955-57
R.J. Van Adestine**	Green Bay	1957-62
Joe Leszcynski**i+	Superior	1957-93
Fenton Kelsey	Madison	1960-66
Weldy Olson	Madison	1962-66
Stan Grzadzielewski	Mosinee	1962-80
Marv Elliott	Eagle River	1962-63
R.E. "Bob" Rompre**	Waupun	1962-78
Don Clark	Cumberland	1962-70
Don Kohlman**	Fond du Lac	1962-2008
Tom Nelson	Fond du Lac	1962-66
Harold Walters	Wausau	1962-63
Orv Stankevitz	Green Bay	1962-66
William "Bill" Boya	Superior	1962-75
Earl Stimers	Rice Lake	1962-68
Paul Jorgenson	Eagle River	1963-66
Joseph Coyne	Madison	1963-66
John Shepard	Superior	1963-66
Hollis Two	Beloit	1963-66
Glen Holezmer	Eau Claire	1966-68
Stan Martin	Marshfield	1966-70
Mike Bradford	Eagle River	1966-70
Les Mork	Madison	1966-73
John McCormick	Madison	1966-68
Willis Cunning	Beloit	1966-68
Florian Kuklinski**	Mosinee	1968-77
John Duffy	Hayward	1968-77
Erv Jankowski	Stevens Point	1968-72
Larry Dock	Viroqua	1968-70
Donald Annen	Madison	1970-73
Bill Sparks**+	Eagle River	1970-2015
Bill Steeno**	Green Bay	1970-76
Bob Yirkovsky	Mosinee	1970-72
Bill Marsh	Milwaukee	1970-72
Walter Wombacher	Eau Claire	1972-73
Dennis Brown	Stevens Point	1972-75

NAME	HOMETOWN	YEARS SERVED
Howie Nelson	River Falls	1972-78
Art Thomsen	Madison	1972-77
James “Beaver” Lowney	Milwaukee	1973-74
Larry Belonger	Green Bay	1973-76
Joseph Hinkes	Madison	1973-83
Ron Underdale	Superior	1975-76
Richard Rogers	Stevens Point	1975-77
Lloyd “Bud” Sheldon+	Milwaukee	1974-2024
Pat Humphreys	Green Bay	1976-94
Tom Whitney	Superior	1976-78
Bob Johnson	Green Bay	1976-79
Bruce Lilyblad	Rice Lake	1977-87
Gene Barton	Beloit	1977-79
Jim Liebaert	Superior	1978-79
Robert Buergi	Rice Lake	1978-80
Richard Reinholdt	Monona	1978-85
Tom Welhouse	Green Bay	1979-81
Mike Murphy	Chippewa Falls	1980-81
Bob Schipferling	Mosinee	1980-82
John Galloway	Neenah	1980-82
Jerry Edwards**+	Beloit	1980-2020
Larry Myers	Kenosha	1980-82
Chet Frisch	Eau Claire	1980-81
James Laudon	Plover	1980-82, 1983-85
Hope Johnson	Superior	1981-83
Kurt Steiner	Green Bay	1981-93
Dave Glassbrenner	Eau Claire	1981-86
Dave Nelson	Marinette	1982-85
Jeff Kuklinski	Mosinee	1982-84
Bernie Wentworth	Madison	1982-84
Don Mulder**+	Waupun	1982-2025
Darrel Sleeman	Stevens Point	1982-83
Bill Spohn+	Madison	1982-83, 2001-08, 2013-
Tom Wehner	Superior	1983-88
Alan Hoogheem	River Falls	1983-94
Richard Krupp	Stoughton	1983-86
Dick Figura	Wausau	1984-85
Carol Marshall	Madison	1984-87
Don Bradford	Wausau	1985-2007, 2010-
Jeff Breitzman	Neenah	1985-96
Ed Wilson	Sun Prairie	1985-88
Mike Dibble	De Forest	1985-91
Sue Conrad	La Crosse	1986-91
Mike Connor+	Somerset	1986-
Glenn Spiess	Eagle River	1986-96
Terry Johnson	Rice Lake	1987-93

NAME	HOMETOWN	YEARS SERVED
John Vanderbloemen	Madison	1987-96
John Hack+	Superior	1988-
Jerry Kennedy+	Madison	1988-91, 1994-
John Stindt	Green Bay	1990-93
Pete Krueger	Rhinelander	1991-94, 1995-2003
Steve Parr	Madison	1991-94
Gregg Nelson	Beaver Dam	1991-95
Pat Dyer+	Duluth	1993-2010
Bob Normand	Chippewa Falls	1993-
George Wrobel	Green Bay	1993-95
Fran Finco**	Onalaska	1994-
Cathy Olson	Menomonie	1994-95
Junior Stebbeds	Eagle River	1995-2006
Dave Witting	Beloit	1995-
Bill Buchholz	Waupun	1995-2007
Mary Ann Robinson+	Manitowoc	1996-
Eric Beaton	Green Bay	1996-98
Mel Casto	Madison	1996-2001
Brad Roethlisberger	Green Bay	1996-
Sarah Kruger	McFarland	1996-99
Dave Haferman	Wisconsin Rapids	1998-99
Jeff Crapp	Minocqua	1999-2001
Al Deming**+	Waupun	2001-
Gary Wallace	Presque Isle	2001-08
Jim Feely	Cross Plains	2002-2010
Mike Kennedy	Mosinee	2003-09
Jeff Servis	Milwaukee	2005-08
Bryan Schroder	Merrill	2006-10, 2012-15
Paul Caufield	Mosinee	2006-
Douglas Coleman	Whitefish Bay	2006-2007
Tom Slocum	Fox Point/Mequon	2007-2026
Curt Saari	Green Bay	2008-2018
Chuck Anger	Eau Claire	2008-
Tom Hansen	Madison	2009-
Dave Gault	Verona	2009-2012
Dawn Olson	Phillips	2009-
Tim Richter	Madison	2009-
Tony Renlund	Oregon	2009-11
Jeremy Gesicki	Sauk Prairie	2010-2024
Ryan Sarazin	Fond du Lac	2011-
Dean Dietrich	Wausau	2012-
Michael Larabell	Appleton	2012-
Marv Hafenbreadl	Stevens Point	2015-2020
Dan Bauer	Wausau	2015-2020
Duane Woeshnick	Fond du Lac	2015-2024
Dick Berthiaume	Superior	2015-

NAME	HOMETOWN	YEARS SERVED
Amanda Mann	Glendale	2015-2018
Heidi Magnuson	Neillsville	2015-2024
Becky Unterriker	Appleton	2016-2023, 2026 -
Tim Pickart	Fond du Lac	2017-
Andy Bradford	De Pere	2018-2026
Robin Bilsborough	Cedarburg	2018-
Anna Hughes-Papich	Beloit	2018-
Lisa Martinson	Sun Prairie	2019-2023
Chris Toner	Wausau	2020-
Joe Reinhart	Sheboygan	2020-2026
Todd Wagner	Sheboygan	2021-
Rich Gray	Waukesha	2021-2023
Stacy Hintzman	Menomonie	2023-2025
Justin Temple	Verona	2023-
Tom MacDonald	Greenfield	2024
Rebecca Hildebrandt	Cottage Grove	2024-
Jamie Van Ranst	Baldwin	2024
Edward Chady	Janesville	2024
Jennifer Spors	West Bend	2024-
Rachael Graves	Stevens Point	2024-
Raja Aylsworth	Wales	2024-2026
Mike DeLong	Baldwin	2025-
Annie McIntyre Hahn	Waunakee	2026-
Adam Brand	Appleton	2026-
Jaime Rohr	Palmyra	2026-

INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE
MISSION STATEMENT
CORE VALUES

ASSOCIATION PURPOSE

1. To encourage, improve, and promote the standards and extent of ice hockey in the state of Wisconsin.

2. To conduct ice hockey tournaments and to select representative teams for competition in regional and national tournaments.

3. To encourage youth in the development of high school hockey.

4. To do any and all acts necessary or desirable in the furtherance of the foregoing purposes.

The members of the WAHA shall be composed solely of organized amateur ice hockey teams and leagues, all, or a majority of which, are in Wisconsin. The Association is a member of USA Hockey and adheres to its regulations.

It is the sincere hope of the Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association that **ICE HOCKEY** in Wisconsin will grow, and that our organization will not only be a good one, but that eventually, through hard work, it will be one of the best.

MISSION STATEMENT

To guide, grow and support ice hockey participants of all ages and abilities, in a safe, fun, equitable and inclusive environment.

CORE VALUES

1. Growth – We believe that it is our responsibility to grow the game of hockey.

2. Respect – We believe that the game of hockey needs to be respected for its tradition and that one of WAHA's roles is to monitor the game to maintain that respect.

3. Administration – We believe it is our responsibility to ensure the USA Hockey/WAHA rules are enforced. WAHA is also the governing body over state associations, their boundaries and bylaws.

4. Fiscal Responsibility – We believe that through proper administration and fiscal management WAHA can keep hockey affordable for players at the grass roots and elite levels.

5. Training – We believe that proper training for players, coaches and officials is imperative.

6. Education – We believe that it is important for parents/spectators, players, coaches and officials to understand and to demonstrate their respective codes of conduct.

7. Fair and Equitable Opportunities – We believe that all players, regardless of age, gender and skill level, should have a fair and equitable opportunity to play and enjoy the game of hockey.

8. Communication – We believe that communication with and among stakeholders is a primary role of WAHA.

9. Fun – We believe that in order for players to enjoy the game of hockey, build lifelong friendships, and create long lasting memories, they have to have fun while participating in the game.

10. Safety – We believe that in order to have a safe experience, players need to have appropriate equipment, be coached and supervised by trusted adults who have passed strict background screenings, and be trained in an environment that helps them learn the game, improve their skills, and builds character.

WAHA
PERSONNEL
DIRECTORY

REGIONAL DIRECTORS

Regional Directors representing the six regions of WAHA are elected to three-year terms on the following staggered schedule:

2027	2028	2029
(1) Region 1	(1) Region 2	(1) Region 1
(1) Region 2	(1) Region 4	(1) Region 3
(1) Region 3	(1) Region 5	(1) Region 4
(1) Region 4*	(1) Region 6	(1) Region 5*
(1) Region 5		(1) Region 6*
(1) Region 6		
*At Large		*At large

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Term expires in 2027

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BYLAWS

(NOTE: any changes in the Bylaws since the last Guidebook was published will appear in this format [boldface, italics, underline] for this season only, in order that readers may more readily recognize these changes.)

ARTICLE 1 – PURPOSE

A. The purpose for which the corporation has been organized is as follows:

- To foster, advance, develop and regulate the game of ice hockey as an amateur sport in the State of Wisconsin;
- To promote, encourage and assist in the formation of local governing bodies of amateur ice hockey through their affiliation with this corporation and USA Hockey, Inc.;
- To affiliate with and cooperate with other international and national amateur ice hockey organizations;
- To establish and maintain uniform playing rules for amateur ice hockey within the State of Wisconsin with such rules and regulations to be in compliance with and in concert with USA Hockey, Inc.;
- To conduct and promote regional and state ice hockey contests and tournaments; also to select teams to represent the Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Inc.;
- To register active ice hockey leagues, clubs, teams, officials and players in the State of Wisconsin, with USA Hockey, Inc., through the collection and payment of fees by the District Registrar of USA Hockey, Inc., or the corporation Treasurer.

B. This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and/or scientific purpose under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

C. This corporation claims complete jurisdiction as the governing body of amateur ice hockey in the State of Wisconsin, in compliance and in concert with USA Hockey, Inc.

D. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code.

ARTICLE 2 – USA HOCKEY PREEMINENCE

Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Inc. (WAHA), 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 Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Inc. Further, Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Inc. (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:

- **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.

- **RESPECT FOR THE INDIVIDUAL** – Treat all others as you expect to be treated.

- **INTEGRITY** – We seek to foster honesty and fair play beyond mere strict interpretation of the rules and regulations of the game.

- **PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE AT THE INDIVIDUAL, TEAM AND ORGANIZATIONAL LEVELS** – Each member of the organization, whether player, volunteer or staff, should seek to perform each aspect of the game to the highest levels of his or her ability.

- **ENJOYMENT** – It is important for the hockey experience to be fun, satisfying and rewarding for the participant.

- **LOYALTY** – We aspire to teach loyalty to the ideals and fellow members of the sport of hockey.

- **TEAMWORK** – We value the strength of learning to work together. The use of teamwork is reinforced and rewarded by success in the hockey experience.

ARTICLE 3 – INDEMNITY

Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Inc. (WAHA), 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 Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Inc., except to the extent (i) that USA Hockey or its 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, Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Inc. understands and acknowledges that USA Hockey and its 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 Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association 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 Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association.

ARTICLE 4 – MEMBERSHIP

A. Association Members. Any association or group whose teams wish to participate in WAHA must register all of their players and coaches. All players and coaches must be listed on a USA Hockey roster. Also, each association or group must sign an affiliate agreement with WAHA and pay an annual fee of $105 to become or remain an Affiliate/Local Association member.
   NOTE: Annual registration of local associations and payment of annual dues must be performed on-line at the WAHA website, and the deadline for this shall be June 30th of the current calendar year. If the annual fee is paid July 1st or later of the current calendar year, the fee shall be $250. (See Appendix IV at the back of this Guidebook for instructions on updating local association information.)
B. All member leagues, teams, associations, and individuals of WAHA must be members in good standing with USA Hockey or any of its affiliates.
C. Each association shall file with the WAHA Secretary a copy of its Bylaws and an Affiliate/Local Association Agreement signed by the Affiliate/Local Association President every four years.
D. A new Association must submit a membership application, its proposed Bylaws, a completed Affiliate/Local Association Agreement, any other

documents required by WAHA, and a description of their proposed boundaries for WAHA Board approval by March 15.

E. Any existing Association wishing to amend their approved boundaries must do so in writing and submit the request to the Secretary of WAHA by March 15.

ARTICLE 5 – ANNUAL MEETING

A. The Annual Meeting of WAHA shall be held the first Saturday in August at such place in Wisconsin designated by the Board of Directors.

B. Each League and Affiliate/Local Association, that is a member of WAHA, shall be entitled ***to representation*** of their League or Affiliate/Local Association at the annual meeting. ***Each league and*** Affiliate/Local Association will be entitled to have ***votes for action to be taken at the Annual Meeting in accordance with procedures established by the Board to comply with USA Hockey Bylaws and Affiliate Agreement.***

C. Voting Privileges at the Annual Meeting. Voter shall be at least 18 years of age, an active member of a WAHA affiliate and properly registered prior to the start of the annual meeting. In addition, when voting for directors, he/she must be an active member of the WAHA Affiliate/Local Association whose boundaries lie within the boundaries of the director's district, for which he/she is voting. NOTE: All voting delegates must properly register prior to the meeting. Properly registered means signing the official voter registration list and getting a voting card at the registration table. Active member means being in attendance at the annual meeting: **NO VOTE BY PROXY ALLOWED.**

D. Any violation of the Constitution, Bylaws or Regulations of WAHA or decisions of the officers of WAHA by any member of WAHA shall render such member liable to suspension by a two-thirds vote of the WAHA Board of Directors until the next annual meeting or special meetings, and to possible expulsion from WAHA.

E. Conduct of the annual meeting shall be governed by Roberts' Rules of Order.

F. Affiliate/Local Association Annual Meeting. Any action(s) or policy(s) adopted or requested to be adopted by the Board of Directors or the officers of an Affiliate/Local Association 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/Local Association no less than fifteen (15) days in advance of the holding of the meeting, which meeting shall be open to all members of Affiliate/Local Association.

ARTICLE 6 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. Powers. The business and affairs of the corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors.

B. Regions. The State of Wisconsin is divided into six (6) regions. Each region shall have a minimum of two (2) directors not residing within the boundaries of the same Affiliate/Local Association (unless elected at large or appointed by the Board of Directors) who shall be elected for a three (3) year staggered term. The three regions with the most registered teams shall have one (1) additional director elected at large.

C. Director Responsibilities: WAHA regionally elected board members are expected to contribute to the mission, association purpose and core values of WAHA. In order to carry out these responsibilities, directors are expected to attend WAHA board meetings, schedule/lead and contribute to the success of regional meetings and participate by assisting in carrying out WAHA programs as required or requested. Failure to be an active/contributing WAHA regional representative is a disservice to the regional association they were elected to represent and can lead to removal from the WAHA Board of directors.

D. Election of Directors. Each region will elect their number of directors by caucus at the annual meeting. Directors must live in and be voted on by the members of the region in which they serve. Anyone wishing to be elected as a WAHA Director must submit a letter of intent and the candidate's reason(s) for standing for this position and complete a Declaration of Candidacy form. The form must be received by the WAHA Secretary by April 1st of the year in which the election will be held. The Declaration of Candidacy must also contain the following additional information: 1) WAHA Board experience; 2) WAHA Regional experience; 3) Local Program or Association experience; 4) Coaching or Managing experience; 5) Playing experience; 6) Any additional information the candidate would like to provide. These resumes will be posted to the WAHA website by July 1 of the calendar year, prior to the Annual Meeting on the first Saturday of August. Copies of each of these will be sent to the Local Association Presidents in whose Regions that candidate resides.

E. Quorum. A majority of the Board of Directors present at the meeting shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

F. Conflict of Interest. Officers and directors of WAHA shall not engage in any activity that violates their duty to WAHA and presents a conflict of interest, without first informing the Board of Directors, and obtaining an exception to this requirement by a two-thirds vote of the entire Board of Directors. Each Board member or delegate will annually sign a statement affirming the principles of this policy statement. The Secretary of the Board of Directors of WAHA will maintain such signed statements.

G. Removal. Any director or officer may be removed by a two-thirds majority vote of the entire elected Board of Directors. This action may take place at any regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting, or a meeting called specifically for this purpose. In any case, ten (10) days prior written notice of proposed removal by vote of the Board of

Directors (by mail and/or electronic means) must be provided to the officer or director in question.

H. Vacancy. The Board of Directors is empowered to appoint a director to fill any vacancy on the Board, until an election for a new director which will be held at the next annual meeting of WAHA.

I. Director Emeritus. The WAHA Board of Directors shall have the authority to appoint one or more persons to the position of Director Emeritus in recognition of distinguished and lengthy service to Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association. A Director Emeritus shall be a non-voting member of the Board unless an officer, but, in all other respects, shall be entitled to all of the rights, privileges, duties and responsibilities of other Board members, including committee membership as appointed by the President or the Board of Directors. A candidate for Director Emeritus must meet the following qualifications:

1. The candidate must have served at least three terms on the WAHA Board as an elected Regional Director or at least five as a Section Director, or a total of ten years in combination.
2. The candidate cannot be currently serving as an elected Regional Director.
3. The candidate must be nominated by the appointed nominating committee and be approved by a three fourths (3/4) vote of the elected regional directors.
4. The status of Director Emeritus shall be a lifetime position.

J. Miscellaneous.

1. Only Region Directors and Officers shall have one (1) vote at all WAHA Board of Directors meetings. All other members of the WAHA Board of Directors do not have a vote but do have a voice in WAHA Board of Directors meetings.
2. A director who cannot attend a meeting may send a written proxy with another Regional Director.
3. The conduct of the Board meetings shall be governed by Roberts' Rules of Order.

ARTICLE 7 – OFFICERS

A. Election of Officers

1. Following the annual meeting of WAHA, the Board of Directors shall hold elections to elect the following positions:
   a. President
   b. Vice-President
   c. Section Directors
2. The President and Vice-President shall be elected for a term of two years and are eligible to serve a maximum of three terms.
3. Elected Regional Directors may be considered for any officer or Section Director position.

4. The offices of the Secretary and the Treasurer shall be appointed positions by the President with confirmation by the Board. Each appointment shall be for a term of two (2) years. .
5. A Section Director's term shall be for two (2) years.

B. President. The duties of the President shall include but not be limited to:
1. Presiding at all meetings.
2. Performing such duties usual to the Office of the President, including having the power to call special meetings of the Association at his/her discretion and the power to address issues arising from emergencies not provided for in the Rules, Regulations or Bylaws, until such times as the matter may be acted upon by the Board of Directors.
3. Attending and representing the Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Inc. at other ice hockey meetings or to appoint a voting member of the Board of Directors to attend in his/her place.
4. Making appointments to all committees, subject to the approval of the WAHA Board of Directors. The President shall be an ex officio member of all committees.
5. Only elected Regional Directors may be eligible to fill the President position.

C. Vice President.
1. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall have all of the powers and perform the duties of the President. Should the President become incapacitated, or be unable to continue to serve, the vacancy will be filled by the Vice-President until the next annual meeting, when an election by the Board will be held to fill the vacancy.
2. Only elected Regional Directors may be eligible to fill the Vice-President position.

D. Section Directors.
1. Section Directors shall each be elected to a two-year term. There shall be a Section Director for each of the following levels:
   a. Youth 8U
   b. Youth 10U
   c. Youth 12U
   d. Youth 14U
   e. Youth 16U, 18U
   f. Girls/Women
   g. Adults
2. Each Section Director will oversee all aspects of all State Tournaments at the level assigned.

E. Secretary. The duties of the Secretary shall include but not be limited to:

1. To compile and distribute minutes of all WAHA meetings. ***Within 5 business days of approval, meeting minutes must be publicly posted to the WAHA website.***
2. To be the official custodian of the corporation's records.
3. To advise the Board of Directors of all upcoming meetings and make any necessary lodging and travel arrangements.
4. To verify eligibility of voting members present at any WAHA meeting.
5. To verify that a quorum is present at any WAHA meeting.
6. In general, to perform all duties incident to the Office of the Secretary and such other duties as may, from time to time, be assigned him/her by the President or the Board of Directors.

F. Treasurer. The duties of the Treasurer shall include but not be limited to:

1. To receive and deposit all funds due WAHA into a bank account.
2. To pay all rightful obligations of WAHA.
3. To sign or endorse all checks payable to WAHA.
4. Prepare and present an annual overall budget to the WAHA Board of Directors for approval at the August Board meeting. The budget should include individual budgets from each program/committee and the budget for Board operations.
5. To prepare and distribute a financial report to the Board of Directors at each Board meeting, and to prepare and distribute an annual report at the WAHA annual meeting.
6. To provide necessary materials to an Auditor for the certified audit of WAHA financial records, as required.
7. In general, to perform all duties incident to the Office of the Treasurer, and such other duties as may, from time to time, be assigned him/her by the President or the Board of Directors.

G. Registrar

1. The USA Hockey District Registrar will appoint the State Registrar.
2. The duties of the Registrar shall include, but not be limited to:
    a. Being responsible for the registration of teams, players, coaches and managers as directed by WAHA Bylaws and Rules and Regulations and by USA Hockey Bylaws and Rules and Regulations.
    b. Sanctioning of tournaments.
    c. Issuing travel permits.
    d. Maintaining records of all registrations.
    e. Certifying eligible voting members at the WAHA annual meeting.
    f. Certifying teams and players eligible for State Tournaments and overseeing all issues involving any eligibility.
    g. Verifying qualifications of all WAHA teams and players for State Playoffs that will lead to Regional and National Tournaments.
    h. In general, to perform all duties incident to the Office of Registrar and such other duties as may, from time

to time, be assigned him/her by the President or the Board of Directors.

i. To serve as an ex-officio member of the WAHA Board of Directors.

3. The Registrar may request of the USA Hockey District Registrar, the appointment of Regional Associate Registrars to assist in the performance of any of the aforementioned duties at the Regional level and provide training as needed.

H. Past President. The immediate Past President of WAHA shall remain an advisory member of the Board of Directors, with all rights and privileges as other non-voting members of the Board of Directors. There shall be only one Past President. Election of a new President will change the person in the role of Past President, unless the new Past President cannot fulfill that role.

I. Congress Representative: The WAHA Congress Representative is the affiliate's representative to the Central District. The Congress Representative is nominated by the WAHA board and is elected by the Central District Presidents. The Congress Representative will be elected to a three-year term and may serve multiple terms. The primary role of the Congress Representative is to serve as a liaison between WAHA, the Central District and USA Hockey. Per the 2023-24 USA Hockey Annual Guide, the duties of a Congress Representative shall be, but not be limited to, the following:

• To assist with the affairs of the district in cooperation with the Affiliate associations and the USA Hockey Board of Directors and to assume other responsibilities as may be appropriate when possible.
• To serve as the first contact from the Affiliate to USA Hockey.
• To act as USA Hockey's trouble shooter in his/her district and facilitate the resolution of disputes within/between the Affiliate association(s).
• To serve as liaison between Affiliates within that district and USA Hockey.
• To serve as the tournament director for district, regional and national tournaments held within his/her district.
• To attend the annual meetings of the Affiliate association(s) within his/her district when possible.
• To disseminate information from the USA Hockey national office to all Affiliates.
• To attend USA Hockey annual/semi-annual meetings.
•To inform USA Hockey of any non-compliance with USA Hockey bylaws, rules and regulations.

J. Vacancies.

1. A vacancy in the office of Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise, shall be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.

2. A vacancy in any Section Director office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise, may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.

ARTICLE 8 – COMMITTEES

A. Committees-General. The Board of Directors by resolution adopted by a majority of the directors in office may designate one or more committees, each of which shall consist of three or more directors. Each committee, to the extent allowed by law and provided for in said resolution, shall have and exercise the authority of the Board of Directors in the management of the corporation. The designation of such committees and the delegation thereto of authority shall not operate to relieve the Board of Directors, or any individual director, of any responsibility imposed upon it or him or her by law.

B. Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Past President and two (2) elected directors elected by the Board. The elected directors will serve one-year terms and shall be rotated so all regions will be represented. The president shall appoint additional members to this committee. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to act on the behalf of the Board of Directors between meetings of the Board provided that (a) the Executive Committee shall not have the authority to amend, alter, or repeal the Bylaws or Rules and Regulations, but may recommend such changes to the Board of Directors for consideration and (b) the Executive Committee shall have the authority to act on behalf of the Board only in the case of an emergency when a vote of the Board of Directors cannot reasonably be obtained, and in such event the action taken by the Executive Committee shall be placed on the agenda at the next meeting of the Board of Directors for ratification, amendment or repeal.

C. Nominations Committee. The Board of Directors shall create a Nominations Committee that shall be comprised of three people. The Committee shall include at least one (1) Director Emeritus and two (2) Directors not up for election in the then existing calendar year. The elected Directors shall serve one-year terms and shall be rotated on the committee so all regions will be represented on a rotating basis. The President may appoint additional members to this committee. The Committee's function will be to seek out any Director who may be interested in the position of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and/or Section Director. The Committee shall also be responsible for recommending individuals for the position of Director Emeritus. The Nominations Committee shall meet as needed to propose individuals to serve in the designated positions. The Nominations Committee shall submit its report to the Board at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting and at such other times as may be appropriate. The Nominations Committee shall perform such other duties as directed by the Board.

D. Committees-Specific. The following committees, each of which shall consist of three or more directors, shall be established by the Board:
   1. Finance.
   2. State Tournament/Classification.
   3. Player Development.
   4. Safe Sport.
   5. Promotion/Communication.
   6. Marketing.
   7. Discipline.

E. Chairperson. One member of each committee shall be appointed its chairperson by the President.

F. Vacancies. Vacancies in the membership of any committee may be filled by appointments made in the same manner as provided in the case of the original appointments.

G. Quorum. Unless otherwise provided in the resolution of the Board of Directors, a majority of the whole committee shall constitute a quorum and the act of a majority of the members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the committee.

H. Rules. Each committee may adopt rules for its own governance not inconsistent with the Bylaws or with rules adopted by the Board of Directors.

I. Budget. When appropriate, each committee chair must submit an annual budget to the WAHA treasurer.

ARTICLE 9 – DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURE

A. WAHA will abide by USA Hockey Bylaw 10.

B. Administrative Rule Decisions:

   1. WAHA has the authority to make administrative decisions regarding its Bylaws and Rules based on the authority given to affiliates under USAH rules and bylaws.
   2. Administrative decisions can be made prior to or after allowing the accused party (association or person) the ability to be heard on the situation. If the decision is made prior to a hearing, a WAHA board hearing can be requested by the concerned party in front of the WAHA board. The hearing can be scheduled to be held virtually or in person, based on the WAHA board's availability.
   3. The hearing will be made in front of a panel of disinterested people.
   4. After the decision of the hearing panel, the party has the right to appeal the panel's decision to a WAHA appeals committee.

C. Appeals shall be processed as follows:
   1. Any member of WAHA, or the parent or guardian of a member, may request that the WAHA Board of Directors review a decision of an Affiliate/Local Association or the application of USA Hockey or WAHA Bylaws or Rules to a specific situation. The

Secretary shall consult with WAHA personnel regarding the appropriate subject matter of the appeal. (NOTE: Appeals must be filed using the specific WAHA Appeal Form, and following the procedures for Appeals that accompany that form. Please contact the WAHA Secretary for those documents.)

2. No appeals will be allowed on playing rules or game official's decisions.
3. No appeals will be allowed on matters related solely to Affiliate/Local Association's jurisdiction or rules.
4. Any appeal to the WAHA Board of Directors shall be filed with the Secretary of WAHA within fourteen (14) calendar days of the event or the decision giving rise to the request for appeal. Such appeal shall be initiated by communication to the Secretary of WAHA within the appropriate timeline.
5. Appeals to the WAHA Board shall be addressed at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors. Appeals to the WAHA Board of Directors, which are untimely for the entire Board to act upon, will be acted on by an Appeals Committee designated by the Board of Directors.
6. All decisions of the WAHA Board shall be final unless overruled by USA Hockey.
7. A payment of $250 shall accompany each appeal. A check shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association. This payment will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

D. Each party, by virtue of membership, affiliation or participation at any time in USA Hockey/WAHA or a sanctioned USA Hockey/WAHA Hockey game or program agrees to abide by this Dispute Resolution Procedure. Failure to abide by the Dispute Resolution Procedure shall, in addition to any other sanction allowed by these Bylaws:
   1. Make a party and any person and 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 WAHA or USA Hockey, its Affiliate Associations, directors, officers and/or agents and;
   2. Subject such party to Summary Suspension and/or disqualification from membership and any right to participate in WAHA, USA Hockey or Affiliate/Local Association sanctioned events in the sole discretion of USA Hockey or its Affiliate Associations.

ARTICLE 10 – MISCELLANEOUS

A. WAHA and its affiliates shall not discriminate against any person or organization based on race, ancestry, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, disability or national origin.
B. No Affiliate Association may have a team play against a member of any team **not registered** with USA Hockey unless allowed under USA Hockey Policy for Non-Sanctioned Play.
C. All players, officials, teams and leagues suspended by USA Hockey

shall be automatically suspended by WAHA until such suspension is lifted by USA Hockey.

ARTICLE 11 – AMENDMENTS

A. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to add or amend the Bylaws without annual meeting approval should USA Hockey make changes and/or amendments affecting WAHA.

B. Additions to, or amendments of, these Bylaws may be made only by:
   1. A motion, in writing on the official WAHA Bylaw Submission Form sent to the Secretary of WAHA by April 15**.** The proposal must include the "Intention of Proposal" and list any other Bylaws or Rules that this proposal affects. Motion(s) will be referred to the editor of the WAHA Guidebook and the appropriate WAHA Board Committee for consideration and recommendation. Only members in good standing with WAHA are permitted to submit Bylaw Change Proposals. All submissions must be signed by the author. Anonymous submissions will be deemed out of order and not accepted.
   2. The motion shall be presented to the membership at the Annual Meeting.
   3. The motion will be referred to the Board of Directors of WAHA, which will consider the motion submitted to it, and take such action as may be appropriate in preparing the motion for action on the floor at the annual meeting.
   4. All motions to change or amend the Bylaws will be mailed or sent by electronic mail to each WAHA Affiliate/Local Association member fifteen (15) days prior to the Annual Meeting.

C. Additions, deletions or amendments to the Bylaws must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the membership present at the Annual Meeting.

RULES & REGULATIONS

(NOTE: any changes in Rules & Regulations since the last Guidebook was published will appear in this format [boldface, italics, underline] for this season only, in order that readers may more readily recognize these changes.)

ARTICLE 1 – REGISTRATION, ELIGIBILITY, GENERAL RULES

NOTE: Members of WAHA in good standing may submit a suggested Bylaw or Rule & Regulation change by using the proper form found under "Forms" on the WAHA website, but submissions must be made by April 15 of the current year. The proposal must include "Intention of Proposal" and list any other Rules or Bylaws that this proposal affects. These proposals are discussed at the April Board meeting and then at Regional Meetings following that. After the Spring Regional Meetings, changes to WAHA Rules & Regulations are voted on by the WAHA Board of Directors. Rule & Regulation changes adopted by the Board of Directors will be announced at the Annual Meeting. Bylaw changes are voted on by membership at the Annual Meeting in August.

A. The WAHA Board of Directors shall have the power to adjust matters at any time in the best interests of the sport of ice hockey in general.

B. The combined registration fee for WAHA and USA Hockey shall be:

Age	Total Fee	USAH Fee	WAHA Fee
6/U	$17	$17	-0-
7-8	***$73***	***$58***	***$15***
9-12	***$86***	***$71***	***$15***
13-18	***$96***	***$81***	***$15***
19 & Over And Coaches	***$64***	***$54***	***$10***

C. Player and coach registration. All rosters must be made with the current version of the USA Hockey electronic registration system. Rosters for all levels of competition must be ***submitted prior to games being played. The last date rosters can be submitted is*** NOVEMBER 15 OF THE PLAYING YEAR. FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING TEAM ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE TOURNAMENT PLAY. ROSTERS MAY BE AMENDED UP UNTIL December 31. The roster must include all coaches wishing to be on the bench for the team named on the roster. Exception: due to extenuating circumstances beyond the control of the team, if none of the coaches listed on the roster are available for State Playoffs or Tournament, an exception may be granted by the WAHA Section Director for the age level at which the team is registered to play.

D. RESIDENCY: A player's residence for a hockey season is based on where the player and their family live on a full-time basis at the time of player registration in the fall. Only players who reside in the boundary area of the association are eligible to play on association teams. (The exception to this rule is if a player is an out-of-district player or if the association has a boundary modified by a previous WAHA boundary agreement.) NOTE: out-of-district under this exception applies to players whose permanent residence is in Wisconsin. Players with an

out-of-state release will always be considered out-of-district. Unless there is an exception by the WAHA Board, out-of-state players will always be considered out-of-district.

It is the responsibility of the local association president, in general, and the local association registrar, specifically, to ensure that all players registering to participate in their local association reside legally within the WAHA approved boundaries of that local association including 6U and 8U players. Any player claimed via the USA Hockey registration portal by a WAHA association must legally reside within the WAHA approved boundaries for that local association. Local association registrars and presidents must determine player residence eligibility by asking for and verifying the residents/families home address at the time of registration for the season.

A player who lives outside of a local association boundary and wants to register to play hockey must register as an out-of-district player with the nearest local association unless they qualify for an exception as detailed in Article 1, G. 1-3.

For entry level skaters, out-of-district players can register with a given association for the reminder of the season provided the registering association notifies the skater's home association and region directors of the player's registration.

Should the question of proper legal residency come into question at any time, the parents/legal guardians of that player or players will be required to produce three (3) items of original documentation (not copies or facsimiles) as evidence of legal residency of the parents or legal guardians. The requesting body has the right to ask for specific types of documents to determine residency proof.

Failure of a parent/guardian to produce such documents to the satisfaction of the governing body (association or WAHA) will result in either the player not being eligible to register for that association team, the player having to qualify for the team under WAHA rules in Article 1 G at the fall registration period, or if after the season has begun and residency cannot be verified by WAHA, the player being considered an out-of-district player on the team in which the player is rostered.

Deliberate falsification of residency will result in disciplinary action by the WAHA board against all parties known to have participated in that falsification. Such disciplinary action shall be determined by a hearing and within the rules set forth in USA Hockey By-Law 10.

In the event the local association official or WAHA officials believe that they cannot verify residence with the documentation provided, or if the documentation provided does not prove the residence of the parent or guardian was such at the beginning of the hockey season, the player can be refused registration in that local association.

The following is a list of documentation, specific to the State of Wisconsin, that the association may use to have the parents/guardians prove residency:

- Utility bills for the past 60 days prior to the date the player is placed on the USA Hockey Roster in the name of the parents/legal guardians for the home address in question.
- Current and valid drivers' licenses or identification cards for the parents/legal guardians as of the date the player is placed on the USA Hockey Roster with the home address in question.
- Current government issued statement or documents for a parent/guardian with a date that indicates it was issued for the year of the hockey season.
- Original State income tax form indicating the parents/legal guardians lived in the boundary area of the team registering the player, for the previous year of the current season.

Temporary Residence with Another Party: On some occasions, individual skaters have temporarily located with another family member or family relation in order to be considered eligible to skate for a particular Association. This temporary relocation would not be considered acceptable or qualify an individual skater to be deemed a member of a Local Association.

Such temporary location, without further action taken by the person where the individual skater is residing, would therefore not allow the skater to be considered a resident of that Local Association. Individual action would have to be taken by the person with whom the skater is residing, to obtain legal custody of the individual skater through court approval, and a court order documenting the transfer of legal custody of the skater to the owner of the residence.

NOTE: Documentation may be reviewed by WAHA for authenticity.

E. A player may not be registered with more than one (1) association, or more than one (1) team in the same age classification, unless a female player is registered on one (1) youth team and one (1) girls team at the same age level. NOTE: This will be identified as "cross-roster". An association that wishes to cross-roster a female player MUST complete the on-line Cross-Rostering Form on the WAHA website for approval by November 15th. Cross-roster players on a secondary team will only be eligible for State Tournament with the secondary team if the roster has 14 or less players. Any player can, however, as long as the player meets age classification, be registered with more than one team in a different age classification within the same association. A player may only be on a maximum of two rosters. NOTE: this will be identified as "double-roster". An Adult player can only be registered with one club in any senior category. Note: A youth or female player who has an age-appropriate team to play on in their resident association cannot

play up a level on a like-team (youth/girls classification) in another association. Example: If a female player has an appropriate age-level team to play on at their home association, cannot play on a higher level like-team (youth/girls classification) in another association.

F. Any team using a player registered with another WAHA or USA Hockey Association, other than approved WAHA co-op teams, shall forfeit any games in which the player participated, and the player shall be declared ineligible for any further state tournament competition**.**

G. No player may play, participate, or practice for any full-season association other than the association certified by WAHA to serve the area in which the player resides on a permanent basis. (**NOTE:** Any full-season youth hockey association that chooses to allow Tier I players to participate in their skill sessions/practices will be allowed to do so.) Conversely, no association, whether or not its boundaries are certified by WAHA, may accept any player from any area served by another association, whose boundaries are certified by WAHA, EXCEPT:

1. A player may play for a team from the nearest association offering a youth Division 1 team, provided the association serving player's place of residence is of a lower classification. The player must be selected by that nearest association to play on their highest classified team. For example: a Youth 10U from a Division 3 association "B" team could play for a Division 1 association provided the player is selected to play on the association's "A" youth team. The player could not play for any association classified as Division 2, 3 or 4 or on any team other than the highest classified youth team of a Division 1 association. If a player is not selected to play on the highest-level team, the player must return to their home association. (NOTE: Players accepted under Section G-1 at all times shall be considered as an out-of-district player while rostered with any team of any association except the association serving their place of residence.) If they do not play on the highest-level non-home Association team, they must return to their home Association and must comply with all transfer rules.)

   Any team may accept two (2) players under exception 1 above with no penalty. Any team accepting more than two (2) players, however, will not be eligible for state tournament competition in that classification. Written notice is to be given immediately to the respective associations.

2. A player residing in an area not represented by an association must play for the nearest established association. Such a player is considered as residing only in the area of the association once they are claimed via the USA Hockey registration portal by a WAHA association for the first time.

NOTE 1: Beginning with the 2020-2021 season, the local association registrar is REQUIRED to provide written communication to a family detailing their "open district" status (to include a list of available associations) and by registering with the nearest association the family declares and accepts that the local association is now considered their "resident association". The family must acknowledge receipt and understanding of this written communication and local association registrars must maintain records of this communication during the entire time in which the player is registered with the local association. Failure to complete and maintain paperwork will allow a transfer to another association that bounds the open district.

NOTE 2: "Nearest" refers to the boundaries of the district in which the residence lies, not the actual residence. There may be multiple Associations that are considered "nearest". WAHA does not measure from the specific address of a residence to a rink address. WAHA uses boundary to boundary only.

NOTE: 3: Should a family that has been registered with a WAHA sanctioned Association move out of that Association's boundaries and into a district that does not have a WAHA sanctioned Association (an "Open District"), a release must be obtained if any skaters wish to play for any Association other than their original Association if either of the following exist:

a) The Open District's Boundary's directly adjoin the original Association**'s** boundary.
b) The Open District is one that the original Association can reasonably recruit for players.

Once an approved association is established to serve a family's place of residence, the family will be "grand-fathered" and may continue to play for the original association indefinitely. However, once the player transfers to the association serving the player's place of residence, they will be considered as being from that new association and must meet all obligations mentioned in these By-laws and Rules/Regulations. (Note: If the player transfers to any association other than the one serving the place of residence, all obligations mentioned in these By-laws and Rules/Regulations must be met, including getting released from the association serving the player's place of residence.)

3. A female player wishing to play on a female-only team, including a "full season" team**.** may play for such a team in the nearest association offering one, provided her home association does not offer one at her age-appropriate level. Appropriate level is defined as a specific level or one higher. Note: The intent of this rule is to allow any girl wishing to play full time girls only hockey the opportunity to do so by transferring to the nearest Association that offers girls only fulltime teams when her home Association does not. Such a player would not be required to secure a written release, other than a financial one. A female player who plays at the nearest

association will be recognized as that being their new Girls home association until such time as her original association offers a girls team at the appropriate level. NOTE: A female player may also be rostered on a youth team for her home association at the same time. If a female player decides to be rostered on a youth team of the club offering female-only hockey, she will need to follow all of the transfer rules spelled out in this Guidebook.

4. If in any season an association fails to register enough players to form a team at a given level, the association may form a co-op team with another association. To form a co-op team, each association participating in the co-op must submit the "Co-op Request Form" (found under Forms on the WAHA website) signed by each association's president, to the WAHA Regional Directors, and the WAHA Section Director for the age level of the request. If the request involves teams in different regions, the Directors from both Regions must be involved in the process. The Regional Directors, in conjunction with the appropriate Section Director, will have the power of approval for the co-op, but the WAHA Board will have final approval for all requests. All requests for a co-op must be submitted by November 15th for 10U-12U teams and November 30th for 14U-19U teams and all co-op requests will be subject to a reclassification review. The Regional Directors must submit all approved requests to the WAHA Secretary. If approved, the co-op team would be eligible for State Tournament play, and the co-op would exist for one year only.

5. An association that does not form a co-op team, but registers players under "closest association offering a team", can roster players from a maximum of 3 other associations. Teams with players from greater than 4 associations are not eligible for State Tournament. Regional Directors, in conjunction with the appropriate Section Director, can approve an exception to this, if numbers and geography warrant, but the WAHA Board will have final approval for all requests.

NOTE: If, in any season, an association fails to register enough players to form a team and is unable or unwilling to form a co-op, the players at that level may go to the nearest association offering teams at the same age level. These players will not be counted as out-of-district players for the purpose of allowing only two out-of-district players per team.

H. Commitment To Team – Players are expected to participate in all team activities (practices, games, tournaments, etc.). An allowance for an "excused absence" upon notice that is reasonable under the circumstances may be established by teams and associations. However, an unexcused absence is grounds for consequence to a player, as determined by the team or association, up to and including suspension. A team or association rule and/or policy as to "excused absences" or as

to consequences for unexcused absences must be reasonable and may not be implemented in a manner that discriminates between player participation in one outside program versus another.

I. WAHA considers the "regular playing season" to begin on September 1 and continue through the end of the WAHA Youth/Girls State Tournaments in March. The summer program season will conclude the first Sunday in October.

J. Players may transfer from one association to another, regardless of classification, only with written consent of the releasing association. No player may transfer to an association that has a WAHA approved co-op team for the age level specified on the transfer form. No transfers shall be made after Dec. 31. Written consent must be obtained annually. These skaters shall always be considered as out-of-district on the rosters of the accepting Association. Any team accepting more than two (2) players from another WAHA certified association would not be eligible for State Tournament play. Note: A player who leaves an association classified as "Tier I" must return to the "Tier II" association serving their place of residence and meet all obligations covered in these rules (see Article 6 in these rules). Note: A player who transfers from a team/association classified as "Tier I" and does not return to the "Tier II" association serving their place of residence must obtain all written releases from both the team/association last played on and the association serving their place of residence, as specified in these rules. Note: Releasing association may NOT charge a fee, buyout, require more service hours, require any additional burden or penalty to a transfer player.

K. Players may not transfer from any association for any reason without meeting their financial obligation and obtaining a written financial release from the releasing association, on the proper WAHA form, signed by the WAHA State Registrar. All local associations have sole responsibility for collecting any agreed upon tuition or fees from their member players. WAHA encourages all Tier II Local Associations and Tier I organizations to adopt and enforce a strict "no pay – no play" policy. WAHA does not enforce financial contracts entered into between players and their parents or guardians and Local Associations and their teams.

L. The rosters of all Tier II teams registered with WAHA must contain 80% Wisconsin residents or play 50% of all their games within the State of Wisconsin and hold all of their practices within the State of Wisconsin. Also, 50% of all players on a roster must be the age of the registered team (e.g., the age of 50% of Youth 14U Youth players on a roster must be 13 or 14 years old).

M. 8U aged players wishing to move up and participate at the 10U level must complete the 8U Move-up Request Form found on the WAHA website. The form must be submitted to the WAHA 8U Section Director by November 15 of the current playing season.

The USA Hockey American Development Model (ADM) supports small teams at the 10U level. Under certain circumstances, Associations may move players from 8U to 10U with the approval of Regional Directors and the 8U Section Director.
CRITERIA

1. The association needs skaters to fill a 14-player 10U roster to make a first, second or third team.
2. A need for a goalie at 10U to be filled by an 8U goalie.
3. Other need identified by the Association (such as by a head coach).

NOTES:

Per WAHA eligibility and general rules, 50% of players on an approved roster must be the age of the registered team.

No 7-year-old (i.e., two birth years under 10U) will be approved to play up to 10U.

Players moving up under Category #1 must be placed on the lowest level team the Association offers at the 10U level (if you have a 1c1 and a 1c2, they must be placed on the 1c2 team).

For Associations that wish to allow an exceptionally talented player to skate at the 10U level, the player must be ranked in the top 1/3 of the players on the top-level team. Associations must provide proof to Region Directors and the 8U Section Director that the player did, in fact, rank in the top 1/3 of the skaters on the top- level team following teams evaluation tryouts.

8U Girls wanting to play on a Girls 10U team when an 8U Girls team is not offered at their own association.

WAHA Region Directors and the 8U Section Director make all final approval decisions for all skaters playing up from 8U to 10U.

No 10U roster that contains one or more approved 8U players may exceed 14 total players which includes goalkeepers. Association Registrars are responsible for making sure the roster does not exceed the 14 player limit (which includes goalkeepers) upon submitting the final roster on December 31. Failure to do so will automatically disqualify the team from playoff and State Tournament play.

N. CITIZENSHIP. In order to participate in WAHA Associations and Programs, a player must comply with USA Hockey eligibility requirements and be registered with USA Hockey. EXCEPTIONS:

Except for players on any team classified as Tier I, non-resident Tier II players may participate in 18U and younger classifications in the nearest Wisconsin association program, provided there is no USA Hockey or WAHA, sanctioned program in the city or town of their residence.

O. **Interstate Player Transfer Protocol:** The Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Assn., Inc. (WAHA), a duly registered affiliate of USA Hockey, requires that any player who resides in another state and wishes to play hockey with a team in the WAHA program, without changing his/her residence to Wisconsin, must first obtain a properly executed waiver from the player's resident state. Exceptions to this are areas in which there are border agreements with WAHA.

Conversely, WAHA requires that any Wisconsin resident wishing to play hockey in another state, while remaining a resident of Wisconsin, must first obtain a properly executed waiver from WAHA.

This protocol is consistent with the terms and conditions of the USA Hockey Affiliate Agreement that grants each affiliate the right of "exclusive jurisdiction" within the definition of its geographical boundaries.
The WAHA Board of Directors will designate one person who will act upon all interstate waiver requests from those who submit them, using the following criteria:

This protocol applies to Youth and Girls programs that are conducted during the WAHA "regular season", which extends from September 1 of a given year through the end of the WAHA Youth/Girls State Tournaments in March. Those players in the Adult or Women classifications are excluded from this protocol.

Only players who are registered with their home association in their resident state can apply for a waiver . An approved waiver from the player's resident state must be obtained and approved by the WAHA designee before the player may be placed on a WAHA team roster.

WAHA may accept approved players from another state who wish to play in Wisconsin because the area of the state in which they reside does not offer a program similar to those offered in Wisconsin. These players will be considered as out-of-district players.

Transfer of players who desire an interstate residency waiver based upon other reasons will be considered on a case-by-case basis, and approval of those requests will not be unreasonably withheld and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

P. On-Ice Officials:

1. All teams registered with WAHA/USA Hockey must use only properly registered USA Hockey / WAHA / WHOA officials for all their games. Violations of this rule are subject to Board action.
2. The official method of officiating USA Hockey/WAHA games is ***the*** one Referee and two Linesmen system. However, local associations are authorized to use the two Referee officiating system or the two-referee/two-linesmen officiating system for games under their jurisdiction. (The two-referee/one-linesman officiating system is not an approved USA Hockey officiating system and cannot be used in any USA Hockey/WAHA game)
3. When requested by USA Hockey, WAHA or WHOA, local associations, tournament directors or officials organizations will make their game schedules and officiating assignments accessible.
4. Coaches/players/team managers/spectators may not enter the Referee's dressing room before or after a game. The following actions will take place for violation of this rule:
    a. For a coach or player - a game misconduct penalty shall be assessed by the on-ice officials and a report of the incident filed using the WHOA Game Reporting System. The report will be submitted to the WAHA Disciplinary Committee for possible further disciplinary action or suspension.
    b. For a team manager or spectator (fan) – the on-ice officials shall report the incident on the WHOA Incident Report. The report will be submitted to the WAHA Disciplinary Committee, who will notify the WAHA Region Directors. A mandatory hearing will be held with the team coach and a representative of their association's governing board to discuss possible disciplinary action.
5. All WAHA Associations shall designate a Referee Scheduler responsible for assigning on-ice officials for all games involving WAHA-sanctioned teams and must forward their name and current contact information to their WHOA Region Director by October 31st of each year. Each Referee Scheduler will receive access to the WHOA Scheduler's website where the required officiating certification and eligibility information for officials can be obtained. Association schedulers should contact their WHOA Region Director for website access information.

Q. Each Tier I and Tier II hockey association will designate a Director of Hockey, Safety Coordinator and Culture Education Liaison by November 1 of the current playing season and report the name and contact information to their WAHA Region Directors or in the case of Tier I, to the Chairman of the WAHA Tier I Committee. This person will be an on-ice coach to assist other coaches.

R. Any team that leaves the ice during the game in dispute of a registered referee's decision shall forfeit the game by a 1-0 score (regardless of

the score at the time). The responsible team official (normally the head coach, or the coach acting in the absence of the head coach) shall be assessed a Match Penalty and be subject to a recommended suspension of not less than one year. The one-year suspension shall only be imposed following a hearing.

S. Any player removed from competition or practice by a coach or on-ice official because they exhibit signs or symptoms of a concussion may not return to play until evaluated and approved to return to play by an independent medical physician, who is trained and experienced in evaluation and managing concussions and head injuries, and filling out a USA Hockey Return to Play form, that can be found on the WAHA website under Forms. By independent, it is meant that the medical provider shall not be related in a familial way to the injured player. Note: See WAHA Concussion Management Program for more details regarding removal and returning to play.

T. All players in all age classifications, except Adults, must wear a neck laceration protector. For clarification, this includes youth, girls and junior age classifications. Also, all on-ice officials under the age of 18 must wear neck laceration protectors.

U. All players, including goalkeepers, in the Youth 12U through 18U and in the Girls/Womens 12/U through 19/U are required to wear a **COLORED** (not clear) internal mouthpiece that covers all the remaining teeth of one jaw, customarily the upper. Exception: Mouth guards will not be required if a dentist indicates in writing that the guard would be injurious to proper growth of teeth. The waiver to the rule must be available for inspection on demand.

V. ***GameSheet will be used by WAHA Associations for scorekeeping of games. Rosters must be imported to GameSheet using the USAH Team ID method.***

ARTICLE 2 – STATE TOURNAMENTS

State Tournaments will be held on the following weekends:
(NOTE: the following dates become effective in 2025.)

Prior to WIAA season commencing:
Girls 16U; Girls 19U

Last weekend of February State Tournaments:
Youth 14U, Girls 14U

1st weekend of March State Tournament:
Youth 10U, Girls 12U

2nd weekend of March State Tournament:
Youth 12U, Girls 10U

3rd weekend of March State Tournaments:
Youth 18U

NOTE: Each tournament bid, all classifications, shall specify the exact dates on which the tournament will be held, and each tournament award requires that the tournament be held on one of the specified weekend dates. **NOTE: Specific dates may be reviewed annually and updated.`**

A. How to enter a State Tournament:

1. Your team must be registered and an entry fee must be received by the third Sunday in November, immediately following the WIAA tryout week. No exceptions allowed.
2. Valid Player roster**s** for all levels of competition must be submitted by November 15. To be eligible to enter a State Tournament**:**
   a) a roster cannot exceed the two player out-of-district rule.
   b) A 10U roster that contains one or more approved 8U move up players cannot exceed 14 total players which includes goalkeepers.
   c) For Girls team, secondary cross roster players exceeding 14 are not eligible to participate in playdowns or State Tournament.
   d) 50% of all players on a roster must be age appropriate for the registered level.
3. All Rosters shall be completely verified prior to Friday of the Playoff weekend and before a team's first Playoff game. Completely verified means all players ages are verified, all coaches on the roster have completed all USA/WAHA required processes, including but not limited to: Safe Sport training, Concussion

Awareness training, Background screening, age-appropriate module.

4. After Playoff weekend no coaches may be added to any roster. Only coaches listed on the roster for the Playoffs will be allowed on the bench during a State Tournament. Exception: Should a qualified and verified emergency occur that prevents the coaching staff from attending the State Tournament, a replacement coach may be allowed.

B. General Rules **(NOTE: These rules do not apply to the Tier I/II National Tournament Bound Playoff system. For those rules, see Article 6, Tier I/II National Tournament Bound Playoff Rules.)**

1. Teams entering the state tournament must submit the WAHA State Tournament Entry Form and entry fees to the Treasurer of the WAHA on or before the third Sunday in November, immediately following the WIAA tryout week.

2. All teams wishing to enter State Tournaments must pay $100. If an association fails to meet the registration deadline to register their teams for State Tournament, the fee for that association will increase from $100 per team to $300 per team. In addition, if the association fails to file within seven days of the deadline, the number of teams for that association will not be used in calculations for Wild Card and Open Slots, and the committee's recommendation of the Wild Card and Open Slots for that year's State Tournaments. All teams then advancing (after playoffs) to the actual State Tournament must pay an additional fee as determined by WAHA, within seven (7) days of completion of Regional Playoffs. **NO GATE FEES MAY BE CHARGED FOR ANY STATE TOURNAMENTS.**

3. The Adult No-Check state tournament entry fee will be determined by WAHA.

4. All state tournaments shall be under the supervision of the officers of the WAHA. Tournaments will be awarded by the Tournament Committee composed of the Section Directors of WAHA, subject to approval by the WAHA Board as a whole. Bids for tournaments must be received prior to the annual meeting. Clubs and associations must be members of WAHA and ALL teams under their jurisdiction must be registered for any teams to be eligible for state tournament competition. In order to foster player development through the American Development Model (ADM), WAHA will sponsor State Tournament competition for Youth 10U and Girls 10U and older levels only.

5. All state tournaments must be sanctioned by the WAHA. Host Tournament sites are awarded by WAHA in May. Any association wishing to host a State Tournament must agree to all WAHA State

Tournament requirements, including open ended ice times to accommodate for any overtimes and must submit a bid on the official bid form on or before May 15th in the year two years prior to the year of the tournament being bid on. Only one bid form per association will be accepted by WAHA. A sanction fee of $100 shall be included with each tournament bid. Once awarded, if there are any tournaments that do not have a host awarded, it will be declared as "Open". Bids to host any "Open" must follow the same procedure used to submit initial bids. The WAHA State Tournament committee will make every attempt to award "Open" tournament sites in September.

6. The Adult (Adult U.S.) Tournament may be held in two (2) classifications: Class A and Class B. Tournaments are listed to eight (8) teams and third place game may be eliminated. If more than eight (8) teams enter, elimination games shall be played.

7. The host city is automatically entered in the state tournament.

8. Regional playoff games may be held to determine representatives to the state tournaments. Playoffs, must be completed by Sunday evening of the officially designated State Tournament Playoff Weekend (see "Dates to Remember", inside front cover of this Guidebook). These playoffs must consist of regulation games appropriate for the age classification.

9. Any team that qualifies for a regional/ state playoff tournament and withdraws from that tournament or forfeits any game during state playoffs or tournaments will not be eligible for a refund. In addition, the team's association will be ineligible to host any regional playoff or State tournaments during the next two (2) regular playing seasons and enter any team for State Tournament during the next regular playing season. Also, the association will not be allowed to host any invitational tournaments during the next regular playing season. (A qualified team is any team that properly registers with WAHA and USA Hockey and enters state tournament play by paying the entry fee.) The Board of Directors prior to instituting the penalty shall conduct a hearing.

10. Time for periods for state tournament game shall be STOP time. Any time a team has a six (6) goal lead; the game will be played in running time. Stop time will resume only if the lead is less than six (6) goals.

During running time:

*The clock is stopped when a goal is scored, to assess a penalty, for injuries, or at the direction of the on-ice officials. Once the puck is dropped to restart play, running time resumes.

*Running time continues during the serving of all penalties. If a penalty expires during a stoppage of play, the penalized player must remain in the penalty box until the puck is dropped to start play.
*If a player is serving a penalty that must wait for a stoppage of play (e.g., misconduct, coincidental minors), the player may return to the ice during the stoppage if it does not hold up play. Otherwise, the player must wait until the next stoppage of play.

TIMES OF PERIODS (All stop time in minutes)					
Youth/Girls	Period Minutes	OT*	Penalties		
			Minor	Major	Misconduct
10U	12	8	1	3	6
12U	15	8	1 1/2	4	8
14U	15	8	1 1/2	4	8
16U & older	17	8	2	5	10

* Overtime: Except for Championship games, all games tied at the end of regulation play will play a maximum of two (2) overtime periods of 8 minutes in length and shall be sudden victory. Teams shall change ends for each overtime period. If still tied after the overtime periods, there will be a shootout. The shootout procedure is explained on the following schedule pages. The winner of the shootout will be awarded one additional goal in the final score.

In Championship games ending in a tie after regulation play shall continue with sudden victory overtime period(s) until a winner is determined.

Following is the **recommended** procedure for resurfacing in the case of multiple overtimes *(if time allows)*: play the first overtime immediately following the third period and then resurface. Then play the number of overtimes that approximate the length of a regular period, and then resurface again. Follow this format until a winner emerges.

Time Between Periods: ***90 seconds*** in games with no resurface between periods. 12 minutes for games with a resurface.

11. Only properly registered and classified WAHA teams in good standing are eligible for the WAHA tournaments.

12. Any league or team violating any of the rules and regulations of the WAHA during the playing season may be barred from the WAHA tournament, regardless of its own league rules and regulations.

13. Each Region shall select its representative to the WAHA tournament in any way it sees fit, as long as said representative

conforms to all the rules and regulations of the WAHA. For regional playoffs, should a team be required to play more than one game in a day, the time between games shall be at least three hours for all ages. The time should be counted from the scheduled end of the first game until the scheduled beginning of the second game. Any exception to this rule must have the specific written permission from the WAHA ***Section Director*** of that level.

14. No team shall be required to play a second game in one day against a team playing its first game on that day.

15. No region shall tie their affiliates to any plan which decides which team shall be eligible for state tournament play, unless that plan is approved by the WAHA Board of Directors on/or before Dec. 31 of that playing season.

16. Player regulations for WAHA sanctioned tournaments:

    a. 16U teams and younger may ***roster*** a maximum of 20 players. Youth 18U teams may roster 25 players and may play 20 players. Adult teams may ***roster*** 25 players but have no more than 20 players suited up for the game. Note: Teams going to National Tournaments may only have 18 players and 2 goalies. (NOTE: In each preceding instance, per USA Hockey Playing Rule 201a. ***A maximum of 20 players may be listed on a game scoresheet, in which not more than 18 can be listed as skaters and shall be permitted to play the game***.)

    b. Each listed player shall have played in at least five (5) games in the regular season, with the specific State Tournament-bound team on which he or she is rostered, beginning November 1st of the current playing season, and prior to HIS/HER FIRST PLAYOFF GAME. Any player playing on a team that is not required to participate in Regional Playoffs, shall meet the aforementioned requirement by the Friday of Playoff Weekend. A game is a match played against another team, which is registered with a member organization of the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF), of the same competitive level, not from the same association, and officiated by registered officials. Youth teams interested in USA Hockey Central District Tournament play must have competed as a unit in at least 20 games, and each player on the roster in at least ten (10) games. Girls teams interested in USA Hockey Central District Tournament play must have competed as a unit in at least 14 games, and each player on the roster in at least ten (10) games. (NOTE: Games played against unrostered teams will not

count as games played to fulfill the minimum game requirement.)

c. **No WIAA players are eligible for State Tournament play.**

d. Any player(s) found to be ineligible before, during or after State Tournament play, including regional playoffs shall immediately be ruled ineligible to participate in any remaining games, and the team using the ineligible player(s) shall be required to forfeit any games in which the player(s) participated.

e. Any coach of a team who knowingly plays an ineligible player(s) in State Tournament play, including regional playoffs, will be subject to discipline by the WAHA Board of Directors. If the violation occurred during a State Tournament, the discipline may carry over into the following season. WAHA will follow USA Hockey Bylaw 10 and WAHA rules with regard to imposing discipline.

f. Any manager of a team who has knowledge of an ineligible player(s) on his or her team that participates in State Tournament play, including regional playoffs, will be subject to discipline by the WAHA Board of Directors. If the violation occurred during a State Tournament, the discipline may carry over into the following season. WAHA will follow USA Hockey Bylaw 10 and WAHA rules with regard to imposing discipline.

g. Any player or team official assessed a Game Misconduct or Suspension penalty within 7 days from the first day of Playoffs or State tournament, will be suspended for the next game of their team that is already on the schedule. However, if the next scheduled game is against a team of the different age classification or from the same Association, the suspension must be served during the first Playoff or State Tournament game of their team.

h. Following all WAHA State Tournaments, in the case where a player or coach is assessed a Game Misconduct(s), the local association president must provide the chairman of the WAHA Disciplinary Committee the day, date, time, site and opponent, detailing the game or games that the penalized player or coach sat out. In the case of the player or coach not participating until the next playing season, the penalty would carry over to that next playing season. The WAHA Disciplinary Chairman would notify the local

association president within a reasonable time following the State Tournament and would keep a record to insure that the player or coach had sat out the appropriate game or games.

17. Any team playing in the state tournament that leaves the ice during the game over a disputed decision shall be deemed to have lost the game 1-0, and all expenses due such team shall be withdrawn (this is an exception to USA Hockey Playing Rules).

18. All teams entered in regional or state tournaments must be properly registered with USA Hockey and WAHA. **USA Hockey rosters must be furnished at all play-off and state tournament sites.**

19. The official USA Hockey Rule Book and U.S. Hockey Guide shall guide all tournaments and play-off games.

20. For all tournaments other than Adult, 18U and 16U, rules governing are those spelled out in the following section under Youth Hockey Rules and Regulations.

21. All teams must be properly uniformed and a team will not be considered properly uniformed if the players do not have numbers conspicuously displayed. Home team shall wear light-colored jerseys.

22. The officially designated tournament director for the host city shall abide directly with all tournament rules and regulations as approved by the WAHA.

23. The officers, in all matters pertaining to WAHA regional and state sanctioned tournaments, shall have the power to adjust matters at any time in the best interests of the tournament and the sport of ice hockey in general.

24. WAHA shall provide standardized awards for all state tournaments.

    a. The following awards are to be distributed for an 8-team tournament:
        (1) 1st Place
        (2) 2nd Place
        (3) 3rd Place
        (4) Consolation
        (5) Individual awards for all participating players
        (6) Individual recognition award for players and coaches of first place team.

b. The following awards are to be distributed for a 6-team tournament:
   (1) 1st Place
   (2) 2nd Place
   (3) 3rd Place
   (4) Individual awards for all participating players
   (5) Individual recognition award for players and coaches of first place team.

c. There shall be no "most valuable" or "all-star" team awards given out.

d. WAHA shall set standards for all awards for state tournament play as well as the inscription designation on such awards.

25. The home team or in the absence of a home team, the tournament site shall provide ice, a timekeeper, a scorekeeper, and Game Officials. The WAHA Section Director and the W.H.O.A. Regional Director must approve all Game Officials. A complete list of Game Officials and game assignments must be submitted by the home team or tournament site to the WAHA Section Director and the WHOA Referee-in-Chief no later than 14 days prior to the first game of the tournament. If requested by a WAHA Region Director, the WAHA Region Directors in the Region in which the tournament is being held shall be included in the officiating assignment approval process.
    All officiating assignments shall be entered into the WAHA officiating assignment system no later than 7 days prior to the first game of the tournament.

26. Each visiting team will be responsible for the cost of rooms and meals for their players and coaches.

27. State Tournament Directors must post to the WAHA website, or send immediately to the Section Director of that level, the result of each State Tournament game as it is completed.

28. TOURNAMENT PROTESTS. It is the responsibility of the tournament director to not allow any team unqualified in any way (ages and registration especially) to participate. In case of a protest through participation of play, by a head coach, of a team involved in tournament play, to the local tournament director, he/she shall convene the tournament protest committee to take action. The protest committee shall be made up of the local WAHA Director, the local tournament director and the WAHA Section Director in charge of the tournament or his/her designee. Protests will only be allowed on matters of player eligibility and a decision rendered

based on exact wording of written protest. Tournament protests have to be made in writing within one hour of the completion of the game in questions and accompanied by a $500 fee. Fee to be returned if protest is upheld. All unreturned protest money will be donated to WAHA.

29. All Level 2, 3 and 4 officials must be properly registered with both USA Hockey and WHOA on or before Dec. 31 of the current season. Only Level 2, 3 and 4 officials may officiate playoff and state tournament games. Level 2 officials empowered to officiate only Youth and Girls 14U and lower classification. **Officials who complete any part of their registration process after Jan. 1 of the current season shall not be eligible to officiate in state play-off or state tournament games.**

30. All State Tournament games at the Youth, High School, 18U and 16U, and Girls 19U and 16U classifications must be officiated using the three official (1 Referee, 2 Linesmen) system. However, the two-referee/two-linesmen system may be used in the above classifications. Associations bidding on these levels must be prepared to bring in official from outside of their associations in order to fulfill this requirement. These games will require Level 3 or Level 4 officials for all Referee and Linesman positions.

31. No noise makers, alcohol or mood-altering substances are allowed in the playing area at WAHA State Tournaments. That playing area includes any viewing area and/or bleachers immediately adjacent to the playing surface.

32. In any year that WAHA does not offer a State Tournament in a Division and Level, the teams at that Division and Level will have the option to not participate in any State Tournament and receive a refund, or they may choose to move up to a different Division and/or Level. The chart below shows the options to where teams can move.

Registered Level	Move To One of the Levels Below				
4A	3A	2A	1A		
3A	2A	1A			
3B	3A	2A	2B	1A	1B
2A	1A				
2B	2A	1A	1B		
2C	2A	2B	1A	1B	1C
1B	1A				
1C	1A	1B			

The WAHA Section Director of the level with the cancelled tournament will work with the Associations affected and report to the Tournament Committee which option each team chooses. The WAHA Tournament Committee, by a

Majority vote, will make a recommendation to the full WAHA Board who will have the final approval.

33. All teams must play 3 games at WAHA state tournaments provided at least eight (8) teams enter. Game times for all levels are as follows (Upper Bracket starts with game #1):

Youth 10U and Girls 10/U
(Resurface after each game)

GAME #	Time	
1	8:30 a.m.	Sat (Upper)
2	9:45 a.m.	Sat (Upper)
3	11:00 a.m.	Sat (Lower)
4	12:15 p.m.	Sat (Lower)
Catch Up Time ½ hour		
5	2:00 p.m.	Sat (Upper-L)
6	3:15 p.m.	Sat (Upper-W)
7	4:30 p.m.	Sat (Lower-L)
8	5:45 p.m.	Sat (Lower-W)
Sunday		
9	9:00 a.m.	(7th Place)
10	10:30 a.m.	(Consolation)
11	12:00 p.m.	(3rd Place)
12	1:30 p.m.	(Championship)

Youth 12U and
Girls 12/U
(Resurface after each game)

GAME #	Time	
1	8:00 a.m.	Sat (Upper)
2	9:30 a.m.	Sat (Upper)
3	11:00 a.m.	Sat (Lower)
4	12:30 p.m.	Sat (Lower)
5	2:00 p.m.	Sat (Upper-L)
6	3:30 p.m.	Sat (Upper-W
7	5:00 p.m.	Sat (Lower-L)
8	6:30 p.m.	Sat (Lower-W)
Sunday		
9	8:00 a.m.	(7th Place)
10	9:45 a.m.	(Consolation)
11	11:30 p.m.	(3rd Place)
12	1:15 p.m.	(Championship)

Youth 14U and
Girls 14/U, 16/U, & 19/U
(Resurface every 2 periods)

GAME #	Time	
1	8:00 a.m.	Sat (Upper)
2	9:45 a.m.	Sat (Upper)
3	11:30 a.m.	Sat (Lower)
4	1:15 p.m.	Sat (Lower)
5	3:00 p.m.	Sat (Upper-L)
6	4:45 p.m.	Sat (Upper-W
7	6:30 p.m.	Sat (Lower-L)
8	8:15 p.m.	Sat (Lower-W)
Sunday		
9	8:00 a.m.	(7th Place)
10	10:00 a.m.	(Consolation)
11	12:00 p.m.	(3rd Place)
12	2:00 p.m.	(Championship)

Youth 18U/16U
(Resurface every two periods)

GAME#	Time	
1	6:00 p.m.	Fri (Upper)
2	8:00 p.m.	Fri (Upper)
3	8:00 a.m.	Sat (Lower)
4	10:00 p.m.	Sat (Lower)
5	12:00 p.m.	Sat (Upper-L)
6	2:00 p.m.	Sat (Upper-W)
7	4:00 p.m.	Sat (Lower-L)
8	6:00 p.m.	Sat (Lower-W)
Sunday		
9	8:00 a.m.	(7th Place)
10	10:00 a.m.	(Consolation)
11	12:00 p.m.	(3rd Place)
12	2:00 p.m.	(Championship)

Overtime: Except for Championship games, all games tied at the end of regulation play will play a maximum of two (2) overtime periods of 8 minutes in length and shall be sudden victory. If still tied after the overtime periods, there will be a shootout. Teams shall change ends for each overtime period. The winner of the shootout will be awarded one additional goal in the final score.

Shootout

The shootout will be conducted as follows:

- A shootout is defined as a player attempting to score a goal and the opposing goalkeeper attempting to stop the shooter from scoring the goal.
- The referee shall call the two captains to the referee's crease to flip a coin to determine which team takes the first shot. **The home team will call the coin toss.** The winner of the coin toss will have the choice whether his/her team will shoot first or second.
- All goalkeepers and all players from both teams listed on the official game sheet shall be eligible to participate in the shootout.
- Any player whose penalty had not been completed when the overtime period ended or who receives a penalty during a shootout procedure is not eligible to be one of the players selected to participate in any portion of the shootout procedure(s).
- The shootout procedure shall begin with five different individual shooters from each team taking alternate shots. The players do not need to be named beforehand.
- The goalkeepers from each team may be changed after each shot.
- The players of both teams will take the shots alternately until a decisive goal is scored. The remaining shots will not be taken.
- If after the shootout, the shootout score is still tied, there will be a sudden victory shootout.

Sudden Victory Shootout

The sudden victory shootout will be conducted as follows:

- A sudden victory shootout is defined as each team attempting a shot. Should one team be successful and the other team not, the successful team shall win the shootout.
- Teams will select their shooters to participate in the sudden victory shootout, whether or not they shot in the previous round.
- All goalkeepers and all players from both teams listed on the official game sheet shall be eligible to participate in the shootout.
- Any player whose penalty had not been completed when the over-time period ended or who receives a penalty during a shootout procedure is not eligible to be one of the players selected to participate in any portion of the shootout procedure(s).
- Players in a sudden victory shootout shall not be allowed to take another shot until four additional shooters have completed their attempts.
- The goalkeepers from each team may be changed after each shot.
- The official scorekeeper shall record all shots taken indicating the players, goalkeepers and goals scored.

Six Team Round Robin Tournament

12-Minute Periods

American	**National**
Team 1	Team A
Team 2	Team B
Team 3	Team C

Saturday:

Game #1: Team 1_____ vs Team A_____ 8:00 a.m.
Game #2: Team 2_____ vs Team B_____ 9:30 a.m.
Game #3: Team 3_____ vs Team C_____ 11:00 a.m.

BREAK

Game #4: Team B_____ vs Team 1_____ 3:00 p.m.
Game #5: Team A_____ vs Team 3_____ 4:30 p.m.
Game #6: Team C_____ vs Team 2_____ 6:00 p.m.

Sunday:

Game #7: Team 3_____ vs Team B_____ 8:00 a.m.
Game #8: Team 1_____ vs Team C_____ 9:30 a.m.
Game #9: Team 2_____ vs Team A_____ 11:00 a.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME:
Two teams with most points – 3:00 p.m.

Third Place:
Team with third highest point total after Round-Robin play (use tiebreakers if necessary).

SCORING FORMAT (3 points per game possible):
*3 points for Win in regulation
*2 points for Win in overtime or Shootout
*1 point for loss in overtime or Shootout
*0 points for loss

TIEBREAKERS:

1) In Head-to-Head games of teams tied:
   a) Standings – Most points.
   b) Most wins
   c) Differential – Subtracting goals scored against from goals scored in these games, the positions being determined in order of the greatest surplus. NOTE: A maximum of 6-goal differential shall be used.
   d) Quotient – Dividing the goals scored in these games by the goals scored against, the positions being determined in order of the **greatest** quotient. A quotient involving dividing by zero (0) has higher standing than a quotient from dividing by any number other than zero. Where two or more teams have no goals against and the quotient tiebreaker is required, the teams shall be ranked high to low in descending order of "goals for".

2) If a tie still exists, use the above criteria for ALL games played.

3) If a tie still exists, the quickest first goal scored in ALL games played will be used.

				Total
American Division	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	
Team 1				
Team 2				
Team 3				

				Total
National Division	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	
Team A				
Team B				
Team C				

Six Team Round Robin Tournament

15-Minute Periods

American	**National**
Team 1	Team A
Team 2	Team B
Team 3	Team C

Saturday:

Game #1: Team 1_____ vs Team A_____ 8:00 a.m.
Game #2: Team 2_____ vs Team B_____ 9:45 a.m.
Game #3: Team 3_____ vs Team C_____ 11:30 a.m.

BREAK

Game #4: Team B_____ vs Team 1_____ 3:00 p.m.
Game #5: Team A_____ vs Team 3_____ 4:45 p.m.
Game #6: Team C_____ vs Team 2_____ 6:30 p.m.

Sunday:

Game #7: Team 3_____ vs Team B_____ 8:00 a.m.
Game #8: Team 1_____ vs Team C_____ 9:45 a.m.
Game #9: Team 2_____ vs Team A_____ 11:30 a.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME:
Two teams with most points – 3:00 p.m.

Third Place:
Team with third highest point total after Round-Robin play (use tiebreakers if necessary).

SCORING FORMAT (3 points per game possible):
*3 points for Win in regulation
*2 points for Win in overtime or Shootout
*1 point for loss in overtime or Shootout
*0 points for loss

TIEBREAKERS:

1) In Head-to-Head games of teams tied:
    a) Standings – Most points.
    b) Most wins
    c) Differential – Subtracting goals scored against from goals scored in these games, the positions being determined in order of the greatest surplus. NOTE: A maximum of 6-goal differential shall be used.
    d) Quotient – Dividing the goals scored in these games by the goals scored against, the positions being determined in order of the greatest quotient. A quotient involving dividing by zero (0) has higher standing than a quotient from dividing by any number other than zero. Where two or more teams have no goals against and the quotient tiebreaker is required, the teams shall be ranked high to low in descending order of "goals for".

2) If a tie still exists, use the above criteria for ALL games played.

3) If a tie still exists, the quickest first goal scored in ALL games played will be used.

				Total
American Division	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	
Team 1				
Team 2				
Team 3				

				Total
National Division	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	
Team A				
Team B				
Team C				

Six Team Round Robin Tournament

17-Minute Periods

American	**National**
Team 1	Team A
Team 2	Team B
Team 3	Team C

Saturday:

Game #1: Team 1_____ vs Team A_____ 8:00 a.m.
Game #2: Team 2_____ vs Team B_____ 10:00 a.m.
Game #3: Team 3_____ vs Team C_____ 12:00 p.m.

BREAK

Game #4: Team B_____ vs Team 1_____ 4:00 p.m.
Game #5: Team A_____ vs Team 3_____ 6:00 p.m.
Game #6: Team C_____ vs Team 2_____ 8:00 p.m.

Sunday:

Game #7: Team 3_____ vs Team B_____ 8:00 a.m.
Game #8: Team 1_____ vs Team C_____ 10:00 a.m.
Game #9: Team 2_____ vs Team A_____ 12:00 p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME:
Two teams with most points – 4:00 p.m.

Third Place:
Team with third highest point total after Round-Robin play (use tiebreakers if necessary).

SCORING FORMAT (3 points per game possible):
*3 points for Win in regulation
*2 points for Win in overtime or Shootout
*1 point for loss in overtime or Shootout
*0 points for loss

TIEBREAKERS:

1) In Head-to-Head games of teams tied:
   a) Standings – Most points.
   b) Most wins
   c) Differential – Subtracting goals scored against from goals scored in these games, the positions being determined in order of the greatest surplus. NOTE: A maximum of 6-goal differential shall be used.
   d) Quotient – Dividing the goals scored in these games by the goals scored against, the positions being determined in order of the greatest quotient. A quotient involving dividing by zero (0) has higher standing than a quotient from dividing by any number other than zero. Where two or more teams have no goals against and the quotient tiebreaker is required, the teams shall be ranked high to low in descending order of "goals for".

2) If a tie still exists, use the above criteria for ALL games played.

3) If a tie still exists, the quickest first goal scored in ALL games played will be used.

				Total
American Division	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	
Team 1				
Team 2				
Team 3				

				Total
National Division	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	
Team A				
Team B				
Team C				

34. Home Team Determination for State Tournaments:
*8-Team Bracket: Team listed on top is the Home Team.
*All Round Robins:
a) In the first three games on Saturday, the American Division teams are the Home Team.
b) In the second three games on Saturday, the National Division teams are the Home Team.
c) In the first three games Sunday, the local tournament director does a coin toss with the two head coaches of teams involved. The team that is alphabetically first gets to call it.
d) In the Championship Game, the team with the most points is the Home Team. If necessary, tiebreakers would be used to determine this team. If the tie cannot be broken, a coin toss as described above takes place. Home team shall wear light-colored jerseys.

35. Youth Hockey Rules**:**
    a. AGE CERTIFICATION. Players must have proof of age with them for all playoff and state tournament games. Documents providing proof of age are birth certificates, passports, driver's license, a Wisconsin Register of Deeds Association Fact Sheet, or an approved USA Hockey Team Roster. **NO AGE CERTIFICATION – NO PLAY.** Any purposeful violation not detected at time of check-in will bring a one-year suspension of player or players and coach from date of board action. Proof of age documents must be available for inspection at all tournament games, including play-offs.
    b. All tournaments are to be played on covered ice rinks with artificial ice.
    c. The following regional plan will be in effect for Youth and Girls 14U, 12U and 10U tournaments:

        i. Six (6) regions have been established with each region having one (1) representative in every state tournament, exclusive of host team. A "wild card" berth will be awarded to fill the seventh (7) slot in the eight (8) team state tournament. Once a Region has been awarded a second spot at any given tournament, that Region shall not be included in any further determination for filling of Open Berths unless, in that tournament, it is mathematically necessary.

        ii. The wild card berth shall be awarded as follows:
            a. The region with the most teams registered for that particular tournament, not to include the host team.
            b. If a tie exists, the region having the most teams registered in all

classifications will be awarded the berth.

c. If a tie still exists, the WAHA director in charge of that tournament will determine which region gets the berth.

iii. The open region berths shall be awarded as follows:

a. Open regions will be filled starting with the lowest number first.

b. The region with the most teams registered for that particular tournament not to include the host team, the wild card team or a team filling an open region.

c. If a tie exists, the region having the most teams registered in all classifications will be awarded the berth.

d. If there is another open spot, it will be filled by the next region with the most teams registered for that particular tournament, excluding the region that just filled the previous open berth, using the same tie-breaking procedure as in #3 above.

e. If a tie still exists, the WAHA director in charge of that tournament will determine which region gets the berth.

36. Girls Hockey Rules:
    a. Where there is not a specific rule for girls; youth rules apply, including Registration.
    b. The slap shot shall be permitted in all divisions.
    c. No checking in all Girls divisions.

37. State tournaments at all age levels and classifications Youth and Girls will be seeded. Pairings for first round games shall be 1v8, 2v7, 3v6 and 4v5. Seeding will take place once play downs are completed and will involve the coaches of the state bound teams. Coaches will rank the teams, Section Directors will compile results and set the seedings.

38. Emergency Goaltender for State Tournament Play

    A team whose goaltender suffers a disabling injury/sickness may apply for an emergency replacement goaltender for ***state playoffs***

and state tournament play. ***This rule is applicable only for injury or illness of a goalie. It does not allow for other reasons such as suspension.*** The request must be submitted in writing to the Section Director for the age level the team plays in. The request should include the injury/illness suffered, the prognosis if the goalie may be able to return, the level of the replacement goalie and any other pertinent information that may apply. The Section Director will review and approve or disapprove the request. If approved the injured goalie will be noted on the roster and is no longer eligible to play ***until recovered from the injury or illness***. The replacement goalie will be added to the roster and the roster submitted to the Regional Registrar for approval. ***The Regional Registrar will redline the injured/ill goalie and add a roster note describing the reason why***. The 5-game requirement and the December 31 deadline for roster changes will be waived.
NOTE: Teams/associations should consider adding a 2nd goalie to the roster prior to December 31 from the level below when possible.

ARTICLE 3 – INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

A. All invitational tournaments must be registered and sanctioned with USA Hockey and WAHA. An invitational tournament is defined as an ice hockey competition, other than normally scheduled league or exhibition games, where multiple legally registered teams compete within a specified time frame in which a champion may or may not be determined. This shall include gatherings typically consisting of three (3) or more teams. This shall also include events described as Showcases, Exhibitions, league championship tournaments, or any gathering of teams outside of regular season games. This does not include a format involving three teams where A plays B, B plays C and A plays C for purposes of scheduling regular season games.

B. Hosting an unsanctioned tournament or violating WAHA and/or USA Hockey tournament rules will be cause for penalties to the hosting association:

1. For the first offense the association will not be allowed to host invitational tournaments at any age level for the balance of the current season and following season.

2. For the second offense within a three-year period, the violating association will not be allowed to host or to participate in invitational and WAHA state tournaments (including playoffs) at any age level for the balance of the current season and the following season.

3. Penalized associations may not have another affiliate association host tournaments at the penalized association's site.

C. WAHA affiliate teams participating in unsanctioned tournaments may be suspended from any WAHA activities for the balance of that season and the following season.

D. WAHA will not sanction invitational tournaments for any of its classifications for which it sponsors State Tournaments, if said

invitational tournament is scheduled for the same weekend as that classification's State Tournament. Invitational Tournaments on State Playoff Weekend are not allowed – NO EXCEPTIONS. WAHA may allow invitational tournaments to be scheduled for the weekend of its State Tournament for any of its classifications under the following conditions:

a. Requests to host invitational tournaments on any State Tournament weekend must be supported by the State Tournament Committee and Region Directors of the hosting Region before being advertised.
b. The tournament cannot be organized or advertised until after the State Playoff weekend Sunday.
c. No team that qualifies to participate in a State Tournament can play in the invitational tournament.
d. The tournament host must comply with all WAHA invitational rules and regulations.

E. WAHA will not sanction full-ice tournaments, jamborees, or full-ice games for 8 and Under players (Youth and Girls) between the dates of September 1 and April 1 of the current playing season. WAHA will sanction cross-ice 8/U tournaments as Grow-the Game events and charge no sanction fee for these tournaments anytime during the current playing season.

Age appropriate 8U development begins with cross-ice hockey. Without the comfort of open ice, kids must rely on creative ways to stick-handle, skate and outsmart their opponents. It's been proven that kids who begin their hockey training in this environment develop a better foundation of skills and hockey instincts and enjoy the game more. Establishing an appropriate learning progression and culture of development helps to enhance athleticism and emphasize skill development for players to reach their full potential. For more information, go to admkids.com.

Rink Size:
Required to use one of the following for 8U games: cross-ice (recommended), half ice, or studio rink. Two-thirds ice or full ice may NOT be used. It is recommended that hard divider boards be used to divide the rink for White and Red, bumpers may be used for Blue level.

Recommendations by 8 and Under Red, White, Blue Playing Levels:

To the extent possible, match players with similar ability levels.

- Blue: Play 3v3 with mini nets (2' x 3') without a goalie.
- White: 3vs3 with intermediate nets (3' x 4.5') and goalies using quick change gear or stick, glove/ blocker only.
- Red: 3vs3 (recommended) or 4 x 4 with intermediate nets and goalies with full goalie equipment.

No 5 vs 5 at any time.

Game Rules

1. The goal is to keep the players active every other shift to maximize playing time. Team size should be 6-10 skaters. Shifts should be 60-90 seconds and regulated by a whistle or horn. Use a running clock buzzer to keep track of time.
2. Keeping score in cross-ice games should be used only as a tool to enhance the progression of players and create a game environment at 8U. Wins, losses, individual statistics, and standings should not be a part of 8U hockey.
3. Referees are encouraged to start at 8U. They do not call penalties, but rather help instruct players to follow the rules. For any flagrant infractions, situations that could result in injury or repeated penalty situations for one player, the referee will escort that player to the coach for further instruction and/or discipline if needed.

F. Any WAHA association that allows a registered 8 and Under team to participate in a full-ice tournament, jamboree or game, shall be penalized by the loss of the right to host a sanctioned invitational tournament for the period of one playing season, and a WAHA State Tournament for the period of three playing seasons.
G. Any coaches who are in violation of this rule for 8 and Under shall be suspended from coaching for one year and must appear before a three-member Disciplinary Committee before being allowed to return to coaching.
H. WAHA will not sanction any invitational tournament for any of its classifications for which it sponsors State Playoffs, if said invitational tournament is scheduled for the same weekend as the State Playoffs unless approval is granted by the WAHA Region Directors of the region in which the invitational tournament is being held.

ARTICLE 4 – TEAM CATEGORIES

A. ADULT CLASSIFICATIONS

1. All Adult teams in WAHA shall be classified as adult non-check over 30, adult non-check, adult elite, adult U.S.

a. ADULT NON-CHECKING 30 AND OVER Restricted to U.S. residents. Unrestricted as to citizenship, and unlimited so as to include amateurs and/or reinstated professionals. Limited as to: Exclude any player who plays that current season as a professional player, or on an NCAA (Div. I, II, or III) or Junior College, or College Club team. Players shall be 30 years of age or older. Exception: Goalkeepers (2) may be 25 years of age or older before Dec. 31 of the playing season.
b. ADULT--NON-CHECKING-- Restricted to U.S. residents. Unrestricted as to citizenship and unlimited so as to include

amateurs and/or reinstated professionals. Limited as to: Exclude any player who plays that current season as a professional player or on an NCAA (Div. I, II, or III) or Junior College, or College club team. Players shall be 18 years of age or older.

c. ADULT--ELITE – Restricted to U.S. residents. Unrestricted as to citizenship but limited to no more than three (3) non-U.S. citizens. Limited to amateurs and/or reinstated professionals who have played less than five (5) professional games during that current season.

d. ADULT U.S. – Restricted to U.S. citizens, either U.S. born or naturalized with final papers. Limited as to: Exclude any reinstated professionals and any player who plays that current season on an NCAA (Div. I, II, or III) or Junior College, or College Club team.

2. Teams may appeal the use of non-American players to the WAHA Board of Directors for waiver of this rule.

3. A reinstated amateur is a player who played professional hockey and signed a professional contract in a recognized professional league, but who has not participated in a professional league game for two full seasons.

B. 18U – 16U

1. HIGH SCHOOL. Restricted to youth players who are enrolled as a full-time student or an approved DPI home study program (grades 9-12) who are 18 years of age and under on the first day of the school year of that season in which they wish to play, whose parents reside in Wisconsin or in a Wisconsin association boundary, or are eligible inter-state transfer players. Eligibility shall not exceed eight (8) consecutive semesters starting with the player's freshman year (9th grade). **NOTE: No WIAA Players are eligible for state tournament play.**

2. YOUTH 18 & UNDER. Restricted to any youth whose parents reside in Wisconsin or in a Wisconsin association boundary, or are eligible inter-state transfer players, and limited to players who are 18 years of age and under on or before Dec. 31 of the hockey season in which they wish to play. **NOTE: No WIAA Players are eligible for state tournament play.**

3. YOUTH 16 & UNDER Restricted to any youth whose parents reside in Wisconsin or in a Wisconsin association boundary, or are eligible inter-state transfer players, and limited to players who are 16 years of age and under on or before Dec. 31 of the hockey season in which they wish to play. **NOTE: No WIAA Players are eligible for state tournament play.**

C. YOUTH CLASSIFICATIONS

NOTE: USA Hockey Age Classification Chart is found in the Appendix, at the back of this Guidebook.

1) YOUTH 14U. Restricted to any youth whose parents reside in Wisconsin or in a Wisconsin association boundary, or are eligible inter-state transfer players, and limited to amateurs who are 14 years of age and under on or before Dec. 31 of the hockey season in which they wish to play. **No WIAA players are eligible for state tournament play.**

2) YOUTH 12U. Restricted to any youth whose parents reside in Wisconsin or in a Wisconsin association boundary, or are eligible inter-state transfer players, and limited to amateurs who are 12 years of age and under on or before Dec. 31 of the hockey season in which they wish to play.

3) YOUTH 10U. Restricted to any youth whose parents reside in Wisconsin or in a Wisconsin association boundary, or are eligible inter-state transfer players, and limited to amateurs who are 10 years of age and under on or before Dec. 31 of the hockey season in which they wish to play.

4) YOUTH 8U. Restricted to any youth whose parents reside in Wisconsin or in a Wisconsin association boundary, or are eligible inter-state transfer players, and limited to amateurs who are 8 years of age and under on or before Dec. 31 of the hockey season in which they wish to play.

D. GIRLS/WOMENS CLASSIFICATIONS

NOTE: USA Hockey Age Classification Chart is found in the Appendix, at the back of this Guidebook.

1. ADULT WOMEN. Any age.

2. GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL – Restricted to amateur female players whose parents reside in the State of Wisconsin, reside in a Wisconsin association boundary or are eligible inter-state transfer players and are enrolled as a full-time student (grades 9-12) or an approved DPI program and are under nineteen (19) years of age on or before December 31 of the playing season.

3. GIRLS 19 & UNDER - Restricted to female players whose parents reside in the State of Wisconsin, reside in a Wisconsin association boundary or are eligible inter-state transfer players and limited to amateurs who are nineteen

(19) years of age and under on or before Dec. 31 of the hockey season in which they wish to play.

4. GIRLS 16 & UNDER - Restricted to female players whose parents reside in the State of Wisconsin, reside in a Wisconsin association boundary or are eligible inter-state transfer players and limited to amateurs who are sixteen (16) years of age and under on or before Dec. 31 of the hockey season in which they wish to play.

5. GIRLS 14 & UNDER – Restricted to female players whose parents reside in the State of Wisconsin, reside in a Wisconsin association boundary or are eligible inter-state transfer players and limited to amateurs who are fourteen (14) years of age and under on or before Dec. 31 of the hockey season in which they wish to play.

6. GIRLS 12 & UNDER - Restricted to female players whose parents reside in the State of Wisconsin, reside in a Wisconsin association boundary or are eligible inter-state transfer players and limited to amateurs who are twelve (12) years of age and under on or before Dec. 31 of the hockey season in which they wish to play.

7. GIRLS 10 & UNDER - Restricted to female players whose parents reside in the State of Wisconsin, reside in a Wisconsin association boundary or are eligible inter-state transfer players and limited to amateurs who are ten (10) years of age and under on or before Dec. 31 of the hockey season in which they wish to play.

8. GIRLS 8 & UNDER - Restricted to female players whose parents reside in the State of Wisconsin, reside in a Wisconsin association boundary or are eligible inter-state transfer players and limited to amateurs who are eight (8) years of age and under on or before Dec. 31 of the hockey season in which they wish to play.

ARTICLE 5 – CLASSIFICATION

A. LEVELS OF CLASSIFICATION DEFINED**:**

Division 1 – A districted association that is considered to be one of the top associations in the state.

Division 2 - A districted association that is classified at a level between Division 1 and Division 3.

Division 3 – A districted association that is classified at a level between Division 2 and Division 4.

Division 4 – A districted association that is determined to be at the fourth level of WAHA classification.

Classifying Associations:
Teams in each division will be reflected as listed below:

Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Division 4
1A	2A	3A	4A
1B	2B	3B	4B
1C	2C	3C	4C

Divisions can be extended to subsequent letter designations as required in each division to allow for future growth.

Associations are placed into divisions using the following criteria:

a. Ability to schedule ice.
b. Number of youth teams.
c. Success in league play.
d. Number of times teams qualify for state tournaments.
e. Past success at state tournaments.
f. Size of association – number of skaters.

Classification – All districted associations at the Youth 14U, 12U and 10U levels are to be classified into four divisions for state play in the manner listed below. Teams that wish to play in a higher division, see Exceptions to Classification.

Division 1

1A - the top team in the association
1B - the second team in the association
1C - the third and fourth team in the association

If a Division 1 association has more than four teams, it may register those additional teams at any level in their division. Division 1 teams may only play in Division 1.

Division 2

2A - the top team in the association
2B - the second team in the association
2C - the third team in the association

If a Division 2 association has more than three teams, it may register those additional teams at any level in their division. Division 2 teams may only play in Division 2.

Division 3

3A - the top team in the association
3B - the second team in the association
3C - the third team in the association

If a Division 3 association has more than three teams, it may register those additional teams at any level in their division. Division 3 teams may only play in Division 3.

Division 4

4A - the top team in the association
4B - the second team in the association
4C - the third team in the association

If a Division 4 association has more than three teams, it may register those additional teams at any level in their division. Division 4 teams may only play in Division 4.

Girls

Associations rostering two teams in an age division will be classified as Gold (top team) and Bronze (second team): they can select to designate both teams as Gold, but not both as Bronze. Associations rostering one team in an age division will be classified as Silver.

There must be 30 teams entered into and eligible for the State Tournament at an age level to be able to classify Gold/Silver/Bronze. If there are less than 30 teams, A & B classifications will be used, determined by the following criteria.

1. A team supported by a WAHA Division 1 association, or a roster with players from three or more associations shall be identified as Division A.
2. A team supported by a WAHA Division 2, 3, or 4 association shall be identified as Division B.
3. An association with two teams or more at the same age level will identify at least one team as Division A. The second or additional teams will be identified as Division B.
4. A team with a player(s) who is currently rostered on a Tier 1 Before Season team will be designated as Division A.

If there are less than 20 teams, a single open classification will be in effect.

B. CLASSIFICATION ACTIONS:

1. The Classification Committee of the WAHA Board reserves the right to determine the division level of each association. In addition, the Classification Committee reserves the right to approve or disapprove any association requests to be placed at a given division.
2. Exceptions to Classification: In any one year, any team not categorized as Division 1 may apply to skate at the next higher division, but they must participate at the highest level at that division. In the event that a given level has less than six teams registered for the state tournament, that level will be combined with the next highest level in their division.
3. Classification Appeals: Associations have the right to petition WAHA to be classified at a different division and to appeal the

division placement to the Classification Committee. The Classification Committee makes division placements recommendations to the WAHA Board. The WAHA Board has the final decision-making power over all division placement decisions.

4. Tournament Entry
   a. A team and/or association MUST enter their highest classified team in a state tournament BEFORE they can enter a team in a lower classification tournament (A before B, B before C, C before D, D before E).
   b. An association that is reclassified to a higher classification may hold one team back for the upcoming season for state tournament play.

5. Classifications for the Current Season: Classifications for the current season can be found in the Classification Appendix, in the back of this Guidebook.

ARTICLE 6 - TIER I AND NATIONAL TOURNAMENT BOUND TEAMS – RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. GENERAL INTENT:

The general intent of Tier I Hockey in Wisconsin is to provide an opportunity for the best Wisconsin youth players to develop and compete at the highest level of hockey available in North America at their ages by and through USA Hockey and WAHA. Tier I Hockey in Wisconsin is limited to those youth players who have the desire and ability to play at a higher level and wish to continue to develop as players by playing Tier I Hockey.

II. DEFINITIONS:

The following definitions shall apply to these Rules and Regulations:

A. TIER I ASSOCIATION**:**

Tier I Associations have no specific district. A Tier I Association registers 3 or more players from WAHA districted Associations and/or players from other USA Hockey Affiliates, who have the desire and ability to play at a higher level. A Tier I team is a team that enters and registers for USA Hockey District and National Tournament play (where applicable) and pays the associated fees by October 1st of each season.

B. FULL SEASON ORGANIZATIONS:

The playing season for full season Tier I hockey shall commence on September 1st or on the day of the first

scheduled game of the season, whichever occurs first, and end on the last day of the USA Hockey National Tournament of each year unless otherwise unanimously approved by the Tier I Committee.

C. BEFORE AND AFTER ORGANIZATIONS:

The only Tier I Before and After NATIONAL TOURNAMENT BOUND program sanctioned by the Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association shall be TEAM WISCONSIN. WAHA will allow Tier I programs to run before only season non-national tournament bound teams. Skaters must then return to their association teams. All guidance and direction of the teams will come from the Tier 1 Committee prior to the season start.

1. A Before and After team playing season shall commence on August 1st of each year and cease upon the beginning of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) hockey season. It shall then commence again at the completion of the player's WIAA hockey season and end on the last day of the National Tournament of each year unless otherwise unanimously approved by the WAHA Board upon recommendation from the Tier I Committee.

2. All Before and After high school skaters 18 years old and younger (under USA Hockey age classifications) players must attend a high school or an approved DPI home study program and be a legal resident of the State of Wisconsin OR border resident and enrolled and attending a Wisconsin school or school part of a WIAA Co-op program (must be approved by bordering affiliate). **Exception:** 14U age level players not eligible to be enrolled in high school or an approved DPI home study program at the 18U level, may play for their "Community Based" Tier 2 program. It is the intent of WAHA sanctioned Before and After teams to give high school aged skaters a chance to play before the WIAA hockey season and for those eligible to be **Tier II** National Tournament Bound after the WIAA hockey season as well.

3. All Tier I Before and After skaters must play WIAA hockey during the hockey season, when it is available to them. Any request for an exception must be submitted to the WAHA Secretary by July 15th.

III. GOVERNANCE:

A. TIER I COMMITTEE

The WAHA President shall establish and appoint a Tier I Committee comprised of a minimum of three (3) WAHA Directors. The WAHA President shall appoint the Tier I Committee Chairperson.

B. AUTHORITY

The Tier I Committee shall have responsibility for all matters pertaining to Tier I Member Associations, Tier I Organizations, Tier I Teams, and Tier I Hockey, subject to the WAHA Board of Directors review, direction, change and approval. This shall include, but is not limited to, recommending the following:

1. granting or terminating of authority to organize and/or operate a Tier I Organization, club or association ("Tier I Organization") and/or field a Tier I Team ("Tier I Team");

2. the total number of Tier I Teams permitted in any age division; and,

3. establishing guidelines, which shall be used to carry out the purpose of the Committee.

C. The WAHA Board of Directors has final approval of all recommendations and decisions by the WAHA Tier I Committee.

D. The Tier I Committee shall meet on a quarterly basis, in person or by conference call. All authorized Tier I Organizations shall attend these meetings.

IV. CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING TEAMS:

A. GENERAL

A Tier I Organization is an organization duly organized and operating in accordance with the By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and Policies of WAHA and authorized annually by WAHA to field, govern and control Teams organized by that Tier I Organization in the State of Wisconsin on a season by season term and which authorization expires annually at the end of the authorized season (September 1 {or at the time of the first scheduled game, whichever is earlier} through August 31).

B. RESPONSIBILITY

Each Tier I Organization shall govern, control and be fully responsible for its Organization, the actions, inactions and/or infractions of its teams, players, coaches, managers, parents, and personnel. This responsibility shall include debts incurred by or in the name of the Tier I Organization or any of its Tier I Teams.

C. LIMITATION

1. There will be no more than three (3) Full Season Tier 1 Organizations, in the State of Wisconsin. Note: This does not mean that there will be three at all times. WAHA reserves the right to sanction only one or two or even none in any given season.

2. Tier I Organizations must be an entirely separate and distinct entity and operation apart from a Tier II Organization. A Tier I Organization or Tier I Team cannot be part of or affiliated with a Tier II Team or Tier II Organization.

3. No person shall be an Officer, Director, Hockey Director, Coaching Director (ACE Coordinators), Manager, etc. of a Tier I Organization and hold any of the above positions in a Tier II Organization.

4. Nothing herein shall be interpreted to preclude an Independent Contractor who is offering his/her services to the public at large from offering and providing his/her services as a skating or skills instructor to any Tier I or Tier II Team. The Independent Contractor shall not be an employee, full-time instructor or representative of either Organization nor participates in any manner, directly or indirectly, with the evaluation of players, recruiting or offering Players the opportunity to play for the Organizations, which hired the Independent Contractor.

5. Tier I coaches may coach/assist skater education for any Tier II association inviting them to do so. Tier I coaches can also participate in all WAHA player development evaluations and training as requested by WAHA.

D. GUIDELINES FOR DETERMINING NUMBER OF TEAMS

1. Guidelines for determining the number of Tier I

Teams shall include, but not be limited to the following:

a. The number of rostered players in an age division in Wisconsin.

b. The number of rostered players in the age division who will play Tier I hockey in Wisconsin.

c. An organization may field one (1) Team at each of the following levels:

Youth	Girls
18U	19U
16U	16U
15O	14U
14U	12U
13O	
12U Youth Major	
12U Youth Minor	
10U Major	
9O	

2. A Tier I Organization may field a 10U Youth Major team provided the Organization complies with the ADM Guidelines established by the Tier I Committee. A failure to follow the ADM Guidelines as determined by a review by the Tier I Committee or designees will result in a loss of right to field a Youth 10U Major team. No 8U age player may play on the Youth 10U Major team.

E. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Every authorized new or existing Tier I Organization shall comply with the minimum requirements set forth in this Article, WAHA and USA Hockey By-laws, Policies, Rules and Regulations, which include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

1. Eligibility for Tier I Full Season Organization Status

a. Must field a minimum of three teams – two must be at major level and one major team must be at the 14U Youth level. If a Tier I Organization fields Girls' teams, they must field a minimum of one team.

b. All Major teams must be entered in the USA Hockey National Tournament process, starting with the

WAHA Tier I Playoffs, provided USA Hockey offers a National Tournament for all levels.

c. Must only play between August 1 through the end of the National Tournament for their age level, e.g., 16Us.

d. Youth Teams must play a minimum of a ***18***-game schedule during the season. Girl's teams must play a minimum of ***18***-game schedule during the season.

Note: A game is a match played against another team that is registered with a member Organization of the IIHF, of the same competitive level (Tier and age level) and officiated by USA Hockey registered officials.

e. The rosters of all Tier I teams registered with WAHA must reflect the following out-of-state player limitations:

*10U Tier I – Zero (0)
*11U Tier I – Zero (0)
*12U Tier I – One (1)
*13U Tier I – Two (2)
*14U Tier I – Five (5)
*15O Tier I – Six (6)
*16U Tier I – Seven (7)
*18U Tier I – Nine (9)
*19U Tier I – Nine (9)

F. CONSEQUENCES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE OF THE ABOVE CRITERIA

1. Failure to fulfill all of the above criteria will result in being placed on a one-year trial status. During the trial year, the Organization can participate as a Tier I Organization and can compete for District and National Tournaments.

2. If an organization does not comply fully with the above criteria during the trial year, they will not be allowed to compete for the following year.

3. During the trial year, the Organization will meet with the Tier I Committee (during November/December of the trial year) to present information regarding the status of the Tier I Organization. The Tier I Committee will schedule a meeting with the Tier I Organization and request information from the Organization regarding its programming and

activities. The Tier I Organization will be notified of its approval/disapproval to continue operations in January of the trial year and the conditions that the Organization must meet in order to continue operating as an approved Tier I Organization.

G. All team owners, directors of hockey operations, directors, and operational managers of a Tier I Hockey Association must be legal residents of the State of Wisconsin.

H. All Tier I games played in Wisconsin must be officiated by properly registered USA Hockey and WHOA officials. The one referee/two linesman or two referee/two linesman officiating systems are strongly recommended for all Tier I games.

V. TIER I TEAM AUTHORIZATION PROCEDURE:

A. APPLICATION

1. New Tier I Team Organizations shall complete and deliver to the Tier I Chairperson, no later than November 15th of each year, the WAHA Tier I Application along with the required application fee to WAHA.

2. Any existing Tier 1 Organization that has met all of the Tier 1 Organization requisites for the previous season ("Existing Tier 1 Organization") shall complete an updated Tier 1 Application along with the required application fee to WAHA and deliver it to the Chairperson no later than December 1st of each year. The Tier 1 Committee shall meet as soon as possible after December 1st of each year and notify existing Tier 1 Organizations no later than January 1st of their eligibility to continue operations for the succeeding hockey season.

3. An existing Tier 1 Organization shall be eligible for a two-year (2) application approval if approved by the Tier 1 committee. A Tier 1 Organization with a two-year (2) approval shall apply for review every year.

4. Each application shall comply fully with the requirements set forth in paragraph B below.

5. No new or existing Tier I Organization shall have authority to operate or otherwise participate in Tier I Hockey in any capacity unless it has received its authorization from the Tier 1 Committee in writing.

6. The Tier I Committee and Tier I Chairperson shall recommend to the WAHA Board of Directors the acceptance or denial of each application. The recommendation shall be in writing and shall clearly state any and all reasons.

7. An appeal by an existing Tier I Organization from such a denial may be taken to the WAHA Board of Directors at the next meeting thereof, or at a special meeting called for the purpose of hearing the appeal. The special appeal hearing must not occur prior to seven calendar days after the appeal has been submitted.

B. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The following information will be provided in the Organization Application:

1. A list of Officers and Directors, and the number of Tier I Teams at each level.

   On or before July 1, the names of the Coaches for each team with written proof that each Coach has obtained the appropriate Coaching Certification level and has complied with WAHA Screening requirements or has the ability to and will obtain those.

2. Documentation demonstrating that the Tier I Organization is able to procure sufficient ice to support an appropriate number of home games and practices consistent with the size of its program, its season and this Article.

3. A Fact Sheet describing the programs and costs for Organization participation.

4. Written By-laws, Rules, and Regulations of the Organization, if changed from prior year.

5. Current compliance and a statement of future ability, intent and procedures to comply with the USA Hockey and WAHA By-Laws, Policies, Rules and Regulations.

6. Financial information demonstrating that the Tier I Organization is financially solvent and stable with the ability to finance the next season.

7. Updated information can be requested at any time from the WAHA Tier 1 Committee.

C. NOTIFICATION

The Tier I Chairperson, or his/her designee will notify existing or new Tier I Organizations, in writing, of the acceptance or denial of its application by January 1st.
Approved Tier I Organizations may post their tryout schedule on or after February 1st.

D. PLAYER LIMITATIONS

1. No Tier I Organization may apply for or have more than one Minor and one Major team at any given age level authorized by WAHA. No Youth 10U Minor team shall be authorized. A Minor team must consist of all Minor age players.

2. No Tier I authorization will be given for any 8U teams.

3. No Player may play on any Tier I Team unless that player is of at least Youth 10U age (under USA Hockey age classifications) for the upcoming season.

E. MID-SEASON DISCONTINUANCE

Any Organization that stops operations in the middle of the season will pay each player a pro-rata share of any monies paid.

VI. TEAM SELECTION PROCESS:

A. AGREEMENTS BETWEEN PLAYER/PARENT AND THE TEAM/PROGRAM; ROSTERS

USA Hockey and WAHA will recognize Player Agreements at the Tier I level according to and as set forth herein.

1. Upon execution by the Signing Team, player and parents, a Player Agreement will commit and bind the player to the Signing Team for the entirety of the applicable Playing Season, and the player will not be permitted to be rostered or to participate in any way with another USA Hockey Tier I team during the Playing Season except as set forth herein.

2. The Player Agreement will also bind the Signing Team to that player and secures a roster spot for that player on the Signing Team for the entire applicable

Playing Season. The Signing Team cannot cut, release or dismiss a player from the team except as set forth herein.

3. Notwithstanding the restrictions set forth herein, it shall not be a violation of this Section if a player and program allow the player to participate on another Tier I Team within that program pursuant to and in compliance with the Vertical Roster Integration Program set forth in the USA Hockey Rules and Regulations Section III.C.

4. The Player Agreement will indicate that the player may not participate in any Tryout for another Tier I team/program during the term of the Player Agreement; a violation of this provision will subject the player to not less than a five-game suspension. In the event a player who has signed a Player Agreement has been found to have participated in any Tryout for another Tier I team/program, then the player will be ineligible to sign a Player Agreement or participate with that program for a period of 18 months from the last date of the Tryout. The Player Agreement will not restrict a player from moving to or participating with another team in the following circumstances:

   a. The Player Agreement would not restrict a player from leaving a Signing Team and playing on or participating with a USA Hockey Tier II (youth or girls), High School, Junior hockey or college hockey team;

   b. The Player Agreement would not restrict a player from playing with any other team, including a Tier I team, if the Signing Team and player mutually agree for the player to be released by the Signing Team;

   c. If the player were released by the Signing Team for violation of the Player Agreement requirements or other violation by the player of the Signing Team's or its programs written Code of Conduct, and is released following any required hearing and appeal process required under USA Hockey or Affiliate bylaws or rules, then the Player Agreement would not restrict the player from joining another team that season;

d. The Player Agreement would not restrict a player from playing with another team, including a Tier I team, if the player files a grievance with any applicable Affiliate (the Signing Team's Affiliate and, if different, the Affiliate where the player would like to sign) and a hearing is held or overseen by the affiliate Presidents Review Subcommittee (and not the Signing Team or Local Program) where it is determined that the Signing Team, its coach(es) or other participants have violated USA Hockey Safe Sport Policies or other USA Hockey, Affiliate or Signing Team policies which violation(s) justify the player's release from the Player Agreement and eligibility to sign with another Tier I team (but still subject to any other rostering rules and timelines). The Affiliate Presidents Review Subcommittee shall endeavor to hold hearing on such grievances on an expedited basis when appropriate. The Affiliate Presidents Review Subcommittee's determination shall be final and is not subject to appeal, except that any suspension imposed by the Affiliate Presidents Review Subcommittee shall be appealable to the National Appeal Committee.

5. Prior to offering a Player Agreement to a player, or signing the Player Agreement, an authorized program or team representative from the Signing Team must present and review a Team Fact Sheet with the player and their parent, which must include all the information, provisions and requirements the player and family will be committing to by signing the Player Agreement and becoming a member of the Signing Team. The Team Fact Sheet must be referenced in the signed Player Agreement, must be signed by the team and parents, and must be provided to the player's parents. The required elements of the Team Fact Sheet must include at least the following information:

a. The specific team upon which player will be rostered;

b. The Signing Team's anticipated budget and fees for the season, which includes team fees

to participate on the Signing Team for the season, uniform or equipment fees, and anticipated travel fees (to the extent known or planned) for the player and any required travel for parents, and any other anticipated fees that are required to be paid as a condition of participation on the team;

c. The required payment schedule or payment options for the fees in (b) above;

d. The anticipated or planned number and average per week of practice, games, off-ice sessions, etc.

e. Any player code of conduct and/or parent code of conduct required for participation on the Signing Team; and

f. Players and families and the Signing Team acknowledge and agree to be bound by the terms of the Team Fact Sheet and Player Agreement.

6. Teams are only allowed to offer and sign the number of players to Player Agreements equal to the maximum number of roster spots permitted on a USA Hockey Roster at any one time for the Signing Team's rostered age level. For example, a team that is permitted to have 20 players on a USA Hockey roster may not sign more than 20 players to Player Agreements and then move players on and off the roster. A team may only sign additional players to Player Agreements if another player on the roster has been released from their Player Agreement pursuant to Section1.c. above.

7. The Player Agreement will be immediately binding on the Signing Team upon the signature of the team, player and parents. The player will also be immediately bound to the Player Agreement upon signature by the Signing Team, player and parents.

8. During any time a Player Agreement is in effect as set forth above, any Player Agreement signed with a different team shall not be enforceable.

9. The binding nature of the Player Agreement addresses only the player's commitment to the Signing Team, the Signing team's commitment to the

player, and the enforceability of the rules and requirements set forth in this Policy. USA Hockey and the applicable Affiliate(s) are not responsible for enforcing the contractual terms of the Team Fact Sheet.

B. SIGNING PLAYERS

Subject to the provisions below, teams may sign players to a Player Agreement either (a) during the Off-Season, or (b) during the current Playing Season prior to December 31. Player Agreements signed during the Off-Season are valid for the following Playing Season only. Player Agreements signed during the current Playing Season are valid for that Playing Season only. No Tier I team/program may sign a player to a Player Agreement if that player has already been bound to a Signing Team through a signed Player Agreement. No Tier I team may have more signed Player Agreements than permitted roster spots on its team.

1. Off-Season Player Agreements: A Tier I team cannot offer or sign players to Player Agreements until the beginning of the Off-Season, which begins 48 hours after the conclusion of the National Tournament. Beginning with the Off-Season, a Tier I team may sign players that are not already bound to a different Tier I team (by a Player Agreement signed with such team) to fill up to the maximum allowed roster spots.

2. Player Agreements During Playing Season: A Tier I may offer or sign players that are not already signed to a Player Agreement with another Tier I team at any time prior to December 31 of that Playing Season, provided that at no time may the Tier I team have more signed Player Agreements than roster spots on its team.

Notwithstanding any of the above, a player that signs a Player Agreement that is already rostered on a USA Hockey Tier II, High School, Junior or College hockey team must first secure a release from the player's current rostered team before being added to the Signing Team's roster.

C. ROSTER

3. USA Hockey Rosters must be submitted to the Tier I Chairperson by the dates set out in these Rules or as designated by the Tier I Chairperson.

4. USA Hockey rosters for Tier I Teams must be submitted to the WAHA Registrar by September 1st (or by the first scheduled game of the season, whichever comes first) of the ensuing Playing Season for Girls 12U, 14U and 16U teams.

D. RECRUITING.TAMPERING AND TRYOUTS

The USA Coaching Ethics Code provides:

> "Coaches will not recruit a participant who is already a member of another USA Hockey Team. Direct contact by as coach or his/her staff or indirect contact through an agent or parent during the playing season with a participant who is a member of another USA Hockey team is considered tampering and is prohibited."

Coaches (or "persons affiliated with the team" as defined below) who make contact with a player (or the player's agent, advisor, or parents/family members) who is bound to another Signing Team through a Player Agreement, for the purpose of inviting, enticing, or convincing them to play for a specific team/program other than the Signing Team during the current Playing Season, shall be considered Tampering and shall subject the responsible Party(ies) to sanctions according to this Policy and applicable USA Hockey or WAHA rules or bylaws. For the purposes of this paragraph, "persons affiliated with the team" shall include any member of the team or program and includes without limitation general managers, player development personnel, coaches, current or past team players, or their parents.

Coaches and persons affiliated with a team are permitted to recruit at any time during the current Playing Season for the immediately following Playing Season so long as it does not include on-ice skate of any kind. Players are prohibited from having any type of on-ice skate or Tryout with a recruiting program/school during the Playing Season.

E. COACH AWARENESS

Coaches/programs will be made aware by their Affiliates that attempting to recruit a player in any way during the Playing Season for that current Playing Season will be a violation of the Code of Conduct/tampering. Reported Code of Conduct/tampering violations will be referred by the Affiliates involved to the Affiliate Presidents Review Subcommittee,

which shall investigate and resolve such allegations, including the issuance of sanctions if it is determined a violation occurred.

F. ENFORCEMENT

5. Enforcement against Players. Players violating the Tryout rules shall be subject to disciplinary action by their Signing Team or applicable Affiliate according to the provisions of paragraph 1.c. above. If a player leaves their Signing Team and attempts to play for another Tier I team during that Playing Season (other than as permitted above), the player will not be permitted to be rostered on the new team for the remainder of the current Playing Season and the following Playing Season. Affiliate registrars will be instructed by the Affiliate to not roster the player on the new team's roster for the remainder of such period.

6. Enforcement against Coaches: Incidents in which coaches or others involved in a program are alleged to have tampered with players who have signed a Player Agreement in violation of Tampering as defined above, will be referred to the Affiliate Presidents Review Subcommittee for investigation and disciplinary action. Any coach determined by the Affiliate Presidents Review Subcommittee or USA Hockey to have tampered with another player will face a minimum suspension of one year and minimum probationary period of two years for the first offense.

7. Enforcement against Programs: A Tier I program that is involved in tampering with a player who is signed to a Player Agreement with another Tier I team, in violation of Tampering as defined above, will be referred to the Affiliate Presidents Review Subcommittee for investigation and disciplinary action. A Tier I program shall be deemed to be involved if a member of the program is involved in a tampering violation. Tier I programs assume responsibility for all actions of all personnel involved in their program; if there is a finding of tampering, the organization is also held accountable for the violation. An organization who has been deemed as involved in a tampering violation are subject to sanctioned teams at a/all playing level(s). Any sanction shall be enforced by the US Hockey Affiliate in whose jurisdiction the organization

resides and shall be recognized by all Affiliates of USA Hockey. Tier I teams/programs must ensure compliance of all the requirements of this policy. Failure to do so can result in a hearing by the Affiliate Presidents Review Subcommittee and the removal of the team's and/or program's Tier I status.

8. Appeals of Suspensions: Any suspension imposed by the Affiliate Presidents Review Subcommittee shall be appealable to the National Appeal Committee.

VII. CREDENTIAL REQUIREMENTS:

The following shall apply to the credentialing of Tier 1 Teams:

A. The WAHA Registrar or his/her designee shall verify each team's eligibility.

B. Team credentials must be submitted to the Tier I Committee Chairperson or his/her designee at site of the state playoffs. ***Credentials verification form (1-C) should be printed from the portal. A locker room monitor (LRM) must be designated on the roster under staff.***

C. Each team is required to furnish the WAHA Registrar or his/her designee the following items:

1. USA Hockey certified player roster form (1-T).

2. 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 and affirmation is provided, a copy of a government-issued birth certificate, verification of birth or copy of a passport identification page for each rostered player is required.

3. USA Hockey consent to treat form for each rostered participant and manager.

4. USA Hockey individual membership registration (IMR) form or participant member card for each rostered participant and team manager. These forms are not required when the team's certified player roster form (1-T) has been printed through the USA Hockey registration software.

5. Sanctioned game score sheets to verify compliance with ***18/12*** minimum number of games for eligibility rule for each team and rostered player. A sanctioned

score sheet must include all appropriate coaching information and must be signed by the head coach who was on the bench for game represented by the score sheet and be signed by the On-ice game official(s). Any score sheets for games played after the credential documents are sent in and before the team's first playoff game may be presented at the playoff site prior to the team's first game.

6. Non-U.S. citizens must meet proof of legal residency requirements and transfer from home country ice hockey federation (if required) as stated in Rules & Regulations of the USA Hockey Annual Guide.

7. Coaching education credential 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), coaching education report generated through registration software or copy of the CEP card, whichever demonstrates most current information.

D. The above documents must be provided in a 3-ring binder sized to hold everything. Documents must be stored in protective sleeves and placed in the book in the following order and divided by tab separators labeled accordingly.

Tab 1 – Credential Verification Sheet and Team's USA Hockey certified player roster form (1-T)

Tab 2 – All documents for team manager and each registered coach in this order: Consent to Treat. Documents may be placed back-to-back in the protective sleeves, with Head Coach first and remaining coaches in Alphabetical order.

Tab 3 – All score sheets to be used to verify the 20/10 (14/10 girl's/women) games rule. Two (2) score sheet may be placed in one protective sleeve, back-to-back.

A tab for each registered player with all documents in the same order as described for the coaches. Documents may be placed back-to-back in protective sheets and MUST be in alphabetical order.

E. Coach Requirements

1. All coaches must have the USA Hockey required minimum level of coaching certification to participate in state playoffs. Refer to USA Hockey Annual Guide for USA Hockey Coaching Education requirements.

2. Each coach must present documentation of the proper certification prior to the first playoff game of his/her team.

VIII. PROCEDURES FOR ENTERING NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS:

A. Tier I teams shall represent Wisconsin in USA Hockey Tier I District and National tournaments. Teams interested in tournament play **must** indicate their desire by October 1, upon payment of a $600 fee to the treasurer of WAHA. This fee will be used to pay entry fee into USA Hockey District playoffs for Wisconsin's representative. The $600 deposit will be returned to any team not advancing to the District Tournament. If state playoffs are required, each team participating in the playoffs must pay an additional fee as approved by WAHA by November 15.

B. Teams from Division 1 through 4 Associations, as well as teams from the Wisconsin Elite Hockey League (WEHL) or Tier II Before and After 16U teams may represent Wisconsin in USA Hockey Tier II National tournaments. If more than one team at any level applies, then there must be a head-to-head competition in a playoff game(s), in a format and location approved by WAHA, with game expenses to be paid by participating teams. Teams interested in National tournament play, must indicate their desire by October 1, upon payment of a fee as approved by WAHA noted in the application to the treasurer of WAHA.

IX. PLAYOFF RULES FOR ALL NATIONAL TOURNAMENT BOUND TEAMS:

A. GENERAL RULES

1. Rules not specifically mentioned in the following paragraphs shall be covered by USA Hockey's Annual Guide under Rules & Regulations, District Playoffs and National Championships.

2. The WAHA Tier I Committee Chairman or his/her designee shall organize and schedule all playoff

games, including home and visitor team designations, and may make adjustments at any time in the best interest of the playoffs and hockey in general.

3. The playoffs shall be held at least one week prior to the district playoffs, when possible.

4. The schedule of games shall be sent to all qualified teams by e-mail and posted on the WAHA website no less than thirty (30) days in advance of the first game.

B. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Players and registered team members properly classified shall be eligible to participate in State Playoffs. See: Article 3 – Classification

2. The team shall be certified by the WAHA Registrar or his/her designee (form 2-C team roster registration certification) to have complied with all eligibility requirements.

3. A player(s) and registered team members must be eligible to participate in state playoffs in order to participate in district playoffs.

4. Number of Games for Eligibility

   a. Each team must compete as a unit in at least twenty (20) games for youth teams and at least fourteen (14) for girls'/women's teams.

   b. Each player must have played in at least ten (10) games during the season.

   c. For score sheets to count in meeting the 20/10 (14/10 girls'/women's) rule, that team's player roster form (1-T) must be certified by the appropriate registrar or his/her designee prior to that game being played. Player changes to the official team roster for youth Tier I and Tier II teams and girls'/women's national championship bound teams will not be accepted after December 31.

5. Ineligible Coach(es)/Players(s) – Any coach of a team that knowingly plays an ineligible player(s) shall be suspended from coaching in any games that lead to a district or national championship in the

current season.

C. PLAYING RULES

1. The official USA Hockey playing rules shall be used. No protests shall be permitted on the playing rules.

2. The two-referee and two-linesmen officiating system shall be used for all games. All Game Officials shall be assigned by the WHOA. All officials must hold at least a Level 3 classification. The state Referee-in-Chief, or his/her appointee, shall be present at all games to supervise officials.

D. METHOD OF DETERMINING CHAMPION

1. The Playoff Format will be determined by the WAHA Tier I Committee annually and will be based on the number of teams entered for each level. It will follow the same format as USA Hockey National Tournament Preliminary round games and the same format used in the Central District Playoffs.

2. Any player removed from competition by a coach or on-ice official because they exhibit signs or symptoms of a concussion may not return to play until evaluated and approved to return to play by an independent medical physician, who is trained and experienced in evaluating and managing concussions. By independent, it is meant that the medical provider shall not be related in a Familial way to the injured player.

3. If a team forfeits one game, the team forfeits all games in the round robin play and the games are recorded as 1-0 victories for the non-offending team.

ARTICLE 7 - TIER II AND NATIONAL TOURNAMENT BOUND TEAMS – RULES & REGULATIONS

I. GENERAL INTENT:

The general intent of Tier II National Bound Hockey in Wisconsin is to provide an opportunity for Wisconsin youth/girl players to develop and compete at the USA Hockey National Tier II tournament level.

II. DEFINITIONS:

The following definitions shall apply to these Rules and Regulations:

A. TIER II ASSOCIATION

A Tier II Association is defined as an association with boundaries certified by WAHA.

B. TIER II NATIONAL BOUND TEAM

A Tier II National Bound team is a team that enters and registers for USA Hockey District and National Tournament play (where applicable) and pays the associated state fees by **October 1st** of each season. Additional fees will apply if a team qualifies for the National tournament. Each team at all National Tournaments (Youth, Girls and Youth 18U) shall pay a tournament entry fee as determined by Section 2(J)(3)(i) of the National Tournament Guidebook.

C. FULL SEASON TEAMS

The playing season for full season Tier II hockey shall commence on **August 15th** and end on the last day of the USA Hockey National Tournament of each year unless otherwise unanimously approved by the Tier II Committee. Any full-season National Bound team must be eligible for the WAHA State Tournament per WAHA State Tournament rules.

D. BEFORE AND AFTER TEAMS

1. A non-WEHL Before and After team must be registered with a local WAHA affiliated full-season association. The team must be part of a local association (not just in name only), and that association will be responsible for all actions of that team. The team's boundary will have to be defined and approved as part of the application process.

2. A Before and After team playing season shall commence on **August 15th** of each year and cease upon the beginning of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) hockey season. It shall commence again at the completion of the player's WIAA hockey

season and end on the last day of the National Tournament of each year unless otherwise unanimously approved by the Tier II Committee.

3. All Before and After high school eligible Youth 14U, Youth 16U, Youth 18U, Girls 14U, Girls 16U, Girls 19U (under USA Hockey age classifications) and Girls 18U (thru WEHL) players must attend a high school or an approved DPI home study program and be a legal resident of the State of Wisconsin.

4. All Tier II Before and After skaters must play WIAA hockey during the hockey season when it is available to them. Any requests for exceptions must be submitted to the State Registrar by July 15. (NOTE: this becomes effective with the 2025-2026 playing season.)

III. GOVERNANCE:

A. TIER II COMMITTEE FOR NATIONAL BOUND TEAMS

The WAHA President shall establish and appoint a Tier II Committee For National Bound Teams (hereafter called Tier II Committee) comprised of a minimum of three (3) WAHA Directors. The WAHA President shall appoint the Tier II Committee Chairperson

B. AUTHORITY

The Tier II Committee shall have responsibility for all matters pertaining to Tier II Member Associations, Tier II Organizations, Tier II Teams and Tier II Hockey For National Bound Teams, subject to the WAHA Board of Directors review, direction, change and approval. This shall include, but is not limited to, recommending the following:

1. Granting or terminating of authority to organize and/or operate a National Bound Tier II Organization, club or association and/or field a National Bound Tier II Team;

2. the total number of National Bound Tier II Teams permitted in any age division;

3. and establishing guidelines, which shall be used to carry out the purpose of the Committee.

C. The WAHA Board of Directors has final approval of all recommendations and decisions by the WAHA Tier II Committee.

D. The Tier II Committee shall meet on a quarterly basis, in person or by conference call.

IV. TEAM ELIGIBILITY FOR ENTERING NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS:

A. Youth/Girls full-season teams from Tier II Associations at the Division 1 through 4 classification levels or Girls Associations. These teams must indicate their desire to participate by **October 1st**, upon payment of the required state entry fee Youth 18U and 16U, Girls 19U and 16U, and for Youth 14U and Girls 14U to the treasurer of WAHA. These teams must follow the rostering requirements as defined in ARTICLE 1 – REGISTRATION, ELIGIBILITY, GENERAL RULES of the WAHA Guidebook. The rosters of these teams must meet the requirements to participate in WAHA State Tournaments.

B. Teams from the Boys and Girls Wisconsin Elite Hockey Leagues (WEHL) at the Youth/Girls 18U, 19U, 16U and 14U levels. The league must indicate their desire to enter teams for national tournaments by **October 1st**, upon payment of the required state entry fee for Youth/Girls 16U, and for Youth/Girls 14U to the treasurer of WAHA. These teams must be made up of players residing within the regions designated for WEHL by WAHA.

C. Youth 18U and Girls 19U teams formed by Tier II Associations and WEHL must follow the application process under Section VI. These teams must consist of players who are residents of the state of Wisconsin. Teams must be organized as geographically based teams and must submit their boundaries on the application for the National Tournament. See Section VI. These teams must submit the required state entry fee by **October 1st**, for Youth 18U and Girls 19U.

V. CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING TEAMS:

A. GENERAL

A Tier II National Bound Team is a Team duly organized and operating in accordance with the By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and Policies of WAHA and authorized annually by WAHA to field, govern and control that Tier II Team in the State of Wisconsin on a season-by-season basis and whose approval expires annually at the end of the authorized season (June 15th through May 15th).

B. RESPONSIBILITY

Each Tier II National Bound Team shall govern, control and be fully responsible for its Team, the actions, inactions and/or

infractions of its teams, players, coaches, managers, parents, and personnel. This responsibility shall include debts incurred by or in the name of the Tier II Team.

C. LIMITATIONS

1. Youth 16U and 14U, Before/After and Girls 16U and 14U Before/After Teams shall be defined exclusively through the Wisconsin Elite Hockey Leagues (WEHL).

2. Youth 18U and Girls 19U teams - There will be no more than three (3) Tier II National Bound teams per level in the State of Wisconsin. Note: This does not mean that there will be three at all times. WAHA reserves the right to sanction only one or two or even none in any given season.

3. Creation of teams must be after Tier I tryouts are complete

4. Tier II National Bound Team player rosters must be 100% Wisconsin residents. 50% of all players on a roster must be the age of the registered team (e.g., the age of 50% of Youth 16U players on a roster must be 15 or 16 years old).

5. Any waiver for deviations from this requirement must be requested from and may or may not be approved by WAHA.

6. Teams must publish/advertise that they exist and allow for the opportunity to participate with the team.

7. It is recommended that open tryouts be held.

D. GUIDELINES FOR DETERMINING THE NUMBER OF TEAMS

Guidelines for determining the number of Tier II Teams shall include, but not be limited to the following:

a. The number of rostered players in an age division in Wisconsin;

b. The number of rostered players in the age division who will play Tier II hockey in Wisconsin.

E. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Every authorized new or existing Tier II Team shall comply with the minimum requirements set forth in this Article,

WAHA and USA Hockey By-laws, Policies, Rules and Regulations, which include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

1. Eligibility for Tier II National Bound Team Status

   a. Must only play between **August 15**th through the end of the National Tournament for their age level, e.g., Youth 14U.

   b. Youth Teams must play a minimum of ***an 18***-game schedule during the season. Girl's teams must play a minimum of ***an 18***-game schedule during the season. Each player must play in a minimum of ***12*** games. Note: A game is a match played against another team that is registered with a member Organization of the IIHF, of the same competitive level and officiated by USA Hockey registered officials. Tournaments that host these games must be sanctioned by USA Hockey/WAHA. A tournament is defined as having three or more teams participating.

2. All Tier II games played in Wisconsin must be officiated by officials properly registered with USA Hockey and WHOA. The one referee/two linesman officiating system is strongly recommended for all Tier II games.

VI. TIER II TEAM AUTHORIZATION PROCEDURE:

A. APPLICATION

1. Before and After Tier II Teams, other than WEHL teams, shall complete and deliver to the Tier II Chairperson, no later than **May 15th** of each year, the WAHA Tier II Application. The Tier II Chairperson shall acknowledge in writing or email the receipt of the application. Receipt does not provide approval of the application.

2. Each application shall comply fully with the requirements set forth in paragraph B below. Geographic boundaries are to be identified as part of the application. Composition of boundaries will be reviewed by the Tier II Committee for approval.

3. No new or existing Tier II Team shall have authority to

operate or otherwise participate in Tier II Hockey in any capacity until they have received approval from the Tier II Committee.

4. The Tier II Committee and Tier II Chairperson shall recommend to the WAHA Board of Directors the acceptance or denial of each application. The recommendation shall be in writing and shall clearly state any and all reasons.

5. An appeal by an existing Tier II Team from such a denial may be taken to the WAHA Board of Directors at the next meeting thereof, or at a special meeting called for the purpose of hearing the appeal, but only if the denied Tier II Team has at least 7 calendar days to prepare its appeal.

B. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The following information will be provided in the Team Application:

1. Team contact, team coaches and team manager.

   On or before **October 1st**, the names of the Coaches for each team with written proof that each Coach has obtained the appropriate Coaching Certification level, the required Age-Appropriate module, Safe Sport training, and has complied with WAHA Screening requirements or has the ability to and will obtain those.

2. Documentation demonstrating that the Tier II Team is able to procure sufficient ice to support an appropriate number of home games and practices consistent with the size of its program, its season and this Article.

3. A Fact Sheet describing the program and costs for Team participation.

5. Current compliance and a statement of future ability, intent and procedures to comply with the USA Hockey and WAHA By-Laws, Policies, Rules and Regulations.

6. Financial information demonstrating that the Tier II Team is financially solvent and stable with the ability to finance the season.

7. Updated information can be requested at any time by the WAHA Tier II Committee.

C. NOTIFICATION Timeline

The Tier II Committee shall meet as soon as possible after May 15th of each year to review applications.

The Tier II Chairperson or his/her designee will notify existing or new Tier II teams, in writing, of the acceptance or denial of its application by **June *1st***.

Applications that are accepted will be granted tentative approval to begin operations. Final approval will be granted or denied once rosters are reviewed. The deadline to submit final rosters is **August 15th**.

Upon notification Tier II teams that have been granted tentative approval to begin operations may post their tryout dates. Tryouts may not be announced or advertised until the Tier II team has received written notification of acceptance of its application for the ensuing season by the Tier II Chairperson.

VII. TEAM SELECTION PROCESS:

A. PROCEDURES

Each Tier II Team shall institute procedures to select the best players available. Guidelines for team selection process shall include, but not be limited to the following:

1. It is recommended that each Tier II National Bound Team hold open tryouts.

2. Personal invitations for tryouts are permissible but tryouts must be announced publicly through a general publication or individual mailing to all players at each level, inviting any player who wishes to tryout. This announcement shall take place at least thirty (30) days prior to any tryouts. "Publication" is defined as by newspapers, mailing lists, etc.

3. The announcement must contain a minimum of at least the following information:

- Organization name
- Levels of tryouts and Coaches names, if known

- Contacts with phone numbers
- Dates, Location, and Times of tryouts
- Brief statement about the program

4. Each Tier II Team shall provide a Fact Sheet that shall be provided to anyone who makes an inquiry.

5. No player shall be solicited nor shall the possibility of playing Tier II Hockey be discussed with any Player, prior to the conclusion of the USA Hockey National Tournaments except for an existing Tier II Player for the particular Tier II Team for which that Player played during the existing season and then only by that Tier II Team.

6. There shall be no solicitation or other recruiting activities during a "Hockey School" or "Clinic" that is open to the public and is run by or sponsored by a Tier II Team, during the playing season.

7. If a new prospective Player initiates contact, the Tier II Team will advise it cannot discuss the matter and will advise the individual/individuals of the date after which contact is permitted.

B. ROSTER

1. USA Hockey Rosters must be submitted to the Tier II Chairperson by the dates set out in these Rules or as designated by the Tier II Chairperson.

2. USA Hockey rosters for Tier II Teams must be submitted to the WAHA Registrar by **August 15th** of the ensuing Playing Season for Girls and Youth 14U/16U/18U teams.

C. COMMITMENT DATE

1. No Player shall be required to commit to play on a Tier II Team or pay monies in excess of actual ice time cost prior to **July 1st** or alternative date established by the Tier II Committee.

2. Tryouts may be held starting **June 15th**.

D. FACT SHEET

III. Tier II Teams shall furnish each Player and his/her parent(s), in writing, before any tryout a Fact Sheet, providing full disclosure about Tier II

Hockey by the Tier II Team indicating all costs, (which shall, at a minimum, include fund raising requirements, any additional funds or monies due from the player), number of games and practices, amount of travel, any "rules" of the Tier II Team/Team, and the actual costs of playing for the Tier II Team.

VIII. CREDENTIAL REQUIREMENTS

The following shall apply to the credentialing of Tier II Teams:

A. The WAHA Registrar or his/her designee shall verify each team's eligibility.

B. Team credentials must be submitted to the Tier II Committee Chairperson or his/her designee at site of the state playoffs. ***Credential verification form (1-C) should be printed from the portal. A Locker Room Monitor (LRM) must be designated on the roster under staff.***

C. Each team is required to furnish the WAHA Registrar or his/her designee the following items:

1. USA Hockey certified player roster form (1-T).

2. 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 and affirmation is provided, a copy of a government-issued birth certificate, verification of birth or copy of a passport identification page for each rostered player is required.

3. USA Hockey consent to treat form for each rostered participant and manager.

4. USA Hockey individual membership registration (IMR) form or participant member card for each rostered participant and team manager. These forms are not required when the team's certified player roster form (1-T) has been printed through the USA Hockey registration software.

5. Sanctioned game score sheets to verify compliance with ***18/12*** minimum number of games for eligibility rule for each team and rostered player. A sanctioned score sheet must include all appropriate coaching information and must be signed by the head coach who was on the bench for game represented by the score sheet, and by the On-ice game official(s). Any score sheets for games played after the credentials documents are sent in and before the

team's first playoff game may be presented at the playoff site prior to the team's first game.

6. Non-U.S. citizens must meet proof of legal residency requirements and transfer from home country ice hockey federation (if required) as stated in Rules & Regulations of the USA Hockey Annual Guide.

7. Coaching education credential 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), coaching education report generated through registration software or copy of the CEP card, whichever demonstrates most current information.

G. The above documents must be provided in a three-ring binder appropriately sized to hold everything. The documents must be stored in protective sleeves and placed in the book in the following order and divided by tab separators labeled accordingly.

Tab 1 – Credential Verification Sheet and Team's USA Hockey certified player roster form (1-T)

Tab 2 – All documents for team manager and each registered coach in this order, Code of Conduct, Consent to Treat and a copy of any waivers that may have been granted for a coach's certification level. Documents may be placed back-to-back in the protective sleeves.

Tab 3 – All score sheets to be used to verify the 20/10 (14/10 girls/women) game rule. Two score sheet may be placed in one protective sleeve, back-to-back.

A tab for each registered player with all documents in the same order as described for the coaches.

H. Coach Requirements

1. All coaches must be properly registered with USA Hockey.

2. All coaches must have the USA Hockey required minimum level of coaching certification to participate in state playoffs. Refer to USA Hockey Annual Guide for USA Hockey Coaching Education requirements.

3. Each coach must present documentation of the proper certification prior to the first playoff game of his/her team.

4. All coaches must complete and be current with all required USA Hockey age-appropriate modules, Safe Sport training and background screening requirements.

IX. PLAYOFF RULES FOR ALL NATIONAL TOURNAMENT BOUND TEAMS:

A. GENERAL RULES

1. Rules not specifically mentioned in the following paragraphs shall be covered by USA Hockey's Annual Guide under Rules & Regulations, District Playoffs and National Championships.

2. The WAHA Tier II Committee Chairman or his/her designee shall organize and schedule all playoff games, including home and visitor team designations, and may make adjustments at any time in the best interest of the playoffs and hockey in general.

3. The playoffs shall be held at least one week prior to the district playoffs, when possible.

4. The schedule of games shall be sent to all qualified teams by registered mail, courier mail, e-mail, telex or posted on the WAHA web site no less than thirty (30) days in advance of the first game.

B. PLAYER/TEAM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Players and registered team members properly classified shall be eligible to participate in State Playoffs. See: Article 5 – Classification

2. The team shall be certified by the WAHA Registrar or his/her designee (form 2-C team roster registration certification) to have complied with all eligibility requirements.

3. A player(s) and registered team members must be eligible to participate in state playoffs in order to participate in district playoffs.

4. Number of Games for Eligibility

a. Each team must compete as a unit in at least twenty (20) games for youth teams and at least fourteen (14) for girls'/women's teams. These games must be USA Hockey

sanctioned and teams must have an approved USA Hockey roster.

b. Each player must have played in at least ten (10) games during the season.

c. For score sheets to count in meeting the 20/10 (14/10 girls'/women's) rule, that team's player roster form (1-T) must be certified by the appropriate registrar or his/her designee prior to that game being played. Player changes to the official team roster for youth Tier II and Tier II teams and girls'/women's national championship bound teams will not be accepted after **December 31st**.

5. Ineligible Coach (es)/Players(s) – Any coach of a team that knowingly plays an ineligible player(s) shall be suspended from coaching in any games that lead to a district or national championship in the current season.

C. PLAYING RULES

1. The official USA Hockey playing rules shall be used. No protests shall be permitted on the playing rules.

2. The two-referee and two-linesmen officiating system shall be used for all games. All Game Officials shall be assigned by the WHOA. All officials must hold at least a Level 3 classification. The state Referee in-Chief, or his/her appointee, shall be present at all games to supervise officials.

D. METHOD OF DETERMINING CHAMPION

1. The Playoff Format will be determined by the WAHA Tier II Committee annually and will be based on the number of teams entered for each level. It will follow the same format as USA Hockey National Tournament Preliminary round games and the same format used in the Central District Playoffs.

2. Any player removed from competition by a coach or on-ice official because they exhibit signs or symptoms of a concussion may not return to play until evaluated and approved to return to play by an independent medical physician, who is trained and experienced in evaluating

and managing concussions. By independent, it is meant that the medical provider shall not be related in a Familial way to the injured player.

3. If a team forfeits one game, the team forfeits all games in the round robin play and the games are recorded as 1-0 victories for the non-offending team.

ARTICLE 8 – COACHING EDUCATION PROGRAM

Required Coaching Education Program Levels for Ice Hockey

All coaches must have the required certification level by January 1 of the current season, unless earlier deadlines are established by the district and/or affiliate. All coaches must complete the online age-specific modules PRIOR to participating with their team.

a) All coaches must enter USA Hockey's Coaching Education Program at Level 1 and must continue their education with a coaching clinic each year until, at a minimum, they achieve Level 4. Coaches of only 8 and Under players, as well as coaches of disabled hockey, may remain at Level 1 or other certification level, even if expired, until such time as they are coaching any older age level of play or something other than disabled hockey.

b) In addition to the training in paragraph (a) above, coaches must also complete online age-specific training modules specific to the level of play they are coaching, if they have not already taken the module. This requirement applies to all coaches at all levels, 1 through 5. Coaches may complete more than one age-specific module in any given season.

c) Effective in the 2022-23 season, Level 4 coaching certifications are valid for three (3) seasons, and Level 5 coaching certifications are valid for four (4) seasons, each as indicated by an expiration date. Before the expiration of their level, coaches must accumulate 5 credit hours of continuing education by attending USA Hockey continuing education offerings. The USA Hockey clinic listings will indicate all continuing education offerings and the credit value of each. The Coaching Education Program retains the responsibility for defining continuing education credit values, including clinic or online course work.

d) **Grandfather Clause**: For those coaches who received Level 4 or Level 5 PRIOR TO January 1, 2021, and who are coaching or begin to coach after this date, any Tier I or Tier II teams, will be required to do continuing education as required in (c) above.

e) **Previous/Expired Certifications**: Coaches with any expired certification will retain their previous certification levels provided the certification can be verified. Coaches may re-enter the certification system at that previous level and be subject to the certification guidelines in (a) through (c) above and/or (f) below.

f) **Continuing Education (CE) Recertifications**:

*Continuing education credits will expire after three years for all Level 4 coaches.

*Continuing education credits will expire after four years for all Level 5 coaches.

*Continuing education hours will not be permitted to accumulate "bank" toward recertification until after a coach receives his/her Level 4 certification.

2026-27 CEP PROGRESSION GUIDELINES

For Current CEP Coaching Requirement, consult the USA Hockey website at: https://www.usahockey.com/rules and click on Requirements for the most up to date information.

2026 WAHA/USA Hockey CEP Schedule

All scheduled clinics will be held virtually via Zoom.
Clinics will be posted on https://www.usahockey.com/coachingclinics,
For full CEP requirements, visit https://www.usahockey.com/coaches.
Clinic schedule is subject to change based on availability of Coach Developers.
Contact Coaching Director Raja Aylsworth (raylswo1@amfam.com) with questions.

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SEMINAR REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

Officials Registration Procedure:

For further instructions, please visit the WHOA website at

www.wihoa.org

POLICIES

TIER III POLICY

In accordance with the Memoranda of Understanding between Wisconsin Amateur Hockey and the Tier III junior hockey programs located in the State of Wisconsin, it is the policy of the Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association that no Youth or high school age player will be granted permission to play Tier III junior hockey.

WHISTLEBLOWER POLICY

The definition of a whistleblower is an employee, volunteer or board member of the Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association (WAHA) who reports an activity that he or she considers to be illegal or dishonest to one or more of the parties specified in this policy. The whistleblower is not responsible for investigating the activity or for determining fault or corrective measures; appropriate WAHA 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 WAHA employee or volunteer has knowledge of or a concern of illegal or dishonest or fraudulent activity, the WAHA employee or volunteer is to contact the President of the WAHA Board or the Chairman of the WAHA Disciplinary Committee. The WAHA employee or volunteer must exercise sound judgment to avoid baseless allegations; a WAHA employee who intentionally files a false report of wrongdoing will be subject to discipline up to and including termination. A WAHA volunteer who intentionally files a false report of wrongdoing will be sanctioned by the appropriate board or committee and may be removed from volunteer responsibilities with the Association.

Whistleblower protections are to cover two important areas — confidentiality and against 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 their legal rights of defense. WAHA will not retaliate against a whistleblower. This includes, but is not limited to, protection from retaliation in the form of an adverse employment such as termination, compensation decreases, or poor work assignments and threats of physical harm. Any whistleblower who believes he or she is being retaliated against must contact the WAHA President or Disciplinary Committee Chairman immediately. The right of the whistleblower for protection against retaliation does not include immunity for any personal wrongdoing that is alleged and investigated.

WAHA employees or volunteers with any question regarding this policy should contact the President of the WAHA Board of Directors.

WAHA PLAYER SAFETY POLICY

The safety of its youth participants is of paramount importance to USA Hockey and Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association (WAHA). This includes not only on-ice safety, but also off-ice safety in any part of USA Hockey's and WAHA's programs.

USA Hockey and WAHA have long had safety systems in place to protect its participants from physical abuse, sexual abuse and other types of abuse and misconduct that can be harmful to youth hockey players. These include, without limitation, physical abuse, sexual abuse, screening, locker room supervision and hazing policies, in addition to codes of conduct applicable to administrators, coaches, officials, parents, players and spectators. USA Hockey has created a Safe Sport Program that includes USA Hockey's various policies aimed at protecting its youth participants from all types of misconduct and abuse.

USA Hockey and WAHA have ZERO TOLERANCE for abuse and misconduct.

USA Hockey's Safe Sport Program Handbook addresses the following:

- **Safe Sport Policies** – including policies prohibiting:
    - 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:

- a locker room policy
- a social media, mobile and electronic communications policy
- a travel policy
- a billeting policy
- an education and awareness training policy

- **Education and awareness training**
- **Screening and background check program**
- **Responding to abuse and other misconduct**
- **Monitoring and supervision of the Safe Sport Program**

These specific policies are of paramount importance to USA Hockey/WAHA and may be modified or amended as needed.

Please refer to the Safe Sport Program Handbook for details of these policies. A copy of the USA Hockey Safe Sport Program Handbook is available at:

usahockey.com/Safe Sport

A USA Hockey/WAHA member or parent of any member who (1) violates any of the Safe Sport policies or (2) fails to consent to and pass a screening and background check in compliance with the USA Hockey/WAHA Screening and Background Check Program, may be denied eligibility within any USA Hockey/WAHA program and is subject to appropriate disciplinary action including but not limited to suspension, permanent suspension, and/or referral to law enforcement authorities.

WAHA SCREENING POLICY

It is the policy of the Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association (WAHA) that it will not authorize or sanction in its programs that it directly controls any volunteer or employee who has routine access to children (anyone under the age of majority) who refuses to consent to be screened by WAHA/USA Hockey before he/she is allowed to have routine access to children in WAHA/USA Hockey's programs. Further, it is the policy of WAHA that it will require its affiliates within the State of Wisconsin to adopt this policy as a condition of their affiliation with WAHA.

Screening must be done on a timely basis, as required by USA Hockey. Screening of all personnel (except for registered officials) must be done through the vendor Protect Youth Sports. (NOTE: Anyone screened through WHOA will be accepted as screened by WAHA for the purposes of coaching or serving as a volunteer). As a result of screening, a person will be disqualified and prohibited from serving as an employee or volunteer of WAHA if the person has been convicted of any of the following:

1) Any offense of abuse or assault/battery – physical or sexual.
2) Any crime of a sexual nature, including possession or dissemination of pornography.
3) Homicide or manslaughter in any degree.
4) Attempted murder.
5) Domestic violence.
6) Child neglect.
7) Felony drug crimes.
8) Animal cruelty.
9) Theft/robbery.
10) Forgery/fraud.
11) Kidnapping.
12) Arson.
13) Weapons violations.
14) Any crime, misdemeanor, or felony, involving children as either accomplice or victim.

The following are potential disqualifiers of a lesser offense that WAHA's Screening Review Committee and legal consultant will review to determine if the candidate should be disqualified:

*Driving under the Influence/Driving While Intoxicated within the last 15 years. This should be considered if there is a possibility the person will be driving a child at any time.
*Vehicular manslaughter within any timeframe. This should be considered if there is a possibility the person will be driving a child at any time.
*Multiple driving citations/accidents within the last 15 years. This should also be considered if the person will be driving children.
*Misdemeanor drug charges within the last 15 years. This potentially shows the presence of amoral beliefs or possible drug possession, and the person should be closely evaluated before being allowed to have a leadership position among children.
*Petty theft within the last 15 years. This should be a disqualifier if the person will be handling finances in any way within the organization.

Any candidate with convictions in the lesser offense list will be prohibited from participating with youth until the WAHA Screening Review Committee, at the direction of the Legal Consultant, has reviewed the conviction. It will be incumbent upon the local affiliate President or Point Person, to notify the candidate that until a decision is made and notification by WAHA's Screening Review committee is handed down, the candidate is prohibited from participating in any capacity.

LOCKER ROOM POLICY

It is the policy of WAHA and USA Hockey that coaches are responsible for the supervision of the locker room at all times. All WAHA Member Programs must have at least one coach in the locker room monitoring locker room conduct during all team events to ensure the supervision and the proper conduct of the players. The coach must ensure that another coach or a screened and Safe Sport trained adult be present in the locker room at all times in case the coach must step out.

Any player entering a locker room before the coach is in the locker room is subject to disciplinary action which includes loss of locker room privileges resulting in getting dressed before entering the rink for a minimum of 30 days. Cell phones are not allowed in the locker room, and it is the responsibility of the Association and coach to ensure that phones are secured outside the locker room.

An Association will be fined $500 for any Safe Sport violation taking place in a locker room without adequate or proper locker room supervision and the coach will be held accountable and subject to disciplinary action.

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

The Zero Tolerance Policy requires all players, coaches, on-ice and off-ice officials, team officials and administrators and parents/spectators to maintain a sportsmanlike and educational atmosphere before, during and after all USA Hockey / WAHA sanctioned games. Details, administration, enforcement, and penalties related to this policy are found in the USA Hockey publication Official Rules of Ice Hockey. Reporting of violations is done by way of WHOA Incident Reports that are reviewed by the WAHA Disciplinary Chair.

CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST POLICY

The purpose of this conflict-of-interest policy is to protect the Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association ("WAHA") when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of a WAHA Officer or Director or a non-board member serving on a WAHA Committee. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflicts of interest applicable to non-profit and charitable organizations.

It is the policy of the WAHA Board of Directors that no Director, nor anyone to whom the Board of Directors may delegate authority to act on its behalf, may, either directly or indirectly, profit personally, from actions taken by the Board of Directors where that Director or delegate may have influenced that action.

Further, it is the duty of members of WAHA Board of Directors to disclose any such conflicts whenever they may exist, and to excuse themselves from voting or commenting on any action that is being contemplated by the Board as is described in the previous paragraph. It is also the duty of a non-board member serving on a WAHA Committee to disclose any such conflicts and to excuse themselves from acting on any such action. Such conflict-of-interest disclosures will be documented in the minutes of the appropriate Board of Director meeting and/or Committee meeting.

A voting member of the Board of Directors who receives compensation either directly or indirectly from the WAHA will excuse himself or herself from voting on any matter directly related to said compensation.

Each Board member or delegate will annually sign a statement affirming the principles of this policy statement. Such signed statements will be maintained by the Secretary of the Board of Directors of WAHA. The Secretary of the Board of Directors of WAHA will maintain such signed statements.

RECORDS RETENTION POLICY

The Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association will retain records in an orderly fashion for time periods that comply with legal and government requirements, and USA Hockey policy, and as dictated by accepted accounting procedures. The following hold periods will be utilized for the maintenance of the documents listed below:

Accounting Records

Accounts Payable	7 years
Accounts Receivable	7 years
Audit Report	Permanent
Chart of Accounts	Permanent
Depreciation Schedules	Permanent
Expense Reports	7 years
Financial Statements (annual)	Permanent
Fixed Asset Purchases	Permanent
General Ledger and General Journals	Permanent
Loan Payment Schedules	7 years
Purchase Orders and Correspondence Purchase	7 years
Requisitions	3 years
Tax Returns and Working Papers	Permanent
Trial Balances (annual)	Permanent

Bank Records

Bank Reconciliations	3 years
Bank Statements	7 years
Cancelled Checks	7 years
Checks for Capital Purchases	Permanent
Electronic Payment Records	7 years
Petty Cash Vouchers	3 years

Corporate Records

Board Minutes	Permanent
Bylaws, Charter, Articles of Incorporation Business	Permanent
Licenses	Permanent
Contracts - Major	Permanent
Legal and Tax Correspondence	Permanent
Contracts – Less than $5,000	Life + 6 years
Insurance Policies, Accident Claims	Life + 6 years
Leasehold Improvements	Permanent
Lease Payment Records	Life + 6 years

Employee Records

Benefit Plans	Permanent
Employee Files (terminated)	10 years
Employee Applications	1 year
Employment Taxes	7 years
Payroll Records	7 years

DISCIPLINARY POLICY/ISSUES

1. Game Misconducts: Any game official assessing a Game Misconduct or Match Penalty is required to file a USA Hockey Incident Report, which is sent to the WAHA Referee-in-Chief (RIC) and the WAHA Disciplinary Chair. All Game Misconducts are reviewed by the Chair and are subject to further review and action by the proper authorities, as determined by WAHA.
2. Progressive Discipline: Notifications about additional Game Suspensions for players or coaches under USA Hockey Playing Rules 411 and 615 will be sent to players, parents, coaches, and local Association Presidents by the WAHA Disciplinary Chair.
3. Match Penalties:
   a. Any game official assessing a Game Misconduct, Major Penalty or Match Penalty is required to file a Game Report copied to the Referee-in-Chief and Chair of the WAHA Disciplinary Committee. In addition, for all Match Penalties, the game official must mail, or send electronically, a copy of the score sheet, within 24 hours of the incident to the WHOA RIC and Chairman of the WAHA Disciplinary Chairman. Any Referee who fails to comply with this requirement is subject to discipline under USA Hockey By-Law 10.
   b. The Chairman and RIC will address the Game Report for technical accuracy. If technically accurate the Chair shall notify the local association president of the affected player or coach, of the Match Penalty to ensure that the player or coach is prevented from further participation until the issue is resolved. The Chair shall then follow the procedure established in the USA Hockey Standardized Discipline Policy – Match Penalties, to ensure compliance with that policy. That policy is found later in the Policy section of this Guidebook.
   c. If a hearing by a Regional Disciplinary Committee is required, the Region Directors of the Region in question will establish a Regional Disciplinary Committee to deal with this issue. The WAHA Disciplinary Chairman shall forward a copy of the WHOA Game Report and score sheet to the affected participant (as required under USA Hockey Bylaw 10), and notify the affected participant of the date, time, and place of the hearing. This material shall be forwarded electronically to the e-mail address used by the participant to register with USA Hockey for the current playing season.
   d. No Match Penalty hearing by the proper authorities is permitted without the paperwork sent from the WAHA Disciplinary Committee Chairman in the preceding paragraph.

   Any hearing about the Match Penalty must be held within 30 days. Until the hearing is held and the matter resolved, the player or team official penalized is prohibited from taking part in any USA Hockey team activities, games or practices. The committee holding the hearing shall be appointed by the Regional Directors, who shall oversee but not participate in the hearing, and consist of individuals, at their discretion. No one on the hearing committee may

be a team member or team official of the team involved, a member of that team's local association, nor may a relative of the player or team official assessed the penalty serve on the committee. Upon completion of the required hearing, the proper authorities shall promptly notify the WAHA Disciplinary Committee Chairperson in writing of the determination of the hearing by forwarding the WAHA reporting form by FAX, mail or e-mail.

e. With respect to USA Hockey Playing Rule 601f1, the WAHA Disciplinary Chairman shall immediately file the official Game Report with the Central District Referee-in-Chief, who must investigate and determine proper application of the rule. Should the Central District RIC rule that the rule was properly applied, WAHA must then exercise original jurisdiction and conduct the disciplinary hearing within 30 days. Note that USA Hockey Bylaw 10 dictates that a proper rule application finding by the hearing committee shall result in a minimum penalty of a one-year suspension plus a one-year probationary period from participation in all USA Hockey activities and can be extended to all affiliates of USA Hockey by request of the WAHA Board of Directors. The appellate body for appeal of this decision shall be USA Hockey.

4. All Disciplinary issues are subject to review by the WAHA Disciplinary Committee and to action by and at the discretion of the WAHA Board of Directors.

WAHA CO-OP POLICY – Revised September 6, 2024
Implementation for the 2024-2025 Season

WAHA aims to ensure that every player who wants to participate in hockey has that opportunity. One of the ways WAHA ensures this is by allowing two or more associations to form co-op teams under certain conditions.

Conditions for Co-op Approval:

- **Insufficient Player Numbers**:
    - When associations individually lack enough players to form a team but could combine to have enough players to form a team.
        - Example: Association A has 6 players, Association B has 5 players, and Association C has 5 players.
    - When one association has enough players for a team but another does not.
        - Example: Association A has 12 players and Association B has 2 players at the same age level.

Additional Information:

- **State Tournament Requirements**:
    - Co-op teams must meet all WAHA State Tournament requirements as stated in the WAHA Guidebook. The number of associations in a co-op must not exceed four, including the host association.
- **Player Transfers**:
    - No player may transfer to an association that has a WAHA approved co-op team for the age level specified on the transfer form.
- **Team Size:**
    - The number of players that would result on a co-op team roster request can be used when considering approval.
- **Seasonal Approval**:
    - Approved co-ops are valid for one season only.

Application and Roster Approval:

- Co-op applications must be submitted to the appropriate Region and Section Directors and approved by the WAHA Board before the team receives an approved roster.

Co-op Policy Clarifications:

- All co-op requests must be submitted to the Region Directors and the WAHA Section Director for the age level requesting the co-op. The Section Director and the Region Directors will make recommendations to the WAHA board for final approval.
- All approved co-ops will be subject to a reclassification review by the WAHA Classification Committee. The review will be completed by November 15 and any change in team classification will be communicated to the approved team prior to November 30.

Application Process:

- **Application Form**:
    - Apply by filling out the co-op application form available on the WAHA website under Resources: WAHA Co-op Request Form.

WAHA HELMET POLICY FOR COACHES

POLICY

For the safety of coaches, WAHA requires that all ice hockey coaches and instructors must properly wear an approved ice hockey helmet during all on-ice sessions, including practice, controlled scrimmages, and all Coaching Education Program clinics and/or workshops. USA Hockey age classifications subject to this policy are Youth 18/U and younger, Girl's/Women's 19/U and younger, and Disabled Programs

PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION

1st Offense: The first time a coach is observed not wearing a **HELMET,** he/she will be suspended for 30 days from all activities involving USA Hockey registered programs.

2nd Offense: The Coach will lose his/her USA Hockey Coaching privileges for one year and his/her right to coach in any WAHA State Tournament for 3 years.

PROCEDURE FOR REPORTING VIOLATIONS

Coaches who disregard the wearing of the **HELMET** should be reported to the Chair of the WAHA Discipline Committee in the following format:

-Name of the Coach not wearing a **HELMET**

-The Association the Coach represents

-The event the Coach was observed at not wearing a **HELMET**, including location, date and time of the event.

-The name of the person, email address and cell phone number of the person who observed the coach not wearing a **HELMET.**

PLAYING DOWN POLICY

Policy:

Players must play within their defined age group. The procedure at the bottom of this policy must be followed in its entirety when submitting a playing down request.

The decision of the Central District Registrar is the final decision. There is no appeal process.

Any individual who is approved for playing down must be willing to play at the lowest level of competition offered by the players' association.

Background:

The "playing down" policy is established to accommodate a player that has documented physical or mental conditions and who, upon the written recommendation of their physician, would be subjected to abnormal risk physically or otherwise is physically incapable of playing at the proper age division. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is the basis for permitting this practice to occur.

Typically, only players with a severe disability will be allowed to play down. Being small in size, a first-year player or an otherwise inexperienced player will not, in itself, qualify as a justification for moving a player down.

Requests to move a player down will not be considered if it is clear that such a move is for convenience of the player rather than physical necessity. Also requests that are based on achieving a more dominant competitive advantage for the player involved will not be approved.

Procedure:
Because of the nature of "playing down" requests, the following procedure is applicable for all requests:

1) A parent/guardian must initiate the request.
2) The request must be accompanied by a written statement from a licensed physician and approval in writing by the local association.
3) The request must include the following documentation:

    a. A written description of the medical condition from the Physician that is caring for the subject player which would include an opinion of the risks of having the player participate with others at his/her proper age division and the reason for requesting permission to play down. This document must also state that, in the opinion of the Physician, there are no abnormal risks associated with permitting the player to participate in a contact sport such as ice hockey.
    b. A document specifying the birth date, the current height and the weight of the player and the reason for the request. A letter from the Association President approving the request.
    c. The president of the local association should sign the request. The approval from the local association must be on association letterhead and must specify the lowest competitive playing classification available within the association.

- The request letter with all of the supporting documentation, in hard copy form, shall be sent to the Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association Region Directors. If the Region Directors approve the request, the documentation package is forwarded to the Central District Registrar for final approval.
- The documentation must be in the original hard copy form, with signatures.

Approved playing down requests require that the player participate at the lowest competitive level.

USA HOCKEY STANDARDIZED DISCIPLINE POLICY – MATCH PENALTIES

USA Hockey has established suspension range recommendations for match penalties. These suspension ranges shall serve as a means to create consistency in the application of suspensions involving players or team officials assessed match penalties. The following procedure shall be followed by the proper authorities as determined by the Affiliate in each instance when a match penalty is assessed.
(Note) Any match penalty assessed under Rule 601(f.1) (Physical Assault of Official) is excluded from this policy. Original jurisdiction in any hearing resulting from a match penalty assessed under Rule 601(f.1) (Physical Assault of Official) shall reside with the Affiliate and is governed by USA Hockey's "Resolutions of Disputes, Arbitration and Suspensions" section of the current USA Hockey Annual Guide.

When a match penalty has been assessed, the official(s) will submit the required incident report to the proper authorities as determined by the Affiliate. The proper authorities as determined by the Affiliate will designate an individual who shall review the report and make a preliminary determination of one of the following:

1.) The incident report is accurate and the proper application of the rule(s) has been implemented. The action warrants the suspension as outlined in the policy. The offending party is then notified of this finding and offered the opportunity to accept the suspension or reject the decision and request a hearing. If a hearing is requested, the hearing shall be offered in accordance Playing Rule 405(c) and with Bylaw 10D (Suspension Hearings/Domestic Competition Playing Rules).
(Note) If the offending party requests a hearing under this section, the hearing body may, as a result of that hearing, reduce the suspension, maintain the suspension or increase the suspension imposed.
-or-
2.) The incident report was determined to be inaccurate (misapplication of the rule(s) or wrong player identified), in which case the matter shall be turned over to the proper authorities as determined by the Affiliate for further review.
-or-
3.) The incident report is accurate and the proper application of the rule(s) has been implemented. However, the action and/or history warrants further disciplinary review. The proper authorities as determined by the Affiliate shall notify the offending party that a hearing shall be conducted in accordance with Playing Rule 405(c) and Bylaw 10D (Suspension Hearings/Domestic Competition Playing Rules). In all instances where a player or team official has been suspended for a period of time as a result of a match penalty, the player or team official shall be prohibited from participating in all USA Hockey activities for the length of the suspension. The required game(s) suspensions shall include the next regularly scheduled games that appear on the schedule of their team at the time of the incident. A player or team official who is rostered on multiple USA Hockey registered teams must serve the suspension in full before they are permitted to participate on any other USA Hockey registered team, unless

otherwise specified by the proper authorities as determined by the Affiliate.

For the purpose of this policy, there shall be three levels of standardized suspension. They are:

Level 1 – Match penalties assessed under the below rules have a recommended range of a 6 – 10 Game Suspension
Rule 305(b) Dangerous Equipment
Rule 601(e) Abuse of Officials and Other Misconduct *(This includes all match penalties assessed under this rule except 601(e.1) Physical Assault of an Official)*
Rule 602(a) Attempt to Injure/Deliberate Injury of Opponent

Level 2 – Match penalties assessed under the below rules have a recommended range of a 4 – 8 Game Suspension
Rule 603(c) Boarding
Rule 606(b) Butt-Ending
Rule 607(e) Charging
Rule 608(c) Checking from Behind
Rule 619(b) Head Butting
Rule 620(c) Head Contact
Rule 634(d) Slashing (Swinging Stick During Altercation)
Rule 635(b) Spearing

Level 3 – Match penalties assessed under the below rules have a recommended range of a 3 – 5 Game Suspension
Rule 601(e.3) Abuse of Officials and Other Misconduct – Hateful/Discriminatory Language
Rule 604(e) Body Checking- Competitive Contact Category
Rule 609(c) Cross-Checking
Rule 611(c) Elbowing
Rule 615(c) Fighting (Helmet Removal)
Rule 621(c) High Sticks
Rule 622(c) Holding an Opponent
Rule 623(c) Hooking
Rule 627(b) Kicking Opponent or Puck
Rule 628(c) Kneeing
Rule 633(a or b) Refusing to Start Play
Rule 634(c) Slashing
Rule 639(c) Tripping/Clipping/Leg Checking/Slew Footing
Rule 640(e) Unnecessary Roughness (Roughing)

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2027 WAHA STATE TOURNAMENTS

Division	Level	Location	Date
1A	Youth 10U	Green Bay	March 6-7, 2027
1B	Youth 10U	Fond du Lac	March 6-7, 2027
1C1	Youth 10U	Madison Patriots	March 6-7, 2027
1C2	Youth 10U	Milwaukee Winter Club	March 6-7, 2027
2A	Youth 10U	New Richmond	March 6-7, 2027
2B	Youth 10U	South Wood County	March 6-7, 2027
2C	Youth 10U	DePere	March 6-7, 2027
3A	Youth 10U	Reedsburg/WI Dells	March 6-7, 2027
3B	Youth 10U	Blackhawk (Baldwin)	March 6-7, 2027
4A	Youth 10U	Marinette-Menominee	March 6-7, 2027
4B	Youth 10U	Altoona	March 6-7, 2027
1A	Youth 12U	Fox Valley	March 13-14, 2027
1B	Youth 12U	Stevens Point	March 13-14, 2027
1C	Youth 12U	Superior	March 13-14, 2027
1C2	Youth 12U	Wildcat	March 13-14, 2027
2A	Youth 12U	Janesville	March 13-14, 2027
2B	Youth 12U	McFarland	March 13-14, 2027
2C	Youth 12U	River Falls	March 13-14, 2027
3A	Youth 12U	Rhinelander	March 13-14, 2027
3B	Youth 12U	Hayward	March 13-14, 2027
4A	Youth 12U	Price Ice	March 13-14, 2027
1A	Youth 14U	Arrowhead	February 27-28, 2027
1B	Youth 14U	Middleton	February 27-28, 2027
1C	Youth 14U	SHAW	February 27-28, 2027
2A	Youth 14U	Menomonie	February 27-28, 2027
2B	Youth 14U	Sheboygan	February 27-28, 2027
3A	Youth 14U	Black River Falls	February 27-28, 2027
4A	Youth 14U	River City (LaCrosse)	February 27-28, 2027
Gold	Girls 10U	West Madison Polar Caps	March 13-14, 2027
Silver	Girls 10U	River Falls	March 13-14, 2027
Bronze	Girls 10U	Appleton/Fox River Freeze	March 13-14, 2027
Gold	Girls 12U	Chippewa Falls	March 6-7, 2027
Silver	Girls 12U	Tomah	March 6-7, 2027
Bronze	Girls 12U	Stoughton	March 6-7, 2027
Gold	Girls 14U	Eagle River	February 27-28, 2027
Silver	Girls 14U	Waukesha	February 27-28, 2027
Bronze	Girls 14U	Ozaukee	February 27-28, 2027
	Youth 18U	Kenosha	March 19-21, 2027

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*Tournaments still “OPEN” for bid after the WAHA Annual Meeting are awarded at the Fall meeting of the WAHA Board of Directors. This listing is current as of September 14, 2026. Any further changes can be found on the WAHA website.

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Division	Level	Location	Date
1A	Youth 10U	Superior	March 4-5, 2028
1B	Youth 10U	Waukesha	March 4-5, 2028
1C1	Youth 10U	Stevens Point	March 4-5, 2028
1C2	Youth 10U	OPEN	March 4-5, 2028
2A	Youth 10U	Rice Lake	March 4-5, 2028
2B	Youth 10U	Washington County	March 4-5, 2028
2C	Youth 10U	OPEN	March 4-5, 2028
3A	Youth 10U	Merrill	March 4-5, 2028
3B	Youth 10U	Waupun	March 4-5, 2028
4A	Youth 10U	West Salem	March 4-5, 2028
1A	Youth 12U	Patriots	March 11-12, 2028
1B	Youth 12U	Arrowhead	March 11-12, 2028
1C	Youth 12U	Ozaukee	March 11-12, 2028
1C2	Youth 12U	OPEN	March 11-12, 2028
2A	Youth 12U	Mosinee	March 11-12, 2028
2B	Youth 12U	Janesville	March 11-12, 2028
2C	Youth 12U	OPEN	March 11-12, 2028
3A	Youth 12U	Tomah	March 11-12, 2028
3B	Youth 12U	Marshfield	March 11-12, 2028
4A	Youth 12U	Barron/Chetek	March 11-12, 2028
1A	Youth 14U	West Madison Polar Caps	February 26-27, 2028
1B	Youth 14U	Wildcat/Waunakee	February 26-27, 2028
1C	Youth 14U	OPEN	February 26-27, 2028
2A	Youth 14U	Sheboygan	February 26-27, 2028
2B	Youth 14U	River Falls	February 26-27, 2028
3A	Youth 14U	Waupaca	February 26-27, 2028
4A	Youth 14U	Stoughton	February 26-27, 2028
Gold	Girls 10U	Blackhawk	March 11-12, 2028
Silver	Girls 10U	Shawano	March 11-12, 2028
Bronze	Girls 10U	Hudson	March 11-12, 2028
Gold	Girls12U	Elmbrook	March 4-5, 2028
Silver	Girls 12U	Viroqua	March 4-5, 2028
Bronze	Girls 12U	Chippewa Falls	March 4-5, 2028
Gold	Girls 14U	OPEN	February 26-27, 2028
Silver	Girls 14U	Somerset	February 26-27, 2028
Bronze	Girls 14U	OPEN	February 26-27, 2028
	Youth 18U	TBD	March 17-19 , 2028

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VISIT WAHA'S WEBSITE TO FIND MAPS TO ARENA LOCATIONS:
www.wahahockey.com

Altoona
Altoona Sports Center/Hobbs
2300 Spooner Ave.
Altoona, WI 54720
715-432-4822 – Brandon Koehler

Amery
Amery Ice Arena
1065 Riverplace Mall
P. O. Box 305
Amery, WI 54001
715-268-7869, 715-268-7025
Website: www.ameryhockey.com

Antigo
Langlade County Multi-Purpose Building
1633 Neva Rd.
Antigo, WI 54409
715-627-6218

Appleton
Appleton Family Ice Center
1717 E. Witzke Blvd.
Appleton, WI 54911
920-830-7679
Website: www.appletonice.org

Appleton
Community First Champion Center
5000 W. Champion Dr.
Appleton, WI 54913
920-659-4914

Ashland
Bay Area Civic Center
Marty Van Bergen
320 4th Avenue West
Ashland, WI 54806
Rink: 715-682-2221 Rink Mgr: 763-516-0474
marten.vb@outlook.com
Website: bayareaciviccenter.org
www.ashlandhockey.org

Baldwin
United Civic Center
415 Maple St.
Baldwin, WI 54002

Baraboo
Pierce Park Pavilion
Walnut St.
Baraboo, WI 53913
608-355-1151

Barron
Barron Area Ice Arena
525 E. Birch Ave.
Barron, WI 54812
715-418-2290
Website: www.bcyha.org

Beaver Dam
Beaver Dam Family Center
Lars Peterson
609 Gould St.
Beaver Dam, WI 53916
920-885-9816

Beloit
Jerry W. Edwards Ice Arena
Spencer Waite
2101 Cranston Road
Beloit, WI 53511
608-364-2890, FAX: 715-362-5718

Black River Falls
Milt Lunda Memorial Arena
Hwy 54 W.
Black River Falls, WI 54615
608-317-6208 – Clifftin Stanton

Brookfield
The Ponds of Brookfield
Teresa Arntz
2810 N. Calhoun Road,
Brookfield, WI 53005
262-786-7663
FAX: 262-641-1045

Burnett Cty (Siren)
Lodge Center Arena
24185 First Ave. N.
Siren, WI 54872
715-349-7465
Website: www.burnettyouthhockey.com

Chippewa Falls
Chippewa Area Ice Arena
Bob Normand
839 1st Avenue
PO Box 131
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729
Rink: 715-723-4710; Rink Mgr: 715-456-1316
Website: www.chippewahockey.org

Cumberland
Cumberland Ice Arena
500 8th Ave.
Cumberland, WI 54829
715-822-3887
Website: www.cumberlandyouthhockey.org

DeForest
Legacy 20 DeForest
6501 Monticello Drive
DeForest, WI 53532

De Pere
De Pere Ice & Event Center
Don Chilson
1450 Fort Howard Avenue
DePere, WI 54115
920-403-2000

Delafield
Naga-Waukee Park Ice Arena
Nick Sanchez
2699 Golf Road
Delafield, WI 53018
262-646-7072
262-646-7071 (Information Line)

Dodgeville
Ley Pavillion - Herb Harris Park
1600 Bennett Road
Dodgeville, WI 53572
608-935-9971

Eagle River
Eagle River Sports Arena
State Hwy 70 East
Eagle River, WI 54521
715-479-4858, 715-479-9368

Eau Claire
Hobbs Ice Arena
915 Menomonie Street
Eau Claire, WI 54701
715-839-5040, FAX: 715-839-5138

Fond du Lac
Fond du Lac Blue Line Family Ice Center
550 Fond du Lac Avenue
Fond du Lac, WI 54935
920-933-2721

Green Bay
Cornerstone Community Center
Don Chilson
1640 Fernando Dr.
De Pere, WI 54115
920-403-2000

Hartland
Howard G. Mullett Ice Center
John Wardman
700 North Ave
Hartland, WI 53029
262-369-3600

Hayward
Hayward Sports Center
Carrie Romsos
10475 Sutliff Dr
Hayward, WI 54843
715-634-4791
HaywardSCinfo@gmail.com
Website: www.HaywardSportsCenter.com

Hudson
Hudson Sports & Civic Center
Dustin Danielson
1820 Hanley Rd.
Hudson, WI 54016
715-690-2622

Janesville
The Woodman's Sports & Convention Center
Tony Thiry
2510 Milton Avenue
Janesville, WI 53545

Kenosha
Kenosha Ice Rink
7727 60th Avenue
Kenosha, WI 53142
262-694-8010, FAX: 262-694-5920

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Green Island Ice Arena
Manager & Ice Scheduler
Sam Gustafson – 920-309-0792
greenislandice@gmail.com
2312 S. 7th Street
La Crosse, WI 54601
608-789-7199

La Crosse
La Crosse Ice Arena Parks & Recreation Dept.
Bob Berg
City Hall
La Crosse, WI 54601
608-784-1905

Lake Delton
Lake Delton Ice
112 Miller Dr.
Lake Delton, WI 53940
608-253-0400

Madison
Hartmeyer Ice Arena
1834 Commercial
Madison, WI 53704
608-442-0071, FAX: 608-442-0072

Madison
Madison Ice Arena
725 Forward Drive
Madison, WI 53711
608-204-7606, FAX: 608-204-7607

Manitowish Waters
North Lakeland Ice
12686 Cty Hwy K
Manitowish Waters, WI 54545
715-543-2159, FAX 715-543-8860

Manitowoc
Manitowoc County Expo
Jennell Shelton
4921 Expo Drive
Manitowoc, WI 54220
920-683-4378

Marinette
Marinette Community Rec Center
2501 Pierce Avenue
Marinette, WI 54143
715-732-2006

Marshfield
Marshfield Youth Ice & Recreation Center
405 E. 17th St.
Marshfield, WI 54449
715-384-0025

McFarland
McFarland Community Ice Arena
4812 Marsh Road
McFarland, WI 53558
608-838-7451
EM: mcfarlandice@gmail.com

Medford
Simek Recreation Center
1037 W. Broadway
Medford, WI 54451
715-748-6655, FAX: 715-748-6658
EM: simekcenter@tds.net

Menomonie
Fanetti Community Center/Dunn County Ice Arena
620 17th St. S
Menomonie, WI 54751
715-232-9958

Mequon
Ozaukee Ice Center
5505 W. Pioneer Road
Mequon, WI 53092
262-375-1100, FAX: 262-375-8793

Merrill
Smith Multipurpose Center
Marlene Graap
1100 Marc Dr.
Merrill, WI 54452
715-539-2790

Middleton
Legacy 20 Middleton
2615 Evergreen Rd.
Middleton, WI 53562
608-831-1230, FAX: 608-821-1221

Milwaukee
Eble Ice Arena
Jeffrey Michalek
19400 W Bluemound Rd
Brookfield, WI 53045
414-784-7512

Milwaukee
Kern Center
Milwaukee School of Engineering
1245 N. Broadway
Milwaukee, WI 53202
414-277-2672

Milwaukee
Pettit National Ice Center
Jim Gulczynski
500 S. 84th Street
West Allis, WI 53214
414-266-0100, FAX: 414-266-0122

Milwaukee
University School of Milwaukee Ice Arena
Brandon Bayer
EM: Bbayer@usm.org
2100 W. Fairy Chasm Road
Milwaukee, WI 53217
414-540-3307

Milwaukee
Wilson Park Arena
Randy Roddy
4001 S. 20th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53221
414-281-6289

Minocqua
Lakeland Hawks Ice Arena
7961 Old Hwy. 51
Minocqua, WI 54548
715-356-6762
http://www.lakelandarena.org/

Monroe
StateLine Ice & Community Expo (SLICE)
1632 Fourth Ave. West
Monroe, WI 53566
608-325-7465

Mosinee
Mosinee Recreation Center
709 11th St.
Mosinee, WI 54455
715-693-3095, Fax: 715-693-1751

Neenah
Tri-County Ice Arena
700 E. Shady Lane Road
Neenah, WI 54956
Website: www.appletonice.org/

New Richmond
New Richmond Sports Center
450 Sports Center Rd.
New Richmond, WI 54017
715-246-6167

Onalaska
Onalaska Omni Center
255 Riders Club Rd.
Onalaska, WI 54650
608-781-9566

Oregon
Oregon Community Sports Arena
100 N Perry Parkway
Oregon, WI 53575
608-835-9650
www.oregonhockey.org

Oshkosh
Oshkosh YMCA
3303 20th Ave.
Oshkosh, WI 54904
920-230-8439
www.oshkoshymca.org

Park Falls
Park Falls Area Rec. Arena
Molly Lehman
301 N. 3rd Ave.
Park Falls, WI 54552
715-762-0074

Phillips
Phillips Area Center Ice Rink
Corner of Forest & Wyoming
Phillips, WI 54555
715-339-4702

Pleasant Prairie
Ice Plex
Brian Luburich
9900 Terwall Terrace
Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158
262-925-6755

Prairie du Sac
Sauk Prairie Area Rec Center
1700 Tower St.
Prairie du Sac, WI 53578
608-643-4247

Reedsburg
Reedsburg Area Community Arena (RACA)
1411 Viking Drive
Reedsburg, WI 53959
608-524-3037

Rhinelander
Rhinelander Youth Sports Center
2023 E Timber Drive
Rhinelander, WI 54501
715-369-1416

Rice Lake
Rice Lake Hockey Arena
1204 Hammond Avenue
PO Box 81
Rice Lake, WI 54868
715-234-1486
Website: www.ricelakehockey.com

River Falls
Wildcat Centre
861 Cemetery Rd.
River Falls, WI 54022
715-426-5577
president@rfhockey.com

St. Croix Falls
River Valley Hockey (outdoor rink)
200-298 Simonson Road
St Croix Falls, WI 54024

Schofield
Greenheck Fieldhouse
Matt Mull
6400 Alderson Street
Schofield, WI 54476
715-359-6563
www.greenheckfieldhouse.com

Shawano
Crawford Center
255 S. Waukechon St.
Shawano, WI 54166
715-526-5336

Sheboygan
Sheboygan Blue Line Ice Center
Tom Cagle
1202 S. Wildwood Ave.
Sheboygan, WI 53082-1273
920-458-3111, FAX: 920-458-1215
Website: www.sheboyganlakerhockey.com

Siren
Lodge Center Arena
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24185 First Ave. N.
Siren, WI 54872
715-349-7465, FAX 715-349-8139
Website: www.burnettyouthhockey.com

Somerset
Somerset Youth Civic Center
Dan Gilkerson
529 Main St.
Somerset, WI 54025
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Sparta
Sparta Community Ice Arena
1121 E Montgomery St.
Sparta, WI 54656
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K.B. Willett Ice Arena
Anne Hylla
1000 Minnesota Ave.
Stevens Point, WI 54481
715-346-1576
www.stevenspoint.com/parks

Stoughton
Mandt Community Center
Bart Quale
400 Mandt Pkwy.
Stoughton, WI 53589
608-873-7528

Sun Prairie
Sun Prairie Ice Arena
Jeff Holman
838 Grove St.
Sun Prairie, WI 53590
608-318-5423

Superior
Superior Ice Arena
Dick Berthiaume
1015 Oakes Avenue
Superior, WI 54880
715-394-4899
www.superior.pucksystems2.com

Superior
Wessman Arena - U.W. Superior
2701 Catlin Ave.
Superior, WI 54880
715-394-8361

Tomah
Tomah Ice Center
Recreation Park, Fairgrounds Rd.
1625 Butts Ave.
Tomah, WI 54660
608-372-9786

Tomahawk
SARA Park
Paul Garner
900 W. Somo Ave.
Tomahawk, WI 54487
715-453-3319

Verona
Verona Ice Arena
Joel Marshall
451 E. Verona Ave.
Verona, WI 53593
608-845-7465 (NEST)

Viroqua
Viroqua Community Arena
Arena Manager: Pam Soltau
856 Nelson Parkway
Viroqua, WI 54665
608-637-8661

Waunakee
Waunakee DeForest Ice Rink
1110 Prairie View Dr.
Waunakee, WI 53597
(608) 850-2828

Waupaca
Waupaca Expo Center
187 Grand Seasons Drive
Waupaca, WI 54981
715-258-2990

Waupun
Waupun Community Center
510 E. Spring Street
Waupun, WI 53963
920-324-5096, FAX: 920-324-9918

Wausau
Marathon County Hockey Rink
Marathon County Park-Garfield Ave.
Wausau, WI 54401
715-261-1576

West Allis
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Jim Gulczynski
500 S. 84th Street
West Allis, WI 53214
414-266-0100, FAX: 414-266-0122

West Bend
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262-335-0876, FAX 262-335-3990
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West Salem
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601 Mark Street N.
West Salem, WI 54669
608-786-1220

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Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494
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Spooner
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Burnett Youth Hockey Association (WIH1274)
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PRESIDENT: Mike Patten, president.cyha@gmail.com, 715-379-8733

Cumberland Youth Hockey (WIH1297)
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www.cumberlandyouthhockey.org
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Hayward Sports Center (WIH1036)
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PRESIDENT: Tom Duffy, oneinnets@yahoo.com, 715-699-2116

Rice Lake Hockey Association (WIH1279)
PO Box 81, Rice Lake, WI 54868, www.ricelakehockey.com
PRESIDENT: Jon Cuskey, jcuskey@ricelakeattorneys.com, 651-245-9916

River Valley Hockey Association (WIH1335)
PO Box 393, St. Croix Falls, WI 54024, www.rivervalleyhockey.com
PRESIDENT: Jesse Buelow, jesse.buelow@gmail.com, 763-412-6487

Spooner Area Youth Hockey Association (WIH1266)
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Superior Amateur Hockey Assn. (WIH1278)
1015 Oakes Avenue, Superior, WI 54880, sahahockey.com
PRESIDENT: Matt Sislo, Matt@sahahockey.com

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REGION 2 ASSOCIATIONS

Antigo
Eagle River
Everest
Lakeland Hawks
Marshfield
Medford
Merrill
Mosinee
North Lakeland
Price Ice
Rhinelander
South Wood County (Wis. Rapids)
Stevens Point Area Youth Hockey
Tomahawk
Wausau

Antigo Area Youth Hockey Association (WIH2031)
PO Box 462, Antigo, WI 54409, www.antigohockey.com
PRESIDENT: Brett Zelazoski, brett.zelly@gmail.com, 715-216-3187

Eagle River Recreation Association (WIH2299)
4149 Highway 70 East P.O Box 1495, Eagle River, WI 54521, www.erra.com
PRESIDENT: Paul Durst, president@erra.com, 715-891-8911

Everest Youth Hockey (WIH2056)
P.O. Box 101, Rothschild, WI 54474, www.everestyouthhockey.com
PRESIDENT: Nick Melsha, president@everestyouthhockey.com

Lakeland Hawks Ice Association (WIH2292)
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PRESIDENT: Carrie Morris, lakelandhawkshockey@gmail.com, 715-439-3851

Marshfield Youth Hockey Association (WIH2011)
PO Box 943, Marshfield, WI 54449, www.marshfieldhockey.org
PRESIDENT: Chase Biederman, myha.president@gmail.com, 715-305-9203

Medford Area Youth Hockey Association (WIH2147)
P.O. Box 302, 1037 W Broadway Ave, Medford, WI 54451,
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PRESIDENT: Pete Thums, thumsconcrete@gmail.com, 715-965-5040

Merrill Youth Hockey Association (WIH2006)
PO Box 764, Merrill, WI 54452, merrillhockey.com
PRESIDENT: Jason Rominski, president@merrillhockey.com, 715-722-9724

Mosinee Hockey Club (WIH2005)
PO Box 214, Mosinee, WI 54455, www.mosineehockey.com
PRESIDENT: Kim Wiesman, kimbychinski@gmail.com, 715-581-0410

North Lakeland Ice, Inc. (WIH2301)
PO Box 174, Manitowish Waters, WI 54545, www.northlakelandhockey.com
PRESIDENT: Steve Goetter, stevegoetter@hotmail.com, 608-239-4609

Price Ice Ltd. (WIH2007)
P. O. Box 25, Park Falls, WI 54552, www.parkfallsrecarena.com
PRESIDENT: Jeremy Pesko, jeremy.pesko@unitedpridedairy.com,
715-820-1331

Rhinelander Ice Association, Inc. (WIH2251)
P.O. Box 1188, Rhinelander, WI 54501, www.rhinelanderice.com
PRESIDENT: Jed Peters, jedpeter@mtu.edu

South Wood County Youth Hockey Assn (WIH2267)
PO Box 1263, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494, www.swcyha.org
PRESIDENT: Amy Andrys, president@swcyha.org, 715-213-4176

Stevens Point Area Youth Hockey Assn. (WIH2148)
PO Box 966, 801 Badger Ave., Stevens Point, WI 54481,
www.icehawkshockey.net
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Tomahawk Hockey Association (WIH2253)
P.O. Box 555, Tomahawk, WI 54487, tomahawkhockey.org.app.crossbar.org
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Wausau Hockey Association (WIH2002)
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REGION 3 ASSOCIATIONS

Appleton Area
De Pere
Fox Valley
Green Bay Area
Manitowoc
Marinette-Menominee
Oshkosh
Shawano
Sheboygan
Waupaca

Appleton Area Hockey Association (WIH3060)
PO Box 1771, Appleton, WI 54912, www.aahahockey.com
PRESIDENT: Benjamin Moder, President@aahahockey.com, 920-505-0468

De Pere Youth Hockey Inc. (WIH3249)
PO Box 5632, De Pere, WI 54115, dpyh.org
PRESIDENT: MATT JENSEN, president@dpyh.org

Fox Valley Youth Hockey Association (WIH3013)
PO Box 841, Neenah, WI 54957, www.foxvalleyyouthhockey.com
PRESIDENT: Rene L'Esperance, President@fvyha.com, 414-334-4562

Green Bay Area Youth Hockey Association (WIH3021)
1640 Fernando Drive, De Pere, WI 54115, www.gbayha.com
PRESIDENT: Jarek McKinney, gbayhapresident@gmail.com, 920-246-4969

Manitowoc County Youth Hockey Assn (WIH3295)
P.O. Box 1943, Manitowoc, WI 54221, www.manitowochockey.org
PRESIDENT: Case Christensen, case.christensen@manitowochockey.org, 920-905-1682

Marinette/Menominee Area Youth Hockey (WIH3041)
P.O. Box 414 - 2501 Pierce Avenue, Marinette, WI 54143, www.mmthunder.org
PRESIDENT: Nikki Schingick, mmthundermarketing@gmail.com, 715-923-7467

Oshkosh Youth Hockey Association (WIH3010)
PO Box 3836, Oshkosh, WI 54903, www.oshkoshyouthhockey.org
PRESIDENT: Chad Wade, presidentoyha@gmail.com, 920-264-7221

Shawano Hockey League (WIH3318)
P.O. Box 125, Shawano, WI 54166, www.shawanohockey.org
PRESIDENT: Adam Gafner, president@shawanohockey.org, 715-851-6068

Sheboygan Blue Line Association (WIH3283)
1202 S Wildwood Ave, Sheboygan, WI 53081, www.sheboyganlakershockey.com
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Waupaca Area Youth Hockey Association (WIH3252)
187 Grand Seasons Drive P.O. Box 535, Waupaca, WI 54981, www.wayha.com
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REGION 4 REGISTRAR:
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REGION 4 ASSOCIATIONS

Beloit
Ice Wolves
Janesville
Madison Capitols
McFarland
Middleton
Monroe
Oregon
Patriots
RWD (Reedsburg/Wis. Dells)
Sauk Prairie
Stoughton
Sun Prairie
Thunderbird (Baraboo)
Verona Wildcat Youth Hockey
West Madison Polar Caps
Wildcat (Waunakee)

Beloit Youth Hockey Association, Inc. (WIH4257)
P.O. Box 1262, Beloit, WI 53512, www.beloithockey.com
PRESIDENT: Stephany Delgado, byhapresident2@gmail.com, 608-312-8701

Ice Wolves Youth Hockey Association (WIH4019)
P.O. Box 69, Dodgeville, WI 53533, www.icewolveshockey.org
PRESIDENT: Kyle Levetzow, icewolvesprez@gmail.com, 608-574-2303

Janesville Youth Hockey Club (WIH4003)
P.O. Box 966, Janesville, WI 53547, www.janesvilleyouthhockey.com
PRESIDENT: Dan Jensen, president@janesvilleyouthhockey.com,
608-346-5555

Madison Capitols AAA Hockey (WIH4020)
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McFarland Youth Hockey Association (WIH4026)
PO Box 264, McFarland, WI 53558, www.mcfarlandhockey.org
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Middleton Youth Hockey, Inc. (WIH4074)
P.O. Box 628311, Middleton, WI 53562, Middletonyouthhockey.com
PRESIDENT: Brian Juech, President@middletonyouthhockey.com,
414-791-4172

Monroe Hockey Association (WIH4145)
P O Box 664, Monroe, WI 53566, www.MonroeYouthHockey.com
PRESIDENT: Megan Schilt, megan.schilt@gmail.com, 608-293-1155

Oregon Youth Hockey Association (WIH4105)
100 N. Perry Pkwy, Oregon, WI 53575, www.oregonhockey.org
PRESIDENT: Dan Kassis, dk1286@gmail.com, 715-216-2154

Patriots Youth Hockey Association (WIH4008)
P.O. BOX 7822, Madison, WI 53707, www.patriotshockey.org
PRESIDENT: Brent Ruhland, president@patriotshockey.org, 608-347-8999

RWD Youth Hockey Association (WIH4284)
PO Box 358, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965, www.rwdhockey.com
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Sauk Prairie Youth Hockey Association (WIH4271)
1700 Tower Street, PO Box 72, Prairie du Sac, WI 53578,
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Stoughton Youth Hockey (WIH4254)
PO Box 351, Stoughton, WI 53589, www.stoughtonhockey.com
PRESIDENT: Heather Ace, president@stoughtonhockey.com, 608-332-1855

Sun Prairie Youth Hockey Association, Inc. (WIH4276)
P.O. Box 301 / 838 Grove Street, Sun Prairie, WI 53590, www.spyha.com
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Thunderbird Youth Hockey (WIH4032)
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Verona Wildcats Youth Hockey Association (WIH4270)
451 E Verona Ave, Verona, WI 53593, www.veronayouthhockey.com
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West Madison Polar Caps Youth Hockey Assn (WIH4256)
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Wildcat Youth Hockey Association (WIH4280)
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REGION 5 ASSOCIATIONS

Arrowhead
Beaver Dam
Elmbrook
Fond du Lac
Kenosha Blue Line Hockey Club
Milwaukee Jr. Admirals
Milwaukee Winter Club
Ozaukee
Pleasant Prairie
S.H.A.W.
Washington County
Waukesha
Waupun

Arrowhead Youth Hockey Association (WIH5043)
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PRESIDENT: Ryan Freeland, president.arrowheadyouthhockey@gmail.com, 262-378-1460

Beaver Dam Hockey Association (WIH5296)
609 Gould St., Beaver Dam, WI 53916, beaverdamhockey.com
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Elmbrook Youth Hockey Association (EYHA) (WIH5046)
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Fond du Lac Blue Line Hockey Club, Inc. (WIH5281)
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Kenosha Blue Line Hockey Club (WIH5022)
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Milwaukee Junior Admirals (WIH5314)
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Milwaukee Winter Club (WIH5261)
2100 W. Fairy Chasm Rd., Milwaukee, WI 53217, www.winterclub.com
PRESIDENT: Matt Peaslee, matthew.peaslee@gmail.com

Ozaukee Youth Hockey Association (WIH5037)
5505 Pioneer Rd., Mequon, WI 53097, www.ozaukeehockey.com
PRESIDENT: Bob Bilsborough, president@ozaukeehockey.com,

Pleasant Prairie Hockey (WIH5125)
9900 Terwall Terrace, Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158, www.pleasantprairiehockey.com
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SHAW (WIH5259)
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PRESIDENT: Derek Czajkowski, president@shawhockey.org,

Washington County Youth Hockey Association (WIH5263)
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Waukesha County Youth Hockey Association (WIH5009)
PO Box 4194, Waukesha, WI 53187, www.waukeshawarhawks.org
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Waupun Hockey Association (WIH5264)
P.O. Box 285, Waupun, WI 53963, www.waupunhockey.com
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Altoona
Black River
Blackhawk (Baldwin)
Eau Claire
Hudson
Menomonie
New Richmond
Onalaska/Holmen Tornado
River City (LaCrosse)
River Falls
Somerset
Sparta
Tomah
Viroqua
West Salem

Altoona Youth Hockey Association (WIH6291)
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Black River Youth Hockey, Inc. (WIH6293)
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Blackhawk Hockey Association (WIH6298)
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PRESIDENT: Ryan Anderson, ryan@blackhawkhockey.net, 952-239-2455

Eau Claire Youth Hockey (WIH6004)
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PRESIDENT: Jill Millis, ECYHpresident@gmail.com; jillmillis@gmail.com,
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Hudson Hockey Association (WIH6024)
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Menomonie Youth Hockey Association (WIH6027)
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New Richmond Youth Hockey Association (WIH6012)
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Onalaska/Holmen Tornado Youth Hockey (WIH6035)
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PRESIDENT: Scott Mayer, scottmayer47@gmail.com, 608-385-8956

River City Youth Hockey Association (WIH6255)
PO Box 2463, La Crosse, WI 54601, www.lacrossehockey.com
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River Falls Youth Hockey Association (WIH6149)
PO Box 582, River Falls, WI 54022, https://www.rfhockey.com/
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Somerset Youth Hockey Association (WIH6268)
529 Main Street, PO Box 385, Somerset, WI 54025, www.somersethockey.com
PRESIDENT: Shannon Ducklow, shannonducklow@gmail.com,

Sparta Youth Hockey Association (WIH6306)
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Tomah Youth Hockey (WIH6277)
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Viroqua Area Hockey Association (WIH6033)
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PRESIDENT: Travis Engh travisengh@viroquathunder.org,
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West Salem Hockey Association (WIH6269)
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MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

INSURANCE

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ZERO, HAT TRICK, AND PLAYMAKER AWARDS

(note: these are the only awards provided by USA Hockey and WAHA)

Definitions:

ZERO AWARD. For playing a complete game without allowing a goal.
HAT TRICK AWARD. For scoring three goals in a game.
PLAYMAKER. For registering three assists in a game.

Award Patches are sent out each year in three waves:

1) For associations hosting invitational tournaments, patches are sent by your Regional Registrars to your Tournament Director along with the signed Invitational Tournament Sanction Form to cover those patches earned at those invitational tournaments during the season.

2) The State Tournament Chair will send patches along with other State Tournament materials to the person designated as the local association State Tournament Director.

3) Regional Registrars will send award patches to your association according to the following procedure:

Award Patches shall be distributed by Regional Registrars under the following conditions:

1. Request must be made by an association, not an individual or team.
2. Recipient is a registered player.
3. The game was in league competition (not exhibition) or sanctioned tournaments involving registered USA Hockey teams.
4. The game was officiated by a registered USA Hockey referee.
5. For 14U players and younger.
6. **Copy of the score sheet is supplied to the Regional Registrar.**
7. **Limit of one of each award per player per season.**

NOTE:
The request form is found under "Forms" on the WAHA website: www.wahahockey.com. Please complete the Awards form and submit to your Regional Registrar along with a copy of a score sheet showing proof of each award **by April 15** of the current playing season.

Regional Registrar: The contact information for individual Regional Directors is found in the heading of each Region in the WAHA Associations section of this Guidebook

APPENDICES

APPENDIX I

USA Hockey Age Chart

2026-27 Season

2026-27 SEASON
AGE CLASSIFICATIONS

NEXT SEASON
USA Hockey Playing Season: September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027

YOUTH TEAMS

DATE OF BIRTH	AGE CATEGORY	AGE DIVISION
2008	18 Years	18 & Under
2009	17 Years	18 & Under
2010	16 Years	16 & Under
2011	15 Years	16 & Under
2012	14 Years	14 & Under
2013	13 Years	14 & Under
2014	12 Years	12 & Under
2015	11 Years	12 & Under
2016	10 Years	10 & Under
2017	9 Years	10 & Under
2018	8 Years	8 & Under
2019	7 Years	8 & Under
2020	6 Years	6 & Under

GIRLS TEAMS

DATE OF BIRTH	AGE CATEGORY	AGE DIVISION
2007	19 Years	19 & Under
2008	18 Years	19 & Under
2009	17 Years	19 & Under
2010	16 Years	16 & Under
2011	15 Years	16 & Under
2012	14 Years	14 & Under
2013	13 Years	14 & Under
2014	12 Years	12 & Under
2015	11 Years	12 & Under
2016	10 Years	10 & Under
2017	9 Years	10 & Under
2018	8 Years	8 & Under
2019	7 Years	8 & Under
2020	6 Years	6 & Under

APPENDIX II

Calendars

Calendar for Year 2026 (United States)

timeanddate

January

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

February

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March

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Jan 1 • New Year's Day
Jan 19 • Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Feb 14 • Valentine's Day
Feb 16 • Presidents' Day
Mar 17 • St. Patrick's Day
Apr 5 • Easter Sunday
Apr 6 • Easter Monday
Apr 15 • Tax Day
May 5 • Cinco de Mayo

May 10 • Mother's Day
May 25 • Memorial Day
Jun 14 • Flag Day
Jun 19 • Juneteenth
Jun 21 • Father's Day
Jul 3 • 'Independence Day' day off
Jul 4 • Independence Day
Sep 7 • Labor Day
Oct 12 • Columbus Day

Oct 31 • Halloween
Nov 3 • Election Day
Nov 11 • Veterans Day
Nov 26 • Thanksgiving Day
Nov 27 • Black Friday
Dec 24 • Christmas Eve
Dec 25 • Christmas Day
Dec 31 • New Year's Eve

Calendar for Year 2027 (United States)

timeanddate

January

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August

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Jan 1 • New Year's Day
Jan 18 • Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Feb 15 • Presidents' Day
May 31 • Memorial Day
Jun 18 • 'Juneteenth' day off

Jun 19 • Juneteenth
Jul 4 • Independence Day
Jul 5 • 'Independence Day' day off
Sep 6 • Labor Day
Oct 11 • Columbus Day

Nov 11 • Veterans Day
Nov 25 • Thanksgiving Day
Dec 24 • 'Christmas Day' day off
Dec 25 • Christmas Day
Dec 31 • New Year's Day' day off

APPENDIX III

WAHA Association
Classification
by Region and Division

WAHA CLASSIFICATION BY REGION
2026-2027

Div. 1	Div. 2	Div. 3	Div. 4	Tier 1
Region 1				
Chippewa Falls	Rice Lake	Amery	Ashland	
Superior		Hayward	Barron-Chetek	
			Burnett Cty. (Siren)	
			Cumberland	
			River Valley	
			Spooner	
Region 2				
Wausau	Eagle River	Antigo	Medford	Team Wis.
Stevens Point	Everest	Lakeland	Price Ice	
	Mosinee	Marshfield	North Lakeland	
	So. Wood Cty.	Merrill		
		Rhinelander		
		Tomahawk		
Region 3				
Appleton	DePere	Oshkosh	Manitowoc	
Fox Valley	Sheboygan	Waupaca	Marinette-Menom.	
Green Bay		Shawano		
Region 4				
Madison Patriots	Janesville	Baraboo	Ice Wolves	Madison Caps
Madison Polar Caps	McFarland	Beloit	Monroe	
Middleton	Oregon	Reedsburg-Wis. Dells	Stoughton	
Verona		Sauk Prairie		
Sun Prairie				
Wildcats (Waunakee)				
Region 5				
Arrowhead	Kenosha	Beaver Dam	Pleasant Prairie	Jr. Admirals
Elmbrook	Washington Cty.	Waupun		
Fond du Lac				
Ozaukee				
SHAW				
Waukesha				
Winter Club				
Region 6				
Eau Claire	Menomonie	Blackhawk (Baldwin)	Altoona	
Hudson	Onalaska-Holmen	Black River Falls	River City (LaCrosse)	
New Richmond	River Falls	Tomah	Sparta	
	Somerset		Viroqua	
			West Salem	

WAHA CLASSIFICATIONS BY DIVISION
2026-2027

DIVISION 1	DIVISION 2	DIVISION 3	DIVISION 4	TIER 1
Appleton	DePere	Amery	Altoona	Jr. Admirals
Arrowhead	Eagle River	Antigo	Ashland	Madison Caps
Chippewa Falls	Everest	Baraboo	Barron-Chetek	Team Wis.
Eau Claire	Janesville	Beaver Dam	Burnett Cty (Siren)	
Elmbrook	Kenosha	Beloit	Cumberland	
Fond du Lac	McFarland	Blackhawk (Baldwin)	Ice Wolves	
Fox Valley	Menomonie	Black River Falls	Manitowoc	
Green Bay	Mosinee	Reedsburg-Wis. Dells	Marinette-Meno.	
Hudson	Onalaska-Holmen	Hayward	Medford	
Madison Patriots	Oregon	Lakeland	Monroe	
Madison Polar Caps	Rice Lake	Marshfield	North Lakeland	
Middleton	River Falls	Merrill	Pleasant Prairie	
New Richmond	Sheboygan	Oshkosh	Price Ice	
Ozaukee	Somerset	Rhinelander	River City (LaCros)	
SHAW	So. Wood County	Sauk Prairie	River Valley	
Stevens Point	Washington Cty.	Shawano	Sparta	
Sun Prairie		Tomah	Spooner	
Superior		Tomahawk	Stoughton	
Verona		Waupaca	Viroqua	
Waukesha		Waupun	West Salem	
Wausau				
Wildcats (Waunak)				
Winter Club				

APPENDIX IV

Method for updating local association information to the WAHA database.

METHOD TO UPDATE LOCAL ASSOCIATION INFORMATION AND PAY DUES (ANNUALLY):

The following two procedures need to be done at least annually and prior to June 30 in order for anyone from a local association to cast ballots at the WAHA Annual Meeting. Please Update Information anytime that it changes. It won't change in the printed Guidebook, but it will change online.

PAY DUES

1) At the top of the WAHA website home page, click on "Resources" and then "Association Resources". Select "Pay Dues".
2) At the next window, enter the Association ID (this is the WIH---- number found in the current Guidebook's Association section directly following the name of the association-be sure to enter "WIH" followed by the number with no spaces in between. Then enter just the 4-letter Password: in lower case, this is the four numbers following "WIH" converted to letters (1=a, 2=b, 3=c, etc. – NOTE: the numeral zero = the letter j). For example, 4337 = dccg. Click "Login".
3) At the next screen, select "Click Here to Make Payment".
4) The next screen is the WAHA Payment Gateway. Complete the requested information along with Credit Card information and click on "Process Payment". This completes the Pay Dues procedure.

UPDATE ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

1) At the top of the WAHA website home page, click on "Resources" and then "Association Resources". Select "Update Info".
2) To log in, follow the same procedure as detailed in #2 above in the Pay Dues section.
3) At the next window, revise any information that has changed. If any of the information is the same as last year, there is no need to enter it again. ***EVEN IF NO INFORMATION HAS CHANGED, BE SURE TO CLICK UPDATE SO THAT WAHA KNOWS YOUR ASSOCIATION HAS COMPLEED THIS PROCEDURE.***
4) When finished, click on "Update" at the bottom of the page.
   NOTE: once you have completed this, you should use the same procedure to keep this information current if and when personnel change during the current season. Once you have made the changes, click "Update" at the bottom of the screen. This completes the Update Association Information procedure.

APPENDIX V

Glossary of Terms

Term	Definition
Affiliate	A local or regional hockey association under WAHA jurisdiction.
Age Classification	USA Hockey's defined age groups for player eligibility.
Annual Meeting	The yearly meeting where WAHA conducts official business.
Bylaws	The formal rules governing WAHA's operations.
Certified Roster	A team roster approved by USA Hockey for sanctioned events.
Coach Certification	Training and education requirements for coaches per USA Hockey.
Consent to Treat	A form granting permission to treat injured players.
Credential Book	Binder containing documentation to verify team/player eligibility.
Credential Verification Sheet	Form verifying a team's eligibility to compete.
District Playoffs	Regional tournaments leading to National Championships.
Eligible Player	A player who meets all criteria to participate in WAHA events.
Game Sheet	Official score sheet used to record results of sanctioned games.
Girls/Women Classification	USA Hockey's designation for female player divisions.
Head Coach	Lead coach responsible for team operations and conduct.
IMR Form	Individual Membership Registration form for USA Hockey.
Level 4/5 Certification	Advanced coaching certifications with continuing education requirements.
Minor/Major	Designation based on player birth year within an age group.
National Bound Team	A team competing for a berth at the USA Hockey National Championships.
Non-Sanctioned Play	Games or tournaments not approved by USA Hockey.
Off-Ice Sessions	Dryland training or team meetings held off the ice.
Player Agreement	Binding contract committing player to a Tier I team.
Player Eligibility	Status indicating a player meets all requirements for participation.
Playoff Format	Structure used to determine champions in WAHA-sanctioned playoffs.
Protected Player	A player bound by agreement,

	ineligible to try out elsewhere.
Registrar	Official responsible for verifying and certifying rosters.
Registration Deadline	The date by which teams must submit required paperwork.
Rink Availability	Confirmation of sufficient ice time for practices/games.
Safe Sport	USA Hockey's abuse prevention and athlete safety program.
Sanctioned Tournament	A tournament approved and governed by USA Hockey rules.
Score Sheet	Document signed by coaches and referees to validate a game.
Section Director	WAHA representative overseeing hockey operations in a region.
State Playoffs	Tournaments determining which teams advance to district competition.
Suspension	Temporary ineligibility due to rule violations or conduct issues.
Team Fact Sheet	Document outlining a team's costs, schedule, and expectations.
Team Manager	Individual responsible for team logistics and administration.
Tier I	The highest level of competitive youth hockey sanctioned by WAHA.
Tier II	A competitive level below Tier I, with its own eligibility rules.
Tryout	Player evaluation sessions for team selection.
USA Hockey	The national governing body for amateur ice hockey in the U.S.
WAHA	Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, state affiliate of USA Hockey.

Additional Terms

- Before and After Team: Teams organized around the high school season, playing before and after WIAA schedules.

- Boundaries: Defined geographic area from which a team may draw its players.

- Credentialing: Process of verifying all eligibility documentation before tournament play.

- District Registrar: Person responsible for verifying birth and registration data.

- Full-Season Team: A team that competes from August 15 through the end of the National Tournament.

- Game Eligibility Rule (20/10 or 14/10): Minimum number of games teams and players must play to qualify for playoffs.

- Ineligible Player: A player who does not meet eligibility requirements and may result in forfeits or sanctions.

- Roster Freeze Date: The deadline after which roster changes are not allowed.

- Tampering: Illegal recruitment of players already bound to other teams.

- Tryout Schedule: Publicized dates and times for team selection events.

WISCONSIN HOCKEY HALL OF FAME

The Wisconsin Hockey Hall of Fame was founded in 1975 and is housed in the Eagle River Sports Arena. The Hall of Fame was established to honor outstanding individuals responsible for the development, growth and success of amateur ice hockey in the State of Wisconsin. Following is the list of Hall of Fame inductees along with their year of induction.

Year of Induction	Name	Hometown and/or City of Induction
1975	Harold Walters	Wausau
	Robert “Red” Van Adestine	Green Bay
	Laverne Thornberg	Fond du Lac
	Gib Sanborn	Eagle River
	John Riley	Madison
	William Lotzer	Brookfield
	Fenton Kelsey	Madison
	Obie Hoffman	Fond du Lac
	John Dunn	Madison
	Bill Boya	Superior
1976	Charles Spiess	Eagle River
	Geoffrey Maclay	Fox Point
	Joseph Lotzer	Milwaukee
	Joseph Leszcynski	Superior
	Herbert Kell	Milwaukee
	Howard Farrey	Fond du Lac
1977	Orville Stankevitz	Green Bay
	Robert Rompre	Waupun
	Mike Obrodovich	Eagle River
	Don Kohlman	Fond du Lac
	Stan Grzadielewski	Mosinee
1978	Henry Uihlein	Fox Point
	Don Clark	Cumberland
1979	Bill Steeno	Green Bay
	Florian Kuklinski	Mosinee
	Robert Bentley	Waupun
1980	Arthur Dunnie Richter	Eagle River
	William “Jingles” O’Brien	Madison
	Joe Lanctot	Superior
	Gilbert Krueger	Neenah
1981	George Wrobel	Green Bay
	Peter Milin	Spooner
	Dr. Joseph Coyne	Madison
1982	Eugene Richter	Eagle River
	James Grant	Waupun
1983	Marlowe Suter	Madison
	Larry Belonger	Green Bay

Year of Induction	Name	Hometown and/or City of Induction
1984	Orvin Walsvik	Monona
	Peter Elko	Eagle River
1985	Ray Liebaert	Superior
	Joe Decker	Green Bay
1986	Bob Schipferling	Mosinee
	Alois Penzenstadler	Oshkosh
	Don Brueckner	Green Bay
1987	Bob “Badger Bob” Johnson	Madison
1988	Bill Sparks	Eagle River
	Bud Bellon	Horicon
1989	John Mayasich	Green Bay
	Jerry Edwards	Beloit
1990	Richard O’Brien	Eau Claire
	Edward Hoffman	Shorewood
	Marv Elliot	Eagle River
1991	Eugene Murray	Fond du Lac
	E.A. McPherson	Webster
	Dennis “Pat” Humphreys	Green Bay
1992	Lloyd “Bud” Sheldon	Shorewood
	Bruce Lilyblad	Rice Lake
	Karl Bast	Watertown
1993	Paul Ryan	Madison
	Tom Obrodovich	Eagle River
1994	Walter Fehl	Wausau
	Merlin Baur	Mosinee
	Steve Badalich	Madison
1995	Steve Matushak	Superior
	Jim Keepers	Milwaukee
1996	Fred Schrauth	Oshkosh
	Mike Bradford	Eagle River
1997	Orrin Mangseth	Eagle River
	Charles “Carl” Bloedorn	Fond du Lac

Year of Induction	Name	Hometown and/or City of Induction
1998	Don Mulder	Waupun
	Leroy Lee	Ashland
1999	Louis Erickson	Shorewood
	Dean Desotell	Green Bay
	Ken Brod	Mosinee
2000	Gary Crapp	McFarland
	Mike Cowan	Superior/Waupun
2001	Bob Suter	Madison
	Mark Johnson	Madison
2002	Craig Ludwig	Eagle River
2003	Jim Paull	Milwaukee
	Gary Harker	Duluth/Superior
2004	Jeff Sauer	Madison
2005	Bill Spohn	Madison
	Terry Johnson	Rice Lake
2006	Phil Tulley	Milwaukee
	James T. “Andy” Devine	Madison
	Paul Coppo	Green Bay
2007	Al Welling	Madison
	Don Wahlin	Stoughton
	Warner “Junior” Stebbeds	Three Lakes
2008	Dave Witting	Beloit
	Mike Connor	Somerset
2009	Pat Weber	Eagle River
	Don Bradford	Eagle River/Wausau
2010	Kurt Steiner	DePere
	Skip Semandel	Milwaukee
	John Galloway	Neenah
2011	Mary Ann Robinson	Manitowoc
	Gregg Nelson	Fond du Lac
	Jerry Kennedy	Madison
	Wayne Caufield	Milwaukee

Year of Induction	Name	Hometown and/or City of Induction
2012	Pete Susens	Superior/Wausau
	George Baumann	Waupun
	Joe Boxrucker	Eagle River
2013	Jim E. Brown	Wausau
	Pete Krueger	Eagle River
	Gary Suter	Madison
2014	Gary Kuklinski	Mosinee
	Jeff Kuklinski	Mosinee
	Tom Kuklinski	Mosinee/Hayward
2015	John Hack	Superior
	Joe Baldarotta	Madison
2016	Bill McCoshen	Madison
	Steve Freeman	River Falls
2017	Tim Coghlin	Suamico
	John Kennedy	Franklin
2018	Dan Schachte	Verona
	Jerry Swenson	McFarland
2019	Bob Normand	Chippewa Falls
	Al Deming	Waupun
	Brianna Decker	Dousman
	Terry Klay	Wausau
2020	No inductees due to Pandemic	
2021	Dr. Thomas Doyle	Eagle River
	Judy Ferwerda	Madison
	Robert Peschel	Shorewood
	Cal Roadhouse	Pewaukee
2022	Wally Akervik	Eau Claire/Superior
	Pat “Duffy” Dyer	Duluth
	Ann Ninnemann	Plover
	Rebecca Hildebrandt	Cottage Grove/Sauk Prairie
2023	Karyn Bye	Hudson/River Falls
	Sis Paulsen	Eau Claire/Stoughton
	Terry Watkins	Menomonie

Year of Induction	Name	Hometown and/or City of Induction
2024	Paul Doud	Milwaukee
	Molly Engstrom	Siren
	Carol Pope	Madison
2025	Mark Greenhalgh	Madison
	Carol Marshall	Madison
	Mark Mazzoleni	De Pere
2026	Bob Ritzer	Eagle River
	Charles “Chuck” Schmitt	Sheboygan/Shorewood
	Ed Roethke	Menomonie



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