

Public Comment


In order to promote an open, transparent and member involved Board process, the Board of HAYHA has allowed and encouraged public comments at its meetings. Pursuant to the Bylaws the conduct of meetings is left to the presiding officer.

In the past public comment has assisted the Board in addressing issues or concerns of the members. In fact, when presented in a constructive manner, public comment has assisted the Board in addressing several issues such as the development of the tryout policy, and updates and development of the HAYHA Member Handbook, to name a couple.

However, at recent Board Meetings, the opportunity to present public comment has become disruptive to the Board's main duty, namely conducting the business of the organization. As such, in order to continue to allow public comment at Board meetings, the following guidelines will be implemented.

1. During the designated period for public comment, the presiding officer may elicit public comment.
2. Prior to providing any public comment, the individual must be recognized by the presiding officer. Each individual will be allowed three (3) minutes to provide comment. At the discretion of the presiding officer, additional time may be allowed to conclude comment.
3. Remarks and comment will not be allowed during the public comment section of the Board meeting for any topic which involves allegations of violation of SafesSport policy, the investigation or handling of any SafeSport complaint, disciplinary matters, matters of personal privacy, or as a substitute to the Grievance Protocol process included in the HAYHA Member Handbook.
4. Public comment will not be allowed to present complaints or grievances concerning any individual member of HAYHA, team manager, parent, coach, player, or Board member. Any such complaints or grievances should follow the Grievance Protocol Process included in the HAYHA Member Handbook, as applicable. If the complaint or grievance is not covered by the Grievance Protocol Process it should be made, in writing and delivered to any officer of the HAYHA Board. Upon receipt of the written complaint, the matter will be addressed by the HAYHA Board as deemed appropriate by the Board.

5. All public comment will be required to be made in an appropriate, constructive and respectful manner. Slanderous, disrespectful, disruptive, or other inappropriate comments or allegations will not be allowed. The presiding officer may ask the individual to end their comments at any time at the discretion of the presiding officer. If the person continues to speak or is in any way disruptive of the meeting, the presiding officer may ask the person to leave the meeting.



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