

COBRAS HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY CLUB BYLAWS

Article I – Organization:

Section 1: Name

The name of the organization shall be **Cobras High School Hockey Club**. The name **Worth Township High School Hockey Association** will be used for Tax purposes, an Illinois Not for profit Organization

Section 2: Registered Address

The registered address of the organization shall be at a place as determined by the Executive Board or at the residence of the current board President.

Section 3: Registered Agent

The registered agent shall be the President of the Executive Board

Section 4: Not for Profit / exempt status

The club is organized as a State of Illinois Not for Profit Organization upon a non-stock membership basis, not involving pecuniary gain or profit for any of its members, for the term of perpetual existence. The Cobras High School Hockey club shall per operated exclusively as an exempt Organization under the provisions of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as amended an as may be amended in the future.

Section 5: Use of Funds

All funds and property of this club shall be used and distributed exclusively for carrying out the purposes of the club as set forth in Article II. Stipends will be paid to the coaching staff. All fees collected are to be used solely for the purposes to operate the club. Any budget surplus will be applied to the following fiscal year.

Section 6: Fiscal Year

The fiscal year shall run from June 1 to May 31 of the following year.

Section 7: Financial Statements

The treasurer shall once a month prepare a true statement of the assets and liabilities of the organization for the preceding month. This report will be read into the minutes of each monthly executive board meeting.

Section 8: Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of The Cobras Hockey Club, the Executive Board shall make provisions for payment of all the liabilities of the organization. After all liabilities have been met if there are any funds and/or assets remaining these funds / assets shall be distributed as determined by the membership and allowable by law.

Article II – Organization Purpose:

The Cobras High School Hockey Club is a not for profit organization operating a hockey program for high school students in the Shepard, Stagg, Andrew, Tinley Park, Richards, Chicago Ag., Argo, Oak Forest, Tinley Park, Bremen, and Oak Lawn areas. The purpose of the organization is:

- To teach the fundamentals of ice hockey to all players
- To promote, encourage, and improve the standard of amateur ice hockey
- To develop and promote character, sportsmanship, teamwork and physical fitness
- To associate with other ice hockey organizations
- To conduct an program consistent with the rules and regulations of AHAI and USA Hockey
- To perform or participate in other activities that will aid in reaching these objectives

Article III – Membership

Section 1: Executive Board

The Executive Board membership shall consist of President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and 2 Members at large. At minimum there will be five members on the executive board. The participating schools in accordance with AHAI will represent the Board membership. All Executive Board members will serve 2-year terms, but are eligible for re-election. Each member will be credited or compensated for one month of the current monthly rate for that season. This is provided each member satisfies the responsibilities as outlined, and will not present a financial burden to the organization. Credit or compensation will be made at the conclusion of each hockey season. The responsibilities will be as follows:

President:

- Schedule & preside over board and membership meetings
- Administer policies of the board and organization
- Bring member grievances to the board
- Prepare annual operating budget
- Schedule ice slots
- Along with the Treasurer shall sign all checks
- Is an unofficial member of any association committee

1st Vice-President

- In charge of all matters concerning rules and ethics, player discipline
- Responsible for enforcing Zero Tolerance policies for on / off ice
- Assumes the position of President in their absence

2nd Vice-President

- Responsible for coordinating Corporate Sponsorship and fundraising activities
- Will also monitor the organization website for content.
- Responsible for web committee

Treasurer

- Shall keep full and accurate accounts of the clubs assets and liabilities
- Disperse funds as needed to cover club expenses
- Shall collect all funds
- Along with the President will sign all checks

Secretary

- Shall be the clerk of the Executive Board
- Shall record all facts and minutes of meetings
- Shall be the custodian of the paper records of the club

Members at large

- Will fill in needed areas as necessary
- Have equal voting rights with other Executive Board members

Section 2: Additional Organizational Positions

In addition to the Executive board, the club will have a Registrar who is responsible for registering each team with AHAJ and USA Hockey. Each team will also have a manager, who is responsible for handling the score sheets and coordinating communication between the coach and the families.

Parent Liaison

The parent liaison will act as the representative between the Executive Board and all active remembers concerning matters of the organization. This position is an appointed position by the Executive Board.

Section 3: Member in good standing

- Member who has met their financial obligations to the club
- Is not being reviewed by the Club's Rules & Ethics committee
- Is not being reviewed by the League's or AHAJ Rules & ethics committee

Section 4: Active Member

All members of the Executive Board, coaches, players and their parents or legal guardians shall be considered active members of the organization

Section 5: Expulsion or Suspension

An active member may be expelled or suspended, after due notice and an opportunity for a hearing by the Rules & Ethics Committee by a vote of 2/3 of the Executive Board. The Secretary shall provide at least 10 days notice to the member and to the Rules & Ethics Committee as well as the Executive Board prior to the meeting at which the matter is to be resolved. The member shall have the opportunity to be heard at the meeting as well as have others testify on their behalf prior to any final decision by the Executive Board. All actions shall be final. Any member expelled will have the right to request a hearing at the first meeting of the next season to be considered for reinstatement.

Section 6: Voting Rights

Each player can be represented by 2 adult votes. The voting members must be a parent or legal guardian. Voting members must be present to vote. If a proxy vote is required they must be submitted to the Secretary 7 days prior to the meeting.

Section 7: Right to hold office

To run for a position on the Executive Board a person must meet the following conditions:

- Be at least 21 years of age
- Not have a spouse or family member on the Executive board
- Have been a part of the club for one season

Section 8: Annual / Regular meetings

Nominations for Executive Board positions will be accepted on the website prior to the annual meeting held at the end of the year banquet.

Voting for all positions will be held at the end of the year banquet.

Regular meetings for the executive Board and all open meetings will be established after the game schedule is established.

All meetings shall follow Robert's Rules of Order

Section 9: Notice and Quorum

At least 15 days prior to elections all nominations for positions, and date / time of elections shall be posted on the club website. Quorum shall consist of 66% of the voting membership.

Article IV – Coaching Staff:

The club's head coaching staff shall be decided upon by the executive board. Head Coaches of each team shall select their assistant coaches but the executive board shall retain final approval.

Article V- Amendments to the By-Laws:

Section 1: Executive Board amendments

The Executive Board may amend these by-laws by presenting the amendment to the voting members at a regular or special meeting. 2/3 approval of the membership is required to pass the amendment

Section 2: Survivability Clause

If a court of competent jurisdiction holds any provisions of these by-laws invalid the remainder of these by-laws shall not be affected thereby. The invalidity of any section or sections or parts foamy section or sections of these by-laws shall not affect the validity of the remaining Cobras High School Hockey Club by-laws.