

COLORADO COMPETITIVE YOUTH HOCKEY LEAGUE BYLAWS

As of September 14, 2015

Article I – NAME AND PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The name of the organization is Colorado Competitive Youth Hockey League, henceforth referred to as the “Corporation” or “League”. The principal office of the Corporation shall be 1340 Prouty Dr Evergreen Colorado 80439 or such other place as may subsequently be designated by the Board of Directors.

Article II – PURPOSE

The purpose of the Corporation shall be as set forth in its Articles of Incorporation and amendments thereto which may be adopted from time to time. This Corporation is a non-profit corporation and shall be affiliated with USA Hockey, the national governing body for amateur ice hockey in the United States, and the Colorado Amateur Hockey Association (CAHA), the USA Hockey local affiliate organization,. The Corporation is a league governing body recognized by CAHA for teams competing for State or national playoffs at the Tier II (“AA”) level. The Corporation also hosts playoffs at the “High School”, “A”, “B”, and “C” levels for member associations.

In furtherance of such purposes the Corporation is organized and operated as a youth hockey league program to provide the best environment possible in amateur hockey for the youth of Colorado. All Member organizations will attempt to promote the development of girl’s hockey teams within their organizations.

The Corporation shall emphasize:

- The excellence of coaching and teaching the sport;
- The spirit of competition and fair play;
- As goal of providing the optimum medium to enhance the ability and attitude of participants and development of leadership;
- The fostering and promotion of the reputation of the league, the teams, and it’s players.

ARTICLE III – PRECEDENCE

These Bylaws and the Rules adopted hereunder supplement Rules issued by USA Hockey and CAHA and place additional requirements, restrictions, and penalties upon Member organizations, clubs, teams, players, officials and other individuals participating in League events. In the event of conflict, the Rules of USA Hockey and CAHA take precedence over these Bylaws and the Rules adopted hereunder.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Member Organizations *Amended 08/16/01*

Any youth hockey organization, adhering to and qualifying for membership in the Colorado Amateur Hockey Association may become a member of the Corporation. Membership must include the ownership or an agreement between a Member Organization and a facility. This agreement must provide the necessary activity to operate a youth hockey organization, including, but not limited to, ensuring available ice time for games (primarily on Saturday’s and Sunday’s between 8:00am and 6:00pm MST) and practices for all of their teams. Each Member

organization shall promote hockey skill development through a USA Hockey sanctioned Initiation Program or an equivalent development program. A youth hockey organization must field at least one team at each of all the following USA Hockey classifications:

- 8 or Under Classification
 - The qualifying Member must have an initiation or American Development Model U8 program.
- 10 or under Classification, Squirt
- 12 or under Classification, PeeWee
- 14 or under Classification, Bantam

All organizations must be located within the State of Colorado. In the event that any Member organization fails to meet the fielding of teams requirements of this Section, the Member organization shall be given one year to field all teams required for membership in the Corporation. If a member association is unable to comply with this requirement after one year, the Corporation Board may vote at any regular or special meeting called for such purpose to terminate the Membership of such association at the conclusion of the current regular League season. Said vote will require an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Members organizations with at least eighty percent (80%) of the Member organizations in attendance

Section 2: Admission of New Members

Non-Member Youth hockey organizations which meet the criteria for membership described in Section 1 maybe admitted to the Corporation as a “Probationary Member” by affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Member organizations with at least eighty percent (80%) of the Member organizations in attendance. Any probationary member admitted for a season shall be subject to all conditions placed upon such admission, Corporation Bylaws and Rules/Regulations. The admitted probationary member shall pay the usual and customary team fee charged by the Corporation. The team shall not be entitled to vote on any matter of the Corporation. A team must receive an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the Corporation’s member associations with at least 80% of the member associations in attendance. A Probationary Membership shall be granted for a one-year probationary period, at the conclusion of which a second vote will be taken as to the admission of a Probationary Member to a full Membership status. Following the probationary period, in order for the Probationary Member to become a full Member of the Corporation, the Probationary Member must receive a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Members at a meeting in which eighty percent (80%) of the Members are present. Probationary Members shall not be entitled to a vote of the admission of the Probationary Member. Any application for a Probationary Membership must be submitted to the League no later than March 31 of the year prior to the commencement of the League season. Membership in the Corporation shall be non-transferable.

Section 3: Voting of Members

Each Member organization in good standing shall be entitled to one vote on all matters that come before the Corporation in any meeting. Each Member shall appoint, by a written notice from the President of such Member, a Commissioner and an alternate Commissioner in the event that the designated Commissioner is absent.

Section 4: Sanctions for Violations of Bylaws or Rules

The Corporation reserves the right to review, investigate and determine appropriate sanctions, including the termination of Membership, for any violation of these Bylaws or the Rules adopted hereunder by a Member organization. Any allegations of a violation may be brought forward by any Member Organization through its Commissioner and will be referred to a Conduct Committee comprised of the Commissioners from three of the Member organizations as determined by the Executive Board. Said Conduct Committee shall not include the Commissioners of either the Member organization which brought the allegation or the Member organization which has been accused of violation. The Conduct Committee shall review the allegations of violation and conduct such investigation as it deems appropriate. At the conclusion of its investigation and upon ten (10) days written notice to the Member organization accused of violation, the Conduct Committee will submit a report of its findings to the Board of Directors for consideration at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose. The Member organization accused of violation shall have the opportunity to explain or rebut the findings of the Conduct Committee at said Board meeting. The Board shall find that a Member organization has committed a violation of these Bylaws or the Rules adopted hereunder by an affirmative vote of a simple majority of the Member organizations with at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Member organizations with at least eighty percent (80%) of the Member organization in attendance. If a violation is found to have occurred, the Board may impose sanctions, including but not limited to termination of Membership, suspension or probation with conditions, upon an affirmative vote of two thirds (2/3) of the Member organizations with at least 80% of the Member organizations in attendance.

ARTICLE VI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: Powers

The Commissioners shall serve as the Corporation's Board of Directors (the "Board"), which shall have and exercise all the usual powers of the directors of a business over the property and affairs of the Corporation. The Board shall make all Rules that they deem necessary for the sound operation of the Corporation and for the due and orderly conduct of the Bylaws of the Corporation. Said Rules shall be in writing and adopted on an affirmative vote of a simple majority of the Member organizations present, providing that a quorum is present. Each meeting of the Board shall be considered a meeting of the Member organizations in that each Member organization shall be represented on the Board by its designated Commissioner.

Section 2: Meetings

The Board shall meet once each month during the period of August through June. Meeting dates, times, location and whether it will be held in person, by telephone conference or Internet video link, will be determined at each meeting in preparation for the subsequent meeting. Proper notice must be given to all Commissioners at least ten (10) days prior to such meeting specifying that forum of the meeting and the method to participate in the meeting. The April meeting shall be the Board's Annual Meeting at which time they shall elect officers for the ensuing year. The Board shall meet during the month of April each year for their Annual Meeting at which they shall elect officers for the ensuing year. Nominations for the Officers of the Corporation shall take place at the presiding March monthly meeting. The new Officers shall assume their new positions at the first meeting held after June 1st of each year. Meetings shall be scheduled at a Board of Directors meeting or may be called by the President, Vice President, or twenty-five

percent (25%) of the Commissioners according to the notice requirements set forth hereinafter. At all meetings of the Board, a quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of at least two thirds (2/3) of the existing Member organizations and shall be transacted by a majority vote of all Members present.

Section 3: Compensation

No Officer or Commissioner shall receive any salary of compensation for services unless otherwise especially approved by the Board.

Section 4: Paid Services

The Board may employ staff or contract for services, as it deems necessary. Duties, responsibilities, qualifications, consideration, and compensations shall be set by the Board. Paid staff may be requested to attend meetings and/or report to the Board.

Section 5: Financing

The operation and conduct of this Corporation shall be financed by regular membership fees and dues, voluntary contributing, and incidental receipts. All membership fees and dues shall be on a team basis. No team can begin league play until membership fees and dues are paid in full.

Section 6: Insurance

The Board shall cause liability and other Insurance to be obtained as deemed necessary or as required by law and shall be paid on an annual basis in such amounts and to such firms as the Board may determine.

ARTICE VII – EXECUTIVE BOARD and OFFICERS

Section 1: Executive Board

The Executive Board shall consist of:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary/Treasurer

Section 2: Fidelity Bond – Checking Account

The Secretary/Treasurer shall furnish a fidelity bond in such amount as the Executive Board annually may deem necessary, the cost thereof to be paid by the Corporation. Counter-signatures on all check and savings withdrawals shall be required on any amount greater than a limit, which shall be set annually by the Board. Checks and savings withdrawals must be signed by two Executive Board members, President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer.

Section 3: Removal of Officers or Commissioners

An Officer or Commissioner may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors with at least eighty percent (80%) of the Member organization in attendance pursuant to the quorum requirements previously set out therein, whenever in its judgment the best interest of the Corporation would be served thereby. In the even a Commissioner is removed, the Member association shall promptly replace such Commissioner.

Section 4: Vacancy

A vacancy in any office shall be filled by an affirmative vote by a simple majority of the Board of Directors, from recommendations by the Executive Board or nominations made by Commissioners at that meeting for the unexplored portion of the term of such office.

Section 5: Probationary Members

No Commissioner of a Probationary Member shall be permitted to serve on the Executive Committee of the Corporation.

ARTICLE VIII – DUTIES OF OFFICERS and COMMISSIONERS

Section 1: General Duties

The duties of the Officers shall be as their titles imply and indicate, as required by law and by these Bylaws, and as may be assigned to them respectively, from time to time, by the Board.

Section 2: President

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Board, Board, and of the Corporation; shall have the power to call meetings; shall exercise general direction over the affairs and activities of the Corporation; and shall have the power to create necessary committees. The President shall present an annual report to the Board and to the members' organizations reviewing the season ended, and making such forecast for the season approaching as may be reasonable. In order to serve as the President, the individual must serve a minimum of 2 (two) consecutive years as a Board of Directors Member of the Corporation. The term of the President shall be for 2 (two) years and shall start and end on even calendar years.

Section 3: Vice President

The Vice President shall, in the absence of the President, exercise all the functions of the President except the power of appointment. In case the office of the President shall become vacant by death, resignation, or otherwise, then such office shall devolve upon the Vice President until such time as the Board shall elect a new President pursuant to Article IV, Section 2. He/She shall be responsible for the proper team registration meetings, and shall be responsible for overseeing the activities of the Division Directors. In order to serve as the Vice President, the individual must serve a minimum of 2 (two) consecutive years as a Board of Directors Member of the Corporation. The term of the Vice President shall be for 2 (two) years and shall start and end on odd calendar years.

Section 4: Secretary/Treasurer

The Secretary/treasurer shall keep the minutes of the Executive Board and Board meetings. If He/She is unable to attend a meeting, He/She shall have the authority to designate a member of the board to do so in His/Her absence. He/She shall attend to the giving of notices of the Corporation and be custodian of the organization records in accordance with the laws of the State of Colorado and the establishment of the Corporation. The minutes of all Executive Board and Board meetings shall be distributed to all commissioners as soon thereafter as possible. The Secretary/Treasurer shall have custody of, collect and keep accounts of all money, funds and property of the Corporation and shall render such accounts and present such statements to the Officers and the Commissioners as may be required. A financial report shall be provided to the Board at each meeting. An annual; financial; report/or budget report shall be presented to the

Board at its August meeting. The term of the Secretary/Treasurer shall be for 2 (two) years and shall start and end on odd calendar years.

Section 5: Division Directors

Each Member organization whose Commissioner is not a member of the Executive Board shall be required to designate one (1) individual who is willing to serve as a Division Coordinator. The Division Coordinator shall be the commissioner or Alternative Commissioner designated by such Member association. There shall be six (6) Division Directors, which shall fulfill the duties of each age division as set forth in these Bylaws. Each Division Director shall be permitted to appoint a committee to work with the Director, which committee membership shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE IX– COMMITTEES

Section 1: Special Committee(s)

Committees may be appointed by the President from time to time as they may become necessary. These committees will have a primary focus consisting of matters that require immediate attention that may cause changes in the Corporation Bylaws or Rules/Regulations. Any Committee assembled shall be chaired by one (1) Executive Board Member and include at least two (2) other members of the Board to be appointed by the Executive Board. It shall be the duty of the assembled committee to review, investigate and make recommendations regarding the matter of focus and present it to the Corporation for a vote that will elicit what, if any, form of action is required.

ARTICLE X– FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year shall begin the first day of June. The annual meeting shall coincide with the ending of the fiscal year.

ARTICLE XI – BYLAW AMENDMENTS

Section 1: Notice of Bylaw Amendment

Proposed amendments to these Bylaws shall be read at a general meeting or a special meeting called for that purpose, and may be voted upon at that time; provided however, that fifteen (15) days prior notice is given to all Members of the proposed Bylaws amendment.

Section 2: Vote on Bylaw Amendment

Adoption shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Commissioners with at least eighty percent (80%) of the Member organization in attendance present at a duly constituted meeting. Though all Commissioners may not be present to vote, 100% of the Commissioners must respond to the vote whether it will be in person at the meeting, by telephone conference or Internet video link, or via email to the President with a copy to all of the Commissioners.

ARTICLE XI – DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

The assets of the Corporation are permanently dedicated to exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding provisions of future laws). The Corporation shall not be operated for pecuniary profit and shall have not capital stock and shall make no distributions of dividends to its members, directors, officers, or persons having a

private interest in the activities of the Corporation. In the event the Corporation is dissolved, the Board of Directors shall pay, satisfy, and discharge all liabilities and obligations of the Corporation or make adequate provisions therefore and distribute all remaining assets of the Corporation to an organization or organizations engaged in activities substantially similar to educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at that time qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding provisions of future laws).