

**USA HOCKEY, INC.**  
**2016 ANNUAL CONGRESS: BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM**

**PROPOSAL NUMBER:** 2016 – Disabled Hockey Section #1- PASSED

**NAME OF PUBLICATION:** Annual Guide

**MAIN HEADING:** BYLAWS

**REGULATION (Heading):**

**BY-LAW (Heading):** COUNCILS, COMMITTEES AND SECTIONS

**Section:** C. Sections

**Reference (sub-section):** (10) Disabled Hockey

**Paragraph / Page no(s):** Pages 75-76

**CURRENT WORDING: (please type in Tahoma/Pitch 11)**

(a) The Disabled Hockey Section shall be composed of all disabled hockey members who register with USA Hockey as disabled hockey organizations. In the event that the registration of disabled hockey organizations with USA Hockey represents a membership of fifty (50) or more members, this Section shall be entitled to elect from its members a Section Director to the Board of Directors. The selection of the Section Director shall be by election conducted by the Section, pursuant to a democratic representative formula of election which has been approved by the Board of Directors.

The composition of the Disabled Hockey Section of USA Hockey shall be composed of one (1) appointed representative from each USA Hockey District, one (1) appointed representative from each of the following disabled hockey disciplines: Deaf/Hard of Hearing Hockey, Special Hockey, Sled (Sledge) Hockey and Amputee/Standing Hockey. These organizations will be treated the same as USA Hockey Youth and Adult organizations. In addition, the President of USA Hockey may appoint, as necessary, other members to the Section from time to time. Each appointed representative shall have one vote in Disabled Hockey Section matters. The Disabled Hockey Section shall meet during the USA Hockey Annual and Winter Meetings.

**SPECIFIC WORDING OF PROPOSAL: (please type in Tahoma/Pitch 11)**

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organizations will be treated the same as USA Hockey Youth and Adult organizations. In addition, the President of USA Hockey may appoint, as necessary, other members to the Section from time to time. Each appointed representative shall have one vote in Disabled Hockey Section matters. The Disabled Hockey Section shall meet during the USA Hockey Annual and Winter Meetings.

**INTENTION OF PROPOSAL:**

With the increase of military veterans with a disability, there is a need to create a new discipline, Warrior Hockey and for there to be someone to represent Warrior Hockey on the Disabled Hockey Section.

Submitter: Disabled Hockey Section

*Proposal directed also to (Board, Council, Committee, Section):*

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PROPOSAL NUMBER: 2016 – Disabled Section #2 AMENDED – PASSED

NAME OF PUBLICATION: Annual Guide  
MAIN HEADING: RULES AND REGULATIONS  
REGULATION (Heading): II. CLASSIFICATIONS  
BY-LAW (Heading):  
Section: C. Youth, Girls/Women  
Reference (sub-section): D. Disabled  
Paragraph / Page no(s): Page 125

CURRENT WORDING: (please type in Tahoma/Pitch 11)

(1) Classifications

- Adult Sled (Sledge) (21 & Over)
- Youth Sled (Sledge) (20 & Under)\*
- Special (all ages)
- Amputee/Standing (all ages)
- Deaf/Hard of Hearing (all ages)

*\*Sled (Sledge) players over the age of 20 may be allowed to play on a youth sled (sledge) team if their disability prevents them from playing in the adult sled (sledge) division.*

SPECIFIC WORDING OF PROPOSAL: (please type in Tahoma/Pitch 11)

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(1) Classifications

- Adult Sled (Sledge) **(19 & Over)**
- Youth Sled (Sledge) **(18 & Under)\***
- Special (all ages)
- Amputee/Standing (all ages)
- Deaf/Hard of Hearing (all ages)
- **Blind / Visually Impaired (all ages)**
- **Warrior Hockey (veterans with a disability playing upright)~~(all ages)~~**

*\*Sled (Sledge) players over the age of ~~20~~**18** may be allowed to play on a youth sled (sledge) team if their ~~disability~~ skill level and age prevents them from playing in the adult sled (sledge) division, upon approved waiver.*

**\*\* In any Disabled Hockey classifications, the local program, league, Affiliate or USA Hockey may require that players 18 and over complete a background screen in accordance with USA Hockey's SafeSport Program prior to participation. Players may be prohibited from participating in disabled classifications based on a violation of the USA Hockey SafeSport Program policies through a summary suspension where appropriate, or following a hearing in accordance with USA Hockey Bylaw 10.**

## **INTENTION OF PROPOSAL:**

With the increase of military veterans with a disability, there is a need to create a new discipline, Warrior Hockey. In addition, players with visual impairment have been playing in adult leagues for years and are now starting to organize into full teams. This proposal simply adds these two registration categories to coincide with what is developing and currently taking place. We also need to adjust the age classifications for sled to be 18 and under and 19 and over to coincide with the rules that are in place as well as be consistent with other USA Hockey classifications

Submitter: Disabled Hockey Section

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PROPOSAL NUMBER: 2016 – Disabled Section #3 AMENDED PASSED

NAME OF PUBLICATION: Annual Guide

MAIN HEADING: RULES AND REGULATIONS

REGULATION (Heading): ~~IX. DISTRICT PLAYOFFS AND NATIONAL~~  
CHAMPIONSHIPS

DISABLED HOCKEY NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS  
AND EVENTS

BY-LAW (Heading):

Section:

Reference (sub-section):

Paragraph / Page no(s): Page ~~138~~192

**CURRENT WORDING: (please type in Tahoma/Pitch 11)**

~~Each season, USA Hockey shall conduct District Playoffs and National Championship Tournaments in the Youth, Girls'/Women's and High School age classifications. The Rules and Regulations governing eligibility and qualification for the District and National Championships are set forth in this Article IX. The USA Hockey Youth Council shall approve a USA Hockey District and National Championship Tournament Guidebook, which shall be published and available on the USA Hockey website on or before September 1 prior to the following year's District and National Championships. Except as set forth herein, to the extent of any contrary information in the USA Hockey Annual Guide, the District and National Championship Tournament Guidebook shall be the binding authority for the requirements, rules, regulations, operation and procedures of all USA Hockey District and National Championship Tournaments. For regulations applicable to regional, invitational and national championships for the Junior, Adult Men and Senior Women (30 & Over, 40 & Over and 50 & Over) classifications, please contact the appropriate registrar, the junior staff liaison, or the USA Hockey national office.~~  
[NO CURRENT LANGUAGE IN ANNUAL GUIDE]

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~~Adult Men and Senior Women (30 & Over, 40 & Over and 50 & Over) classifications, please contact the appropriate registrar, the junior staff liaison, or the USA Hockey national office.~~

#### XIV. Disabled Hockey National Tournaments and Events

Each Season, USA Hockey shall conduct a Sled National Championship, Disabled Hockey Festival and Sled Classic, and may in its discretion conduct national championships or other events and tournaments in other disabled hockey disciplines. The Rules and Regulations governing eligibility and qualification as well as tournament specific rules shall be published in the Disabled Hockey Tournament/Event Guidebook(s), which shall be published and available on the USA Hockey Website on or before September 1 of the current playing season. The Disabled Hockey Section will approve all such rules and regulation at the USA Hockey Annual meetings, just prior to the playing season applicable. Any changes to the Disabled Hockey Tournament/Event Guidebook(s) must be submitted to the Chair of the Disabled Hockey Section by April 1 to be considered by the Disabled Hockey Section. Except as set forth herein, to the extent of any contrary information in the USA Hockey Annual Guide, the Disabled Hockey Tournament/Event Guidebook(s) shall be the binding authority for the requirements, rules, regulations, operation and procedures of Sled Hockey National Championships, Disabled Hockey Festival, ~~and Sled Classic~~ and other applicable events. ~~All other information set forth in this Article IX, is not application to these events.~~

Any appeal of eligibility of a team, coach or player to participate in the Sled National Championship, Disabled Hockey Festival and Sled Classic or other national championship events conducted by USA Hockey, following a final decision by the applicable registrar or eligibility committee appointed by the Disabled Hockey Section, are not subject to Bylaw 10 and shall be referred to and decided by the National Championships Appeal Committee as set forth in Bylaw 10.D.(i).

#### **INTENTION OF PROPOSAL:**

To add verbiage to the USA Hockey Annual Guide with respects of where to find and how rules and regulations for the three major Disabled Hockey Events can be changed.

Submitter: Disabled Hockey Section

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**PROPOSAL NUMBER:** 2016 – Disabled Hockey #4 - PASSED

**NAME OF PUBLICATION:** Annual Guide

**MAIN HEADING:** RULES AND REGULATIONS

**REGULATION (Heading):** IX. DISTRICT PLAYOFFS AND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

**BY-LAW (Heading):**

**Section:**

**Reference (sub-section):**

**Paragraph / Page no(s):** Page 138

**CURRENT WORDING: (please type in Tahoma/Pitch 11)**

USA Hockey will publish two official playing rules books – one that will pertain to all teams and leagues registered in the Youth, Adult and Girls'/Women's ice hockey classifications and one that will pertain to all teams and leagues registered in the Junior classifications. All constituent members must abide by the appropriate rulebook. Constituent members include all teams registered with USA Hockey as well as the leagues in which these teams are playing. No other playing rules book will be allowed.

Except for Juniors, any minor ice hockey playing rules changes must be approved by the respective district referee-in-chief.

Changes to the above policy can be made from time to time by the Executive Committee.

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Except for Juniors, any minor ice hockey playing rules changes must be approved by the respective district referee-in-chief.

Changes to the above policy can be made from time to time by the Executive Committee.

**INTENTION OF PROPOSAL:**

To add verbiage to the USA Hockey Annual Guide with respect to the official rules of sled hockey and where they can be located.

Submitter: Disabled Hockey Section

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