

Finance and Investment Committee

- Approved USAH budget for 2016-17 season
 - Revenue \$55.3 (+23.1%), Expenses \$46.5M (+4.8%), Net Income \$8.4M (Note Revenue includes IIHF grant of \$9.2M for hosting the World Juniors, removing revenue & expenses for World Juniors results in a \$0.2M deficit)
- \$8.0M NHL Grant. Officiating \$400K, College Hockey and USHL \$1,700K, NDTP \$3,200K, Membership Development \$930K, ADM \$1,740K
- USA Hockey Foundation – Total Assets \$50.1M, Investments \$19,2M, USA Arena \$27.2M, CS Building \$1.9M, USOC Endowment \$1.4M, Other \$1.2M
- Affiliate Investments – 6 affiliates \$1.8M, MH \$850K
- No fee Increase for 2017-18 season. Margenau leading a sub-committee to establish policy for future increases and examine alternative membership fee increases.

Town Hall Meeting

- Playing Rule Proposals (See attached summary)
 - See attached
 - #68 Strengthens language on racial slurs
 - #80 Removes body checking at 14U
 - #97 all face-offs at 9 face-off spots
 - #108 Match penalty for removing helmet during altercation
 - #128 Removes legal shorthanded icing
- USOC – Diversity, Jason Thompson
 - Think of your sport differently to invite others. Who is not participating and how do they get the keys to the car?
 - Will take time, keep at it. Likely take generations.
 - USOC website diversity page/handbook
- Technology
 - Mobile Rulebook updated and released
 - New version of Mobile Coach app released. (Practice Plan Evaluator)
 - ZOOM, east to use. Free account available through USA Hockey

Youth Council

- Playing Rule Changes
- High School Showcase moving from Pittsburg to St. Louis. Focus on players seeking to play Junior Tier III and College Club (ACA) Hockey.
- Nationals
 - Discussion about team fee and eliminating gate for parents.

- Discussion of bring quarter-finals back for Tier 1. Lengthening tournament by one day. No decision.
- Discussion about changing dates of Nations because of conflict with NCAA blackout days.
- New position proposal – affiliate off-ice Training Coordinator
- CEP Age Specific Modules will be open on July 1 and continue to be open 365 days a year.
- Officials, registration simplified and certification process made easier.

Affiliate Presidents

- USA Hockey Block Grant - \$142,846.50 (\$35,082.75 for 2016-17 and \$107,763.75 for 2017-18 season)
- Membership Development
 - USA Hockey Total 8U – 115,694 (+7.4%)
 - MH – 18,0002 (+2.0%)
 - MA – 13,196 (+0.7%)
 - NY – 11,514 (+6.8%)
 - MI – 7,751 (+6.3%)
 - WI – 6,106 (+5.4%)
 - IL – 4,680 (-5.9%)
 - THFF Nov. 4, 2017 and March 3, 2018 (week after the Olympics).
- Club Excellence – New release allows for customization
 - MH has 42 Associations signed up with 131 Individual users
- Transgender Eligibility – Eligibility and Locker-room policy out later this summer
- Mite Full Ice Exemptions – 3 of 34 affiliate are requesting exemptions for 2017-18 (Sub-committee has been sunsetted any future requests will go to Player Development Committee)

Legislative Proposals Adopted

- Coaching Education Program
 - All coaches must complete age specific module before participating with team
 - Coaches with expired certification will retain their previous certification provided the certification can be verified.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Legislative Changes

V. Coaching Education Program (pages 138-142)

1. All coaches must complete the on-line age specific module PRIOR to participating with their team.
2. Previous/Expired Certifications – Coaches with any expired certification will retain their previous certification levels provided the certification can be verified.

Playing Rule Changes (Four Year Cycle)

Youth/Girls/Adult Rules – 196 Proposed Changes and 6 Housekeeping Changes

115 Proposals Defeated

Of Note:

1. Proposal to eliminate delayed off-sides (tag-up) at the Bantam 14U levels of play
2. Proposal to reduce the length of minor penalties to 1:30 for games with length of periods of 15 minutes or less (except Adults)
3. Proposal to remove body checking in the 14U age classification
4. Proposal to allow delayed off-sides (tag-up) at the PeeWee 12U level of play

81 Proposal Approved

74 – Cleans up language, clarifies, better defines, adds/moves language, modernizes language

1. Adds infraction of holding/grabbing facemask to progressive suspension rule (411)
2. Adds provision for situation where official is incapacitated in 4 official system
3. All face-offs must be conducted at one of the nine face-off spots
4. Calls for offensive zone FO when puck is deflects out of play of goal post or crossbar
5. Changes language for racial/ethnic slur to include any language that is “offensive, hateful or discriminatory in nature”
6. Eliminates the ability of a shorthanded team to legally ice the puck for Bantam 14U classification and below.
7. Adds Adults to rule 629(e)

PROPOSAL 128 Rule 624 Icing the Puck (*Eliminate the exception that allows a shorthanded team to legally ice the puck at the 14&U age classifications and younger*)

The data below was collected from 196 games implementing the proposed icing rule: Games monitored were from a pilot project that eliminated the exception that allows a shorthanded team to legally ice the puck. Game length varied by age between 60 and 120 minutes.

	12U	14U	TOTAL
Number of Games	32	63	196
Avg. # even strength icings per game	1.72	3.70	3.70
Avg. # shorthanded icings per game	.81	1.73	1.81
Avg. Total # Icings per game	2.53	5.43	5.51

Observations –

- **Minimal number of stoppages** - For 12U and 14U (which would be affected by this rule change proposal), the no shorthanded icing added only 1.42 additional stoppages for icing on average for each game.

Support for the rule –

- **Quote from when USHL experimented with this rule** - “This wasn’t about increasing scoring,” Micheletti said. “We’re happy with where league is at with scoring. This was about exploring ways to showcase our players and their skill. “And that right there is the real reason why the NHL should give this some serious consideration. Dumping the puck the length of the ice just to kill time is an anti-skill play. It’s the exact opposite of everything the game should be promoting. The USHL experiment, on the other hand, rewarded creativity and courage and playmaking.
- **Quote from Brendan Shanahan** - “When you start thinking about the fact that we give an advantage to the penalty-killers in that they’re allowed to ice the puck, you start to wonder,” Maple Leafs President Brendan Shanahan said. “They’ve broken a rule, they’ve gotten a penalty, so now we’re going to let them break this other rule just for those two minutes.”

Trivia –

- One piece of hockey trivia related to icing is that the WHA (big league from the seventies) never adopted the rule of allowing opposing team to ice the puck while shorthanded. Icing would still be called. The rule was introduced in 1939 and it was believed that it was a reaction to the powerhouse Montreal Canadiens whose Power Play was explosive.