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Document:		Policy and Procedure Guide (Jan 2026 Version)		Review Date:	March 2026
#:	Submitted By:	Section:	Current:	Proposed Change:	Status:
1	Tim Odell; UAHA VP Tier	P&P (v. 01-2026) Section VIII, Part A. State Playoffs	Inconsistency	<p>Remove Clause G - "UAHA State Playoffs may be used to meet the youth 20/10 or Girl's 14/10 game rule for district or national Playoffs" This is in conflict with USAH Tournament Guidebook.</p> <p>Remove Clause E "Each Tier team must have completed in twenty (20) games in its Division Classification prior to district or national championships (i.e. Tier II Teams must play 20 games against Tier II teams)"</p> <p>And Replace with "The District Registrar or his/her designee shall verify each team's credentials and eligibility prior to any State / Affiliate and / or District and National Championship Tournaments. The appropriate District Registrar shall determine the deadline for receipt of team credentials for State / Affiliate and/or District Tournaments but shall be submitted no later than (3) days prior to the start of the State / Affiliate and/or District Tournaments. National Game Count requirements must be met prior to the State / Affiliate and/or District and National Championship Tournament.</p>	

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2	Don McFarland; UAHA Secretary	P&P (v. 01-2026) Section III, Part A – Roster Freeze Dates	<p>“The Utah State Registrar determines deadlines ... but in no case is the roster freeze date after December 31... Deadlines are posted at www.utah-hockey.com.”</p>	<p>Replace with a single, unambiguous roster-freeze policy. Publish specific dates for Tier I/Tier II/Travel/HS each season in the Guidebook, to replace the language of “in no case after Dec 31”.</p> <p>Replace with language of: “The roster deadline for all nationally bound teams is determined in the USAH Annual Guide as 31 December. To ensure sufficient time for notification of these changes, all changes to the roster must be submitted to the UAHA Registrar by midnight (mountain time) on 20 December of the playing season.</p> <p>For all non-nationally bound teams, roster changes may be submitted to the UAHA Registrar by midnight (mountain time) on 31 December of the playing season. For the purpose of this section, “Submitted to the UAHA Registrar” means submitted through the Member Organization’s Registrar, within the USAH Portal.</p> <p>As exceptions, this roster deadline does not apply to tournament teams (as permitted by this document) and to the house/rec division (players may be added at any time, provided they are not concurrently rostered on another team).”</p>	
3	Tim Odell; UAHA VP Tier	P&P (v. 01-2026) Section III, Part	Based on feedback from parents and high school coaches propose to remove the	Vote to approve request to allow Tier I Organization to decide on player eligibility.	



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		B. Requirements by Age Division	Tier I player from participating in HS Hockey.		
4	Don McFarland; UAHA Secretary	P&P (v. 01-2026) Section III, Part B. Tier I Hockey Authorization Process & Timeline	The current requirements are seemingly too restrictive and prevent tier I organizations from announcing tryouts / open registrations for tier I teams until after the teams are approved in the March Board Meeting.	Modify section to require voting on tier I organizations in the February meeting, given they are required to be submitted 15 Jan (a month prior to others). This earlier notification will permit tier I orgnaizations to annouce tryouts and open registrations for their tryouts earlier.	
5	Don McFarland; UAHA Secretary	P&P (v. 01-2026) Section III, Part B – Tier I Hockey	<p>During the UAHA and UHSH discussion call, there was confusion on what this section meant – a permanent ban on anyone who has played tier 1 or a moratorium on those currently playing tier I level hockey.</p> <p>The last bullet under the “Team Requirements by Age Division” currently reads as:</p> <p>“Tier I players are ineligible to participate in High School play.”</p>	<p>Through the call the discussion ended with intent of banning concurrent involvement in tier I ad HS play. To address, add the term “concurrently”, so the section reads:</p> <p>“Tier I players are ineligible to <u>concurrently</u> (within the same season) participate in High School play.”</p>	
6	Mariko Rollins; UAHA Exec. VP	P&P (v. 01-2026) Section III, Part C. Tier II – Player Residency Requirements	<p>Current language relating to Tier II Residency Requirements:</p> <p>"Player Residency Requirements Tier II teams must be rostered from players having Utah residency. No billeted players and no players from outside of Utah are allowed."</p>	<p>Other topics that should be discussed relating to this:</p> <p>Eligibility challenges: When they can be filed? Why allow anonymous complaints? What bodies hear the complaint and what is the process?</p> <p>How to handle when the parent has misled the organization" and when it's</p>	

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				regular discipline (handled by documented UAHA Discipline processes)	
7	Mariko Rollins; UAHA Exec. VP	P&P (v. 01-2026) Section III, Part C. Tier II – Player Residency Requirements	No definition of residency	Define residency: Utah address, drivers license, state taxes, In the state 51% of the year?	
8	Mariko Rollins; UAHA Exec. VP	P&P (v. 01-2026) Section III, Part C. Tier II – Player Residency Requirements	No definition of residency	<p>Or list the following on Page 19: UAHA Out-of-State Player Policy:</p> <p>“For the purposes of this Article, an Out-of State Player is any player who, at the time of roster submission, does not have an immediate family member who is domiciled in Utah and complies with all residency requirements of the State. (Residency requirements STILL NEED to be listed out)</p> <p>An immediate family member is defined as (1) a natural or adoptive Parent or Grandparent, (2) an older sibling who has reached the age of eighteen (18) years or (3) a Guardian appointed due to the death or incapacity of a Parent. A player who meets the requirements of this subsection is an In-State Player, subject to the provisions of subsection (vii) of this paragraph.”</p>	
9	Mariko Rollins; UAHA Exec. VP	P&P (v. 01-2026) Section III, Part C. Tier II – Player		The P&P needs to state the specific requirements, or, a hyperlink to USA Hockey’s definition of an in-state Player, but the risk with that is it	

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		Residency Requirements		<p>would become expired once new annual guide versions are released.</p> <p>I advocate for this language to be listed out with clarification on exactly which items are required. Remember that not all families live in one house and only have one car. There are some things to consider here.</p> <p>1)</p>	
10	Tom Rock; President HS Hockey	P&P (v. 01-2026) Section III, Part F.	Utah High School Hockey (UHSH) is organized into Varsity and Junior Varsity (JV) divisions.	<p>Proposed Language: Utah High School Hockey (UHSH) is organized into Varsity and Junior Varsity (JV) divisions. This is further broken down into Nationally Bound Varsity, Varsity, Junior Varsity 1 (JV1) and Junior Varsity 2 (JV2) teams. All teams are registered through USAH as House Recreational – High School teams. Each Affiliated Program or Independent Program is permitted to roster one NBT Varsity, Varsity team, JV 1 and JV 2 teams, with no more than 10 dual rostered skaters between Varsity and JV 1. A JV 2 team may be created when the number of eligible JV 2 players exceeds minimum size requirement. Goalies are allowed to be dual rostered as goalies.</p> <p>Rationale for change:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction of Junior Varsity 2 level: This allows the Learn to Player graduates to have a place 	

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				<p>to play that is at an appropriate level.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> There will be a Nationally Bound Varsity level league within UHSH to allow those highest-level High School players / teams to compete for High School national championship. The request for 10 players dual rostered across JV and Varsity is to allow the in-season growth and motivation without crushing registrar with day of roster changes. <p>A player cannot be on two Varsity or JV rosters at same time – formal roster change required</p>	
11	Tom Rock; President HS Hockey	P&P (v. 01-2026) Section III, Part F.	<p>Independent/Combined Teams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent players are assigned by Utah High School Hockey (UHSH) to a team based on the geographic area or high school attendance boundaries of the school they attend or would normally attend. Player eligibility and additional UHSH policies and procedures can be located on the UHSH website. www.utahhighschoolhockey.com. 	<p>Proposed Language: Independent/Combined Teams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent players are assigned by Utah High School Hockey (UHSH) to a team based on the geographic area or academic enrollment status of the player. Player eligibility and additional UHSH policies and procedures can be located on the UHSH website. www.utahhighschoolhockey.com <p>Rationale for change: 50 years of execution and lessons learned of having differing language between UAHA and UHSH invites disagreements</p>	

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				and controversy. The use of geographic and academic enrollment is the most consistent for UHSH and UAHA.	
12	Don McFarland; UAHA Secretary	P&P (v. 01-2026) Section III, Part F. High School Hockey - Eligibility Requirements	<p>Current wording is unclear on how HS affiliated summer league activity impacts eligibility for HS Play</p> <p>“Restricted to amateurs who are enrolled as full-time students (grades 9-12), and under 20 years of age on or before December 31 of the Playing Season. Eligibility shall not exceed eight (8) consecutive semesters starting with the player's freshman year (9th grade). Fifth year and Postgraduate (PG) players are not eligible to participate in USAH High School National Tournament Bound registered teams.”</p>	<p>Add clarity to document the activity after 1 April is counted towards the following season, so summer league play in the summer between 8th and 9th grade year are considered to be a part of the subsequent season and do not affect a player's eligibility.</p> <p>Similarly, add explicit language to clarify that a senior is ineligible to participate in HS affiliated summer leagues in the summer following their graduation.</p>	
13	Don McFarland; UAHA Secretary	P&P (v. 01-2026) Section III, Part G – Girls Hockey Specific Policies	<p>Current wording is inconsistent for girl only tier teams being limited:</p> <p>“Tier I Teams. Until such time as the number of girl players in Utah supports multiple Tier 1 teams at each age division established by USAH, the number of Member Organizations that may field Girls Hockey at the 19U, 16U and 14U age divisions will be limited to one (1).</p> <p>Tier II Teams. Until such time as the number of female youth players in Utah</p>	<p>Believe this intends to say we need sufficient # of players to feed each level of the pyramid. As such, recommend the wording be modified to focus on multiple teams at the level below each section:</p> <p>“Tier I Teams. Until such time as the number of girl players in Utah supports and sustains multiple Tier II teams at an age division established by USAH, the number of Member Organizations that may field girls only teams at the Tier I (for</p>	

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			<p>support multiple Travel teams at each age division established by USAH, the number of Member Organizations that may field Girls Hockey at the 19U, 16U and 14U age divisions will be limited to one (1).”</p>	<p>19U, 16U and 14U age divisions) will be limited to one (1).</p> <p>Tier II Teams. Until such time as the number of female youth players in Utah supports and sustains multiple Travel teams at an age division established by USAH, the number of Member Organizations that may field girls only teams at the Tier II (for 19U, 16U and 14U age divisions) will be limited to one (1).</p>	
14	<p>Don McFarland; UAHA Secretary</p>	<p>P&P (v. 01-2026) Section III, Part G – Girls Hockey Specific Policies</p>	<p>There are few options for girls only house recreational level teams to play other teams in the state of Utah. We currently permit these teams to travel out of state to play in tournament play, but do not permit travel to neighboring states to play in games/scrimmages with girls only teams that may be competitive.</p>	<p>Add a subsection, under Part G, that permits out of state travel for a girls only recreational level team, to a state adjacent to Utah, for the purpose of playing in non-tournament games / scrimmages / organization exchanges, when the number of comparable teams in Utah is not sufficient to play other comparable teams (e.g., less than 4 teams registered within the same age classification and level of play).</p>	
15	<p>Don McFarland; UAHA Secretary</p>	<p>P&P (v. 01-2026) Section III, Part G – Girls Hockey Specific Policies</p>	<p>The current P and Ps specify (within the “Playing up guidelines” that member organizations may approve players to play up by no more than one birth year.</p> <p>Girls teams are often rostered at an older classification, to enable a wide range of girls to play on a single team (e.g., 19U team with 10-18 year old players). Eliminating this possibility would be</p>	<p>Add a subsection, under Part G, that permits play ups within girls only recreational or travel classifications.</p>	

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			detrimental for these girls only teams to roster in many organizations		
16	Robyn Eyre-Long; UAHA Registrar	P&P (v. 01-2026) Section IV, Part D. Team Roster	In current policy under Member Organization applications that didn't get moved to new rewrite of policy	<p>Add the following section to the bottom of D. Team Roster Section of UAHA P&Ps</p> <p>Roster Violations. Sanctions for non-compliance shall be as follows:</p> <p>1st Offence: One (1) game suspension of Head Coach (responsible for ensuring the roster is correct, even though the organization may be to blame for not submitting the roster)</p> <p>2nd Offence: Three (3) game suspension of Head Coach and an Official Sanction letter that the program is not in good standing with UAHA</p> <p>3rd Offence: Suspension of program until 100% compliant and certified as such by the Utah Registrar.</p> <p>Utah Registrar may request any game score sheet from any Member Organization at any time to determine compliance with this rule. Failure to comply will result in an Official Sanction letter that the program is not in good standing with UAHA. Failure to comply after a second request shall result in suspension of program until request is honored.[]</p>	



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17	Don McFarland; UAHA Secretary	P&P (v. 01-2026) Section IV, Part D – Practice Player Rosters	<p>Current wording may be misconstrued as allowing practice players, despite clarity elsewhere in the document:</p> <p>“Practice Player Rosters must be submitted as a standard roster for the appropriate age division and must include at least one coach from the team with which the player(s) will practice. The number of allowable practice players is defined in the Tier I and Tier II sections above. Practice Player Rosters will remain open throughout the season.”</p>	<p>Modify section to remove classifications from this section and point to the level specific sections for additional information:</p> <p>“...The number of allowed practice players is defined in the relevant level sections in this document. Practice Player rosters are exempt from the roster freeze deadlines for their respective team, and players may be added throughout the season, provided permitted number of players is not exceeded.”</p>	
18	Don McFarland; UAHA Secretary	P&P (v. 01-2026) Section IV, Part D – Tournament Rosters	<p>Section has seemingly incomplete thought at the end of the sentence:</p> <p>“Approved tournament teams formed for this purpose must be clearly designated as “Tournament” on the 1-T roster, which must remain).”</p>	<p>It is believed that this means this text cannot be removed from the tournament roster name. As such, revise to say:</p> <p>“Approved tournament teams, formed for this purpose, must be clearly designated as “Tournament” on the 1-T roster. This designation must remain within the roster’s name, for clarity of purpose.”</p>	
19	Don McFarland; UAHA Secretary	P&P (v. 01-2026) Section IV, Part D – Tournament Rosters	<p>The current language is restrictive on the number of tournament teams permitted within an age division for a member organization. The current wording is:</p> <p>“Players from teams within a Member Organization or from multiple UAHA Member Organizations may form a single team, within the same age classification and within one the following categories:”</p>	<p>As approved by the UAHA board from the Jan 2026 meeting, modify P and P language to allow multiple tournament rosters for one age group within an organization, with the caveat that players cannot double roster onto multiple tournament rosters.”</p> <p>This was originally requested to permit a flex rostered 8u team to build multiple tournament teams so their players could</p>	

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				<p>participate in a tournament out of state, when the host would not permit the flex roster.</p> <p>As such, supplement text in the section to read:</p> <p>“Additionally, a Member Organization may form multiple tournament teams within an age classification, provided they are entirely comprised of players from a level that has a flex roster AND none of the players are listed on multiple tournament rosters within the same playing season.</p>	
20	<p>Don McFarland; UAHA Secretary</p>	<p>P&P (v. 01-2026) Section IV, Part D – Coach/Volunteer Requirements</p>	<p>Current wording is ambiguous, regarding volunteers required to register:</p> <p>“All Member Organization must have all coaches, managers and volunteers having direct contact with minor's background screened and Safe Sport Certified, and approved on an official 1-T roster, PRIOR to any contact with the minor players.”</p> <p>Also, requirements for cleared coaches, team managers and volunteer are inconsistently stated and don't clearly represent the associated requirements. As an example, P and P requires Safe Sport Certification (doesn't exist). Need</p>	<p>Create a new section for more uniformly clarifying requirements of rostered coaches /managers/volunteers, using language from section E Background Screenings, to articulate who must be registered.</p> <p>Move current “Coach/Volunteer Requirements” under section.</p> <p>As a sample of the revised structure, it would be organized as:</p> <p>“Section: Requirements for cleared adult participants (including Coaches, Team Managers, Volunteers and Other Member Organization Officials)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Who must be cleared - What is required 	



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			to align language, simplify and remove redundancy through document.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - USA Hockey Registration - Background Screening - US Center for SafeSport Training - Additional Member Organization Requirements - Rostering Requirements <p>Remove other references through document, and point back to section on these cleared adult participants, to prevent future redundancy.</p>	
21	Don McFarland; UAHA Secretary	P&P (v. 01-2026) Section V, Part B. Tryout Requirements	The current requirements are seemingly too restrictive and prevent tier I organizations from announcing tryouts / open registrations for tier I teams until after the teams are approved in the March Board Meeting.	<p>Option 1 to address - Modify section to permit tier I orgnaizations to announce tryouts and open registrations for their tryouts as of 15 January, providing they have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submitted their application with UAHA (Including paying the required appliation fee) for the subsequent playing season - Submitted their dates for their open tryouts - Remain in good standing with UAHA <p>Note: The VP of Tier and the President of UAHA are required to notify the org in writing of the approval to announce or avertise the tryout</p>	
22	Don McFarland; UAHA Secretary	P&P (v. 01-2026) Section X – Submission	The current wording requires: “All proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the Section Vice President. Upon receipt, the Section Vice President shall present the proposed	<p>There should be 2 paths for submission:</p> <p>2) anyone submitting a proposed change to the P and P will submit them in writing to the most</p>	

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			<p>amendments to the Section Committee. The Section Committee shall either approve the proposal for advancement or dismiss it.”</p>	<p>appropriate section VP. These would be considered through the section committee and, if accepted by majority of committee members, the proposal is submitted for consideration in the March UAHA board meeting. As a check and balance, any current elected voting member of the UAHA board may submit proposed changes to the P and P, in writing, to the Secretary, for consideration in the March UAHA Board of Directors meeting.</p>	
23	Don McFarland; UAHA Secretary	P&P (v. 01-2026) Section X – Board Approval Process	<p>Current wording presents a challenge for distribution of the information, based on 15 days required for this and 10 days required for all other topics: “Such proposed amendments shall also be distributed to all Member Organizations and posted with the meeting agenda for the March UAHA Board Meeting no less than 15 days prior to the scheduled vote on the proposed amendments, to allow sufficient time for review and comment.”</p>	<p>Recommend change to wording: “Such proposed amendments shall also be posted to the UAHA website, no later than 15 days before the March UAHA meeting of the Board of Directors. These amendments will be included as an agenda topic in the associated meeting agenda, which will be distributed no later than 10 days prior to the meeting. Member organizations are notified of the agenda distribution through email as well, but the official notice remains the UAHA website. Should an org or individual wish to be included in the agenda distribution email list, the individual will notify the UAHA Secretary of their Name, any organization / team affiliations, any</p>	

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				<p>positions held with this affiliation, their current name and phone number.</p> <p>UAHA will not be responsible for delayed, misdirected or undelivered emails and all interested parties are encouraged to monitor the UAHA website for any public notices posted.</p>	
24	Don McFarland; UAHA Secretary	P&P (v. 01-2026) Multiple	<p>The current wording restricts voting to a quorum of the Board of Directors (e.g., simple majority, 2/3, 3/4).</p> <p>In theory, a regular meeting could occur with a quorum (6 voting board members present and 5 absent), and a properly posted voting topic, but requiring majority of voting members would require 6 votes to pass. Any abstention or nay vote would negate the ability of this item to pass.</p>	<p>Modify language to define voting approval thresholds to be based on “majority of voting members present / voting at these properly communicated meetings.”</p> <p>It is believed that this will be crucial in ensuring the ability of the board to conduct business in months with lean attendance at meetings, with controversial topics being discussed.</p> <p>Note: Abstentions are counted for voting quorum, but not for the required majority calculation.</p>	
25	Don McFarland; UAHA Secretary	P&P (v. 01-2026) Multiple	<p>Practice players are ineligible for “game play”, but it is not clear if this includes “scrimmage” events with another organization.</p>	<p>Add clarity within the classifications and / or divisions where practice players are permitted, to restrict them from participating in any games or game-like activity (including scrimmages) with another member organization.</p>	
26	Don McFarland; UAHA Secretary	P&P (v. 01-2026) Multiple	<p>The term “House Recreational Development”, as used to describe a level of play, has led to confusion on their ability to play games outside of their home rink.</p>	<p>To remove the stigma of “House” only, add a single definition of this classification under the name “Recreational” or “Rec”, then edit the balance of the document to universally insert “recreational” as the designation for this classification.</p>	

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27	Don McFarland; UAHA Secretary	P&P (v. 01-2026) Multiple	Within multiple sections, there is a reference to the UAHA website and the address is listed.	Reduce redundancy by listing the UAHA website within the definitions and then remove the web address from the other sections of the document.	
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