



IAHA Fall 2023 Meeting

September 12&13, 2023

by Zoom Conference

In attendance:

Executive Board: John Heinrich, Sarah Benson, Kaila Tanner, Joanne Tirocke

Voting Directors: Kory Scoran (Boise-IIW), Spencer McLean (Jr Steelheads), Shawn Luteyn (CDA Hockey Academy), Jeremy Wheeler (9/12)/Matt Fisher (9/13) (CDAHA), Kylie Robinson (Idaho Falls), Jeff Lamoureux (Sun Valley), Miranda Milligan (Teton Valley), Ryan Drabek (McCall), Amalia Phillips (Salmon), Jeremy Foss (PYHA), Nate Parker (LC), Matt Creighton (At Large Director), Vince Hughes (KYRO)

Other attendees: James Williamson (IAHA Webmaster), Matt Stone (RIC), Jess Stich Hennen (Affiliate Registrar), Jessica Pollock (Sun Valley), Kathleen Smith (RMD), Duane Nelson (Idaho Falls), Darla Thompson (RMD Registrar), Mark Enegren (SafeSport Coordinator), Stacey Moore (TV), Valerii Manchak-Jensen (Girls Director), Willow Griffith (Salmon), Freddie Beaubien (CDA Hockey Academy), Elliot Taub (CDAHA), Chris George (Inland Northwest Girls Hockey Foundation), Scott Larsen (Risk Manager & Player Safety Coordinator), Katrina Laiva (CDAHA), Jason Haugen (Jr Steelheads), Spanky Bill (Salmon)

1. Call to Order– J. Heinrich
2. Roll Call & Quorum – J. Tirocke
We have quorum with 16/17 voting directors present.
3. Approval of Annual April 29 Meeting Minutes – J. Tirocke
Motion by Kaila Tanner to approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting held April 29, 2023.
Seconded by Miranda Milligan. Motion passed with no objections and no abstentions.
4. Webmaster Report – J. Williamson
James needs financial information to set up a registration that accepts payments for declarations and deposits. It would be simple for him to set up.
5. Association Reports – All
Written reports were received from the President, Treasurer, Referee-in-Chief, Affiliate Registrar, Girls Director, Goalie Development Director, and the following associations: CDA Hockey Academy, Coeur d'Alene Amateur Hockey, Idaho Falls, Salmon, Sun Valley, and Teton Valley.
6. President's Report – J. Heinrich
A written report was received.
7. Treasurer's Report – K. Tanner
The budget was presented and discussed. Kaila asked that consideration be given to the amount of funds that should be designated for board members to travel to address association issues. It was suggested that travel to a local association should be a last resort, that other means would have been attempted to resolve issues, and that out of compliance associations should foot the bill when board intervention is required.

Sarah Benson motioned to approve the budget with a correction in the last column to the current season 23-24. Kylie Robinson seconded. Motion unanimously approved with no objections and no abstentions.

8. Registrar's Report – J. Stich-Hennen

Jess gave a verbal report as a follow-up to her submitted report. There are many unclaimed players because very few rosters have been created so far. Roster your association Board members. Forms to assist with rostering were sent out to association Presidents and Registrars. Sarah and Kory helped in their development. To streamline the play-up process for 3 or more players, send to Kory Scoran for approval first. Coaches need to be on a roster, claim them!

Credentialing: NTB rosters locked in 12/31/23, make sure scoresheets are legible and complete, including signed by coaches and officials, otherwise they will be discarded and not used. RIC reminded everyone to make sure all scoresheets are correctly filled out.

Plan ahead and avoid last minute roster requests. Friday and Saturday night requests suck! Be considerate of Jess' time; she is a volunteer and a hockey mom.

9. Rostering Issues – D. Thompson

Darla Thompson addressed problem rosters with more out of state players on rosters than ID players and having out of state players on specific rosters. Affiliate Presidents must agree to allow their members to play out of state on NTB teams and the Board had not made any determination on the rules for HS teams. Zoom meetings were scheduled to resolve the rostering issues but were not attended resulting in redlined players. Better communication regarding the issues would help in their reconciliation. Emphasis was given to the affiliate needing to make decisions about what is best for players in Idaho. The National HS Tournament does not support select teams where players come from a broad geographical area and affiliate presidents usually do not release NTB HS players to play out of state. It was voiced that the inclusion of out of state players on the HS girls roster limited opportunities for eligible ID players and there was not enough notification to inform players of the opportunity (all players that tried out, made the team).

Decisions need to be made on rostering for HS teams, house/rec and NTB. The opinion was expressed for HS house/rec, if there is a local, available program, that is where you play. Clarification was made that under USA Hockey rules if a team has more WA (or another state) players than ID players that team would need to seek rostering under a WA (or the particular state) association. There are real situations where small ID towns do not have enough players and may need to combine with another group to allow opportunities for their players to participate. Rostering constraints are intended to keep players from bouncing around and choosing outside options when there are local ones available. The affiliate was urged to find solutions that work for all associations, the border towns as well as the other ones to allow kids to play hockey. A motion was brought forth by Jeremy Foss to approve out of state players to be allowed to play in the IAHA High School league, considering they live within 50 miles of the organization, exceptions to this would be reviewed by the IAHA board. The motion did not receive a second.

It was noted that sometimes the next closest association was more than 150 miles away. HS team should be geographically local (community based) especially when there is not another local option. We were reminded that there is more flexibility on 18U rosters. There was some opposition to the thought of equal options because of the connectivity of some communities. The offer of review /approval by the board was suggested and the option to form a committee with parameters (to ensure success) to review special cases was raised.

Vince Hughes motioned that IAHA should not implement any limitations on IAHA non-NTB HS house/rec rosters beyond those placed by USA Hockey. Jeremy Wheeler seconded.

Discussion followed that would keep components of the community based requirement to avoid teams taking advantage of a new rule. Vince was open to an amendment. Community based can mean across state lines. Suggested that we fall back on the rule of largest percentage of players.

Friendly amendment to be picked up on day 2:

Non-NTB house/rec HS teams may have out of state players that meet the rostering requirement for the state of Idaho. All Idaho rostered HS teams must have the largest percentage of their players from Idaho.

9. SafeSport Report – M. Enegren
Mark had 31 SafeSport (SS) investigations and the large majority were not SS issues. Consequence of one investigation had individual suspended from participation in USAH events and from driving players. Every association/affiliate board member must be SS trained and background screened even if don't have regular contact with minors. Parents need if volunteering as a locker room monitor. A new program is being used and it makes tracking cases easier, increases communication, and doesn't cause impact on outside people. There will be a fall meeting for SS Coordinators and others on September 21. A budget of \$2500 for SS investigations was approved. Need SS coordinators for Lewiston, McCall, and Idaho Falls. SafeSport Handbook link: <https://www.usahockey.com/safesporhandbook>
10. Adjournment Day 1 Motion by Kory Scoran to adjourn until tomorrow and Miranda Milligan/Sarah Benson seconded. Unanimously approved.
11. Roll Call & Quorum – J. Tirocke
We have quorum.
12. Continued Discussion HS Rostering and Out of State Players
Limitations of rostering. Players cannot play on 2 NTB Tier II teams, players cannot play on 2 HS teams, they can play on a 19U NTB Tier II team and a NTB HS Girls team because they are different divisions. Spirit of HS team is community based recreational team and the affiliate has a responsibility to Idaho players. Numbers of girls in Idaho support that a HS team could be formed without out of state players. Jr Steelheads is a Boise organization and not a border town and not a small town. It was argued that the creation of a Girls HS team instead of a Tier II team with more permissive rostering creates more opportunities to allow National Tournament experience and having 2 Tier II teams pits the Idaho Vipers 19U Tier II versus the other Tier II team so only 1 team will advance reducing the .

Matt Creighton motions that we mirror the Tier II rules for the 2023 -2024 season. 51% Idaho, where a player within 30 miles of the border is considered an Idaho player
Miranda Milligan seconded.

Discussion centered around the changing rules and whether the existing rule still works within USAH rules. We need to make sure rosters are correct and within the rules. A player from another affiliate cannot play on a NTB team without approval from that affiliate through the IAHA affiliate President.

Amended motion: Any NTB youth or girls team declaring as a Tier II team or HS must be comprised of 51% Idaho residents. An Idaho resident is someone who lives within Idaho or within 30 miles of the Idaho border within a US border state. Any non-NTB teams will follow USAH and Rocky Mountain District rules.

Revised amended motion: Any NTB youth or girls team declaring as a Tier II or HS team be

comprised of 51% Idaho residents. An Idaho resident is someone who lives within Idaho or within 30 miles of the Idaho border within US border states. Any non-NTB teams will follow USAH and Rocky Mountain District rules.

Suggested friendly amendment, not picked up following additional discussion:

Beginning with the 2023-2024 season, member associations or independent teams who would like to roster a HS team will have the option of declaring by November 1 of the current playing season their intent to roster as a USAH NTB team. Declarations must be submitted via email to the President and Affiliate Registrar of IAHA. USAH NTB rosters will follow USAH guidelines having the highest percentage of players being Idaho residents and non-NTB rosters will have no out of state player restrictions other than Idaho players make up the largest percentage of players and approval for any out of state player from their home affiliate.

USAH will review rosters, makes final decisions, and declared teams won't know until end of December whether their roster is approved regardless of what rules IAHA makes. Diverse opinions were offered and significant time was spent in discussion.

Intent is for motion to cover all NTB teams, revised version:

Any National Tournament Bound Youth, Girls, or High School, Youth or Girls, team must be comprised of 51% Idaho residents. An Idaho resident is someone who lives within Idaho or within 30 miles of the Idaho border within a US border state. Any non-NTB team will follow USA Hockey and Rocky Mountain District rules. Motion passed with 3 opposed after roll call voting.

13. Disabled Hockey Report – S. Sexton
Sean was not in attendance.

14. RIC Report – M. Stone
Written report submitted.

15. Girls Hockey Report – V. Manchak -Jensen
Val emailed everyone an extensive written report and justification for a HS girls hockey team with out of state players. She views the Girls Director position as an advocate for girls. She would like to see a Girls development Committee and to see more opportunities for 10U and 12U players and combining teams as needed make those opportunities. Val has worked with Boise, Vipers, and Sun Valley players. John sees roles as increasing participation especially at the recreational level. Need a good base to build and support girls hockey into the future. Sun Valley has younger teams and looking for games. Teton Valley is hosting 10U -14U tournament and offers individual registrations if there are players that don't have a complete team. Val has list of Girls Representatives for each association from Lee Ann Schlake.

16. Risk Management Report – S. Larsen
Concussion Protocols were rewritten over the summer. Return to Play forms are required and need to be submitted to Scott Larsen (scottlarsenp4@gmail.com) and cc John (jbh@svbroker.net). IAHA should have an injury reporting system (do we?) and requesting access if IAHA has one. Copies of the scoresheets where injury is noted should be supplied to Scott and John as well.

17. ADM – K. Scoran
Has spoken with Mike Petlovany in Moscow and Craig Perseo at McCall for ADM visits. Kory expects to make visits around October. Half-ice is encouraged for 10U and 8U because great development potential on the smaller ice. Still working on a Joe Bonnet symposium for next spring/summer. Kory available to chat if anyone needs anything. Do soft bumpers count as dividers for separating ice for age specific coaching? Yes! More than adequate and permit different age groups to share divided ice. Application for hosting National Tier I Tournament has been made for April 2025. It would be

co-hosted with Jr Steelheads. ICCU hosting a HS Tournament in November.

18. Grow the Game Coordinator Report – J. Heinrich
Bobby Noyes had agreed to fill this position but has had some personal issues requiring his attention but expects to have some events this season.
19. Grant Coordinator – J. Heinrich
Need a new coordinator as Jared has stepped down after having done a great job. Will review applications by committee to verify that they meet the grant criteria.
20. Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI) Report – J. Heinrich
This IAHA position needs to be filled. Presidents' Association is working to increase the diversity of our hockey community throughout their affiliates. Grant money is available for initiatives.
21. Old Business
 - A. HS League – S. Benson
Information will be distributed regarding the HS League structure for this season and declarations will be due. Plan is for pods in the North, Central, and South. Each pod will get 2 bids and there will be 2 wild-card bids. Joel Griffith will be HS Commissioner. Game scores will be aggregated on an IAHA HS webpage. Upcoming ICCU tournament can be a venue for qualifying league games and McCall has ice for HS games on 11/19 and 2/9.
 - B. Membership Committee – J. Tirocke
Last few documents in the renewal packets are expected from a couple of associations. Updated bylaws are in progress/being initiated for several associations. New Policies & Procedures also need to reflect changes in a few associations. The Membership Committee motioned to seat all the associations. Kaila Tanner seconded, and motion was approved unanimously.
 - C. Showcase Report – K. Scoran
The Idaho Showcase team had a great experience despite losing in the finals. Idaho was well-represented. There was a good deal of interest and consensus was that the process was well planned and budgeted. Thanks to Steve Klein and Darrell Hay. Suggestions for next time included gathering more coaching representation from across the state and making sure that parents are educated on what to expect from scouts. There could be a registration process similar to PDC and there could be some tryouts over the holiday breaks. Look for announcements.
 - D. Scheduling of the Alternate HS Tournament Weekend
Still looking for a host for a HS NIT-type tournament for the same weekend as HS State. Moscow has rescinded its bid to host. Matt Fisher will ask Vince if he has interest in hosting.
 - E. Locations for Post-Season Events
Kory Scoran motioned for Idaho Ice World to host the State Tournament. Jeremy Foss seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Dates February 22-25, 2024.

As scheduled, the PDC conflicts with HS Nationals. A new date will need to be determined.

Jeff Lamoureux motioned for Hailey/Sun Valley to host the HS State Tournament. Kylie Robinson seconded. Motion passed with 1 objection.

22. New Business
 - A. Fall (Soft) Declarations

Associations made their best predictions at what teams they might declare as NTB and for State and HS State.

NTB

Jr Steelheads Girls HS and Tier II 16U Girls
Jr Steelheads Tier II 18U and 14U

CdA Academy 14U Tier II

Idaho Falls – Michelle Crane has team information

Tier II 14U Playdown Venue – Frontier Ice, Coeur d’Alene, January 27 and 28, 2024
Best 2 of 3 games, 2 games Saturday and 1 game on Sunday

B. Committee Assignments

Voting Directors were given a chance to indicate a preference for their committee assignments.
John Heinrich is a member of all committees

Standing Committees

Finance: Kaila Tanner
Olivia McGregor (Jr Steelheads)
Miranda Milligan
Freddie Beaubien

Disciplinary: Sarah Benson
Members set at May meeting

Membership: Joanne Tirocke
Jeff Lamoureux
Jeremy Foss

Nominating: Matt Creighton
Jeremy Wheeler
Amalia Phillips or Salmon rep
Duane Nelson

Audit: Joanne Tirocke
will meet when needed
Member #2
Member #3

Ad Hoc Committees

Tournament: Sarah Benson
Kory Scoran
Nicki Dyson
Rob McSweeney
John Rifelj

HS: Sarah Benson
Rob McSweeney
John Rifelj
Kory Scoran
Vince Hughes

ADM: Kory Scoran
Matt Creighton
Nate Parker

Grants: Joanne Tirocke
Duane Nelson

C. Other Miscellaneous Business

SafeSport Coordinator, what are we looking for in candidate? Outside the association is great and with some law enforcement background is very helpful. Mark Enegren is a great resource for suggestions and other support for your search and for your coordinator once found.

Sun Valley has 40 players and is looking for a goalie. Several associations mentioned having goalie shortages. Need camps, support, and incentives for attracting and keeping goalies. IF is hosting a goalie camp. IAHA has a new Goalie Development Director, Tomas Sholl. Suggest adding a goalie specific grant to promote goalies. Goalie gear is expensive. A program that helps with gear costs could help overcome resistance to trying the position.

23. Adjournment

Kory Scoran motioned to adjourn and Jeremy Foss seconded. Everyone is in favor.



September 11, 2023

President's report

I am slightly tardy in writing this report for the Fall meeting. As usual I am looking forward to our meeting as there are a few topics that need our attention.

As Idaho Amateur Hockey evolves and grows, we need to revise our policies to reflect our growth. Subjects that we did not anticipate a few years ago are realities today and need to be addressed and decisions made on what's best for youth hockey in the state of Idaho.

Attending national meetings, I listen to other Affiliate's issues and most of the time I'm relieved we don't have those problems. But we do have our own challenges. North Idaho has different dilemmas than Southern or Eastern Idaho. Each has regional issues that can be challenging.

We will need to ask ourselves what is "Community based"? Some will say it's your neighborhood, and others will include neighbors from across town. What is your definition of community based? I realize this will vary by region and has different geographic boundaries among other factors. While we made a policy regarding house/rec teams, that included players within 30 miles from our border, we didn't consider if this is what we want for community based High School teams. It is my belief that the intent for community based High School teams is for players to participate as close to your neighborhood High School as possible.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our state meeting.

Regards,

John Heinrich
President
Idaho Amateur Hockey



Treasurer Report Fall Meeting 2023

IAHA is doing well financially. Attached are the reports for end of the fiscal year. We are getting ready to file taxes for last year.

After this meeting IAHA will have a legal fund with a balance of \$20,000. Let's start to think about how much we would like to add next year.

IAHA has accrued a fair amount of expenses in travel to bring associations into compliance. I would like everyone to consider if we would like to back charge the associations for all fees incurred moving forward.

We have updated our reimbursement report form. It will be posted on the IAHA website. All new requests will need to be on the new form.

Our account has been hacked and Wells Fargo got us a new account. If you currently have an uncashed check, please reach out to me ASAP.

Please reach out at any time, with any questions.

Respectfully,

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REFEREE IN CHIEF: 2023 Fall Report

Matt Stone: Idaho State Supervisor of Officials

Points of Emphasis for 2021 to 2025 Seasons:

Promote a safe and positive playing environment for all participants.

Intimidation tactics have no place in hockey.

Fair Play and Respect - "All participants and spectators should observe a level of personal behavior that demonstrates respect for all."

In checking levels, 14U and higher boys, "The responsibility is on the player delivering the check to avoid forceful contact (minimize impact) to a vulnerable or defenseless player who is no longer in control of the puck. Proper body checking technique starts with stick on puck, therefore the stick blade of the player delivering the check must be below the knees."

Numbers:

As of Sept 6th we have 97 officials registered in the state for the 2023-24 season.

We had 252 officials registered for the 2022-23 season with 212 completing the certification process.

USA hockey has had some challenges this season when it comes to seminars and processes. They were going to attempt to have the level 1 seminars be 50% in person and 50% zoom (hosted by the national office) they struggled with IT to get this off the ground and ended up scrapping the idea in late August. This has created some challenges with seminar coordinators with picking up the ball that was dropped. Within our state we have had multiple meetings and have a good game plan in place to make sure our newer officials are learning the basic skills needed to hit the ice.

Please help us recruit and support both new officials and returning former officials as youth hockey and adult hockey are coming back with enthusiasm and high numbers. The consequence of not enough officials, as you know, is "no officials equal no game."

Level 1 seminars are "in person" classroom with an on-ice component.

Level 2,3 and 4 seminars are be offered online via zoom. Officials can register for any appropriate level seminar in the country that best fits their schedule.

Seminars:

We are currently offering these seminars for entry level officials.

Aug 26- in person, level 1, Frontier Ice Arena, CDA (1 attended)

Aug 27- in person, level 1, Idaho Ice World, Boise (16 attended)

Aug 30 - in person, level 3&4, Idaho Falls (13 attended)

Sept 20 – in person level 1, Idaho Falls

Sept 20 – level 3 &4 zoom (Idaho host)

Sept 26 – level 2 zoom (Idaho host)

Sept 30 - in person level 1, Moscow

Oct 7 - in person level 1, Frontier Ice Arena, CDA

Oct 14 - in person level 1, Champion Ice House, Hailey

Oct 14 – in person level 1, Teton Valley

Oct 21 - in person, level 1, Idaho Ice World, Boise

Nov 18 - in person level 1, The Business Center, Salmon

Proposal: Budget for Growth and Development of Officials

We would like to propose a budget that would help to encourage and support officials as they attend various hockey events. This would not only help them personally in their development but as they return from these events, they can bring back knowledge and experience that can be passed on to others. There are multiple events throughout the year, state, district, national as well as officials' development camps. These events come at a significant financial hit to the person attending. This proposed budget would help "lighten" the load of that burden and open the doors for more to be able to attend.

State Tournaments- between the 2 state tournaments we travel in +-15 officials from around the state.

Districts/Nationals and Official development camps- We would like to be able to have 2 representatives from Idaho per event. 6 in total per year.

State tournament: up to \$150/official traveling = \$3000

Districts/Nationals/Camps: up to \$500/official max of 6 individuals = \$3000

Total year officiating Budget \$6000

Idaho Registrar Report – Fall 2023

Registration numbers as of 9/8/2023

- 353 Approved teams
 - o 990 Unclaimed Youth
 - o 1199 Unclaimed Adult

Teams rostered as of 9/8/23

- 1 Board roster
- 7 Flex rosters
- 2 Adult rosters
- 10 Girls rosters
- 9 Youth rosters

Rosters: Will be reviewed and approved Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Travel Permits: Must allow 7 days for processing

Tournaments: Must allow 2 weeks (or more) for processing

Dual Rostering – read and acknowledge the dual rostering rules

- Completing forms requires signatures from both coaches, parent and Idaho registrar
- Emailed to Idaho Registrar for signature and approval

Play-up requests - read and acknowledge the play-up rules

- Completing forms requires signatures from both coaches, parent, program president
- If applicable, ADM coordinate must sign off (before submitting roster)
- Emailed to Idaho Registrar for signature and approval

Coaches

- ALL coaches (Ice, Bench) must be claimed and rostered by your programs. **No coaches should be with players without proper credentials.**
- CEP level/education need to be completed by 12/31

Credentialing

- Programs should provide training for Team managers and coaches on rosters, scoresheets, credentialing
 - o NTB rosters locked, Dec 31
 - o Must notify Idaho registrar which teams are state HS teams and state Youth teams
 - o Many game sheets thrown out due to missing coach signatures, ref signatures, not legible/poor scan quality

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Players by Age

| Local Association | Program | Age 19+ | Age 17-18 | Age 15-16 | Age 13-14 | Age 11-12 | Age 9-10 |
|--|----------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| BOISE ADULT RECREATIONAL LEAGUE | IDH0053 | 562 | 10 | 3 | 11 | 16 | 23 |
| BOISE AMATEUR HOCKEY | IDH0060 | 4 | 34 | 54 | 47 | 52 | 85 |
| BOISE WOMENS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC | IDH0017 | 78 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BOISE YOUTH AMATEUR HOCKEY | IDH0009 | 0 | 10 | 19 | 32 | 29 | 12 |
| CDAHA | IDH0025 | 2 | 25 | 36 | 16 | 0 | 0 |
| COEUR D ALENE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION | IDH0080 | 3 | 15 | 42 | 64 | 69 | 68 |
| HAILEY ICE | IDH0026 | 294 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ID Unclaimed | IDHUNCL | 434 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 23 |
| IDAHO FALLS YOUTH HOCKEY | IDH0008 | 0 | 22 | 36 | 31 | 48 | 32 |
| IDAHO MISC | IDH0000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| IDAHO VIPERS | IDH0054 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| KOOTENAI YOUTH RECREATION ORGANIZATION | IDH0004 | 265 | 12 | 11 | 13 | 19 | 16 |
| LEWIS CLARK AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOC | IDH0011 | 1 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 10 | 20 |
| MCCALL ICE SKATING ASSOCIATION | IDH0003 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 11 | 21 | 26 |
| PALOUSE ADULT HOCKEY ASSOCIATION | IDH0095 | 209 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PALOUSE YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION | IDH0090 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 28 | 20 | 28 |
| SALMON YOUTH HOCKEY | IDH0047 | 41 | 6 | 14 | 7 | 22 | 15 |
| SUN VALLEY ADULT HOCKEY | IDH0001 | 63 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SUN VALLEY YOUTH HOCKEY | IDH0024 | 0 | 21 | 41 | 39 | 46 | 60 |
| TETON VALLEY YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION | IDH0016 | 21 | 7 | 11 | 16 | 20 | 25 |
| TREASURE VALLEY ADULT HOCKEY ASSOCIATION | IDH0007 | 212 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | | 2189 | 216 | 318 | 347 | 383 | 433 |

IAHA Girls Hockey Director Report

Good evening, my name is Valeriia Manchak-Jensen and I was appointed Girls Hockey Director by IAHA hockey. I am blessed to have an opportunity to guide development of girls' hockey and support growth of the game. As some of you know, I work as skills development coach/evaluator at College Hockey Showcases – a worldwide program that provides opportunity for the girls to showcase and develop themselves in front of coaches. We had one of our Idaho players attend their event in St. Louis at the end of summer. All the coaches were surprised that Idaho has girls' hockey, and some competitive players at that.

As a leader of the girls' hockey, I told myself that I will do whatever it takes to advance girls hockey and put Idaho on the map. I asked myself how I can accomplish, where I see girls' program progressing over the next 5 years, and solidified my goals. Idaho will have a top tier I/prep program, multiple tier II programs, and even more rec. programs. Idaho has multiple cities with economic, coaching, and geographical resources can become a center of girls' hockey. Girls' hockey in Idaho has grown tremendously over last 5 years. 5 years ago, there was a single organization and one tier II equivalent one hockey team for girls. It was 19U that had 14 U through 19 U age girls on it. 5 years later there are three organizations, 8 teams, and over 100 girls across multiple classifications and age groups at Tier II level or higher. Elliot Taub in Coeur d'Alene recently started the Frontier Girls League that has multiple teams playing from Idaho and out of state, since the number of participating girls has grown tremendously.

I travelled to Sun Valley twice to visit the Vipers and work on development, travelled up North to Coeur d'Alene to do skills development with Elliot Taub's group and I spent time coaching the Steelheads. I have been able to work, communicate, and travel to all of three of those organizations and run development practices for them. I have been on ice with other associations as well and have more trips scheduled with those organizations.

Every association except for one is within 30 miles of border which is a plus for us since girls from those border towns rely on Idaho and the opportunities that we can provide for them. Girls are coming to us because we are on right track and offering development and good competition. We are not doing only doing ourselves a favor by creating a more competitive and inclusive environment; we are working towards the bigger mission of USA hockey as organization to promote the game and help to support and develop those players.

Our system can be only successful if we have support and communication between all different levels and the girls have the opportunity to choose whether they want to compete at highest level or just enjoy the game playing rec. hockey. There is no right answer what fits girls' interests best, which is why we need multiple organizations, locations, and classifications including Tier I, HS, Tier II and house rec in order to allow the girls to choose the program and philosophy that fits their individual goals. At the annual meeting, USA hockey leadership mentioned that it is important to create diverse environment with multiple options. My job as a girls' director is to help encourage these opportunities and support the organizations that create them with guidance. I don't want to see girls leaving the state to play competitive hockey or having to choose to play boys instead of girls. It is most important that girls who are looking for development and girls' only competition have opportunities to be on the ice. Boise associations came together in an example of excellent and collaboration to accomplish these goals with limited ice options available. We met and discussed with CDA skills academy, Jr. Steelheads, and Ice world on how

to provide more ice/opportunities for the girls and to work together the future of our girls. We came to the conclusion that girls are no different than boys and should be treated them same as other boys' members of the associations. Younger and older girls have the option to skate 4 times a week as a part of Idaho Ice world in the Boise Ice Pilots/ Fireblades rec. program and can attend CDA skills sessions that are offered through their academy. On Mondays there is only girls only development ice at the Steelheads arena along with shared ice and practices with the Steelheads boys. I have a chance to do the job that I am good at- being with them on ice so they can see a strong female leader and coach. This is the first year that Boise girls can stay on the ice all week and play games on the weekend, plus their boys HS games.

On top of my volunteer trips from USA hockey, Infinite Edge and Power which is my power skating/edge control development program will be offering development camps in multiple places over the year where girls and boys can join and work on their development. I also enjoy having other coaches from associations that I am working with teach them new things, sharing my experiences and knowledge.

In Boise we had 5 girls only skates across the summer during June and July with younger girls and it was a lot of fun and we received great feedback. It was an amazing experience working with Kory and Lee Anne and encouraging our younger and older girls to join rec. skates and support local programs. With our mutual efforts, we will have a U12 travel team and U19 team. We had high interest from U10 girls, so this year the Ice Pilots programs expands to include U10 girls.

In December, IIW will be hosting the College Hockey Showcase which is a great opportunity to showcase themselves at home in front of college coaches, play games, and experience good development and receive feedback. We have NCAA D1 and D3 coaches coming, along with ACHA coaches.

The Steelheads HS girls will be playing on the Infinite Edge and Power HS prospects team that unites girls from ID, SD, and MN this weekend in an exhibition weekend against a university team. They will have a tour of the college, 2 games, and 2 practices.

Overall, as a girl's director, my vision is creating opportunities both for the girls who want to play rec and for those who want to train competitively. I would like to see our girls proudly representing Idaho at USA camps and at the college level.

Proposals to discuss in the future and ideas

- Combine efforts between associations on U10 and U12 level to offer more girls only travel tournaments in state.
- Create a Girls Development Committee, which will include multiple representatives from different associations
- HS nationals for girls as a separate weekend, along with offered on ice and off ice development

In the next page, I owe everyone an explanation on my position concerning the girls' HS rosters that are on the agenda.



High school girls' hockey issue

As being mentioned above, I am a big believer that more opportunities for girls across the state create a diverse and welcoming environment. The Jr. Steelheads had an amazing appearance last year and competed hard against other HS teams, only losing in the quarterfinals 4-0 to Shattuck prep. The Jr. Steelheads team would like to participate in this year's HS National Championship as they did last year, but their rosters have not been approved by IAHA due to concern that a couple players are from out of state across the border from Montana and Washington. I won't consider myself a lawyer in the USA, but I do have an extensive legal background after completing 6 years in Ukrainian National Law school, a year internship with the city DA's office, a year drafting legal agreements the SOIL company, and I have multiple publications in journals about proposed changes to the Ukrainian Civil and Criminal Law books. I had a chance to draft and approve changes to Educational Law for individual education plans for athletes.

I had the opportunity to go through the bylaws and IAHA rulebook and I do not see anything that would justify not approving girls' HS rosters. The Jr. Steelheads have the right to have those girls on their HS roster. We have been communicating on this matter with our president John Heinrich and I advised him on several occasions through phone calls that there are no rules being broken and went through the IAHA rules on my own. I stated that it is important for girls in the state of Idaho to have multiple competition options and that it would be great to send 40 girls on two different routes – Vipers to the Tier II and Steelheads to HS. The Steelheads won't abandon those 4 girls from border states and will keep them on their roster, since they don't have the opportunity to play girls HS hockey at their home state and have limited options.

Also, I always like to get outside opinions about things that might be arguable and I approached one of the local District Attorneys from Minnesota, who is also the president of one of the Minnesota Hockey Associations and his quote was:

"I don't see anything in Paragraph IV that discusses being in the state. It specifically includes multiple schools unlike Paragraph III, so that can't be the issue either. There is no spirit of the rule when the plain language is clear. That should be only used to interpret grey areas." The Steelheads president is an attorney as well, and he had a chance to take a look at this matter and agreed that girls HS team does not break any rules.

This question about HS roster began months ago and the president of the Jr Steelheads asked John Heinrich on multiple occasions what rules the Steelheads were breaking and answers were that they "don't break anything, but I disagree with letting those players to play." The latest update is that full Steelheads roster was approved except for the 4 players from out of state who were redlined with a note saying: "Player does not live or attend high school in Idaho"

Myself and Jason Haugen, the Jr. Steelheads head coach, approached Don Wright who transferred us to talk with Kathy Santorra, HS section rep on HS committee on a phone call and asked about having out of state players on the roster and they said they are supportive of Steelheads team, and that there is nothing prohibiting of state players from the HS committee. They also want the Steelheads to be the same competitive team as last year. There are limited teams competing, and according to them it is important to provide more opportunities for the

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teams and they are flexible with rosters. He also mentioned that IAHA rules allows it according to by laws and those rules determine if our HS teams can have out of state players.

In another new development of this story concerning the HS roster was the fact that the Rocky Mountain District VP was involved and scheduled zoom calls with the executive board members of the associations while excluding some of the board members myself from them.

I also had the chance to communicate about this matter with Walter O'Brien, who is the USA Hockey New England Director of Girls/Women's hockey; he has been involved with HS hockey for years and is director of Girls' Select 17s National Development Camp over for 15 years. He mentioned that district representatives have no jurisdiction over the out of state players/imports and that the districts rep. should not be involved according to the governance power of USA hockey.

It is very concerning to me, that I was appointed girl's director, asked to help develop girls' hockey, spent my personal time and money to develop hockey across associations, an work on openly communicating with people, that I have not been included on those calls, but we have the Rocky Mountain District Rep on this calls as well as the executive board. On top of this, it diverts time and energy because I have had to talk to the associations' representatives about what's going and why these calls were scheduled, which is difficult because I did not even know about their existence on the first place because I was not included on those emails and I have to figure out on my own from other people what they are about. This adds extra work on top what I do, because I have to do this instead of being on the ice and working towards a better future, developing girls.

As well, the IAHA is no longer under the oversight committee and the Rocky Mountain Rep should not be involved over Idaho HS roster since, according to representative from USA hockey, the HS committee has been written and IAHA are the one who determines HS rosters through their rulebook and not the Rocky Mountain District Rep.

As I mentioned above, we are following a bigger mission for all USA hockey – support growth of the game and creating opportunities for the girls, NOT LIMITING THEM. The end of this story is that we need to support each other, encourage, and cooperate and the hopefully we will see that future come to pass.

Introduction:

For those who may not have had the chance to meet me yet, I am Tomas Sholl, your state's Goalie Development Coordinator. Currently in my 6th season of professional hockey, I've had the privilege of playing in Sweden, the ECHL, and the AHL. During the past few off-seasons, I've been coaching goalies in Boise. I took on this role because I'm passionate about growing the most vital (and often overlooked) position in hockey!

What We've Done:

Identifying Goalie Leaders: I've reached out to all our affiliated organizations, encouraging them to appoint a "Goalie Leader." This role is open to anyone with a desire to learn about coaching goalies and a willingness to be the go-to person for all things goalie-related within their organization.

Creating a Supportive Community: For those who have stepped up as Goalie Leaders, I've initiated a group chat. This platform allows us to share valuable resources and collaborate on solving common challenges. Goalies form a unique and tight-knit community, and I believe that by connecting and sharing solutions, we can significantly enhance our goalie development efforts.

Coaching Portal: As part of my commitment to goalie development, I've established a coaching portal for my own goalie coaching company. This platform serves as a valuable resource, offering weekly drill uploads and additional features to benefit both goalies and coaches. To support IAHA coaches, I've provided free access to certain features. You can log in using the following credentials*:

[COACHIQ](#)

Username: IAHGoalie@gmail.com

Password: #IDAHOgoalie23

Please refrain from sharing this login outside of the organization, as it's typically a paid service. My intention is to provide a helpful tool for educating coaches and delivering useful drills.

Looking Ahead:

Increased Engagement: I'm eager to foster more engagement within our goalie development group. To achieve this, I'm encouraging everyone to reach out with their ideas, questions, comments, or any issues they may be facing. Understanding the specific challenges each organization encounters is key to offering solutions.

In-Person Event: Looking ahead, I'd like to arrange an in-person event for next summer when I'm back in Idaho. This event would provide an excellent opportunity to coach our goalies and, equally importantly, offer specialized goalie coaching training for coaches. My goal is to make

this a hands-on, enriching experience for all involved if we are able to get it rolling. It can be difficult to coordinate with groups/individuals back home on the level this would require while I am in Europe. If anyone wants to help organize/plan this, I would do whatever I could to plan some great events on whatever dates we can (hopefully) make work!

I'm here to support and assist in any way I can. Please feel free to contact me via email at shollysgoalies@gmail.com, and we can arrange a Zoom call at a time that suits you. Despite the time zone difference (+8 hours from Idaho), I'll make sure to find a suitable time for us to connect.

Let's work together to take our goalie development efforts to the next level!

Warm regards,

Tomas Sholl



09/06/2023

CDA Hockey Academy had a successful season in 22-23. We had a successful summer of camps and Spring hockey teams in CDA and at our Boise Skills Academy.

For the upcoming year, we are planning on having a 16U, 17U and 18U full time Academy teams. They will be rostered as HS teams. We also have our 14U weekend that will be Nationally bound. We will continue offering skills sessions at our Boise Skills Academy and we are offering a school option to keep developing the student athletes on and off the ice as well as academically.

Thank you

Shawn Luteyn

Freddie Beaubien



2023 CDAHA Annual Report

CDAHA continues to grow with record numbers of registered hockey players at all levels. CDAHA has continued to focus on continued coaching trainings, development of volunteers and ensuring we bring hockey to our members at affordable rates.

With the continued support of the Frontier Ice Arena, and other groups in the area, CDAHA continues to focus on growing the game for female players and will be able to field a team in three age groups this year. With a focus on LTP and Summer development CDAHA continues to see increased participation in Hockey. Additionally, CDAHA continues to focus on officiating as it continues to provide an incentive program for new youth officials and as it goes into its second year will incentivize returning officials.

In 2023 CDAHA will offer 12U rep and 18U rep teams. Further, we are applying to play in the West Kootenay Minor Hockey League.

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Idaho Falls Youth Hockey Association – 2023 Fall Report

We had a board turn over this season so we are just getting started.

We will have two travel teams from each respective age division.

Our tournament schedule will remain consistent with what we have hosted last year.

We have passed new bylaws and are going to start new policies and procedures.

We have hired a new Coaching Director for the 23-24 season.

We are still currently able to have more ice time with the MAC Center.

Kylie Robinson

President

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Salmon Youth Hockey Association Fall 2023 Report

2023-2024 Season Expectations

- We expect to field 5 divisions this season: 6U/8U, 10U, 12U, 14U and High School. We are expecting to only have 6 U19 Girls and combining with Idaho Falls U19.
- We will for the 1st time have a full 14U roster of 20 players.
- We are expecting a similar skating season, tournament dates and registered teams.
- We are planning on making ice the 2nd week in November with expected ice for skating targeted for November 13 – March 1.
- We are in the process of revising our Bylaws and Handbook.
- Adding a Learn to Skate program to better accommodate our 1st year skaters
- Utilizing unused ice in the mornings- 14U will practice twice a week at 6 am. Breakfast Club Power skating once a week at 6 am.
- Rocky Mountain Hockey Schools will return for their annual clinic-free of charge to our players, funded by the Association.
- Infinite Edge and Power will host a clinic in Salmon for the 1st time.
- Ongoing fundraising campaign to upgrade our rink by adding a concrete floor.
- We opened our Tournament Applications earlier this year and have 63 applications so far to our 8 tournaments with an early deadline of September 20th.

Tournament Schedule

December 1-3: 12U B

December 8-10: 10U B

December 29-31: 1st Annual 3v3, all ages

January 5-7: 14U B

January 12-14: 6U, 8U

January 19-21: 10U B

January 26-28: Girls U19 & U14

February 2-3: High School/JV

February 9-11: 12U

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Please visit www.salmonhockey.org for Association updates and information.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A Phillips". The signature is cursive and stylized, with the first letter 'A' being particularly large and prominent.

Amalia Phillips

President, Salmon Hockey Association

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SVYH is looking forward to beginning our season October 2nd for 12U and above and October 16th for 10U and under. We will host teams at 6U, 8U, 10U (all co-ed), 12U Pee Wees, 12U/14U girls, 14U Bantams, 18U Midgets and High School, as well as 19U Girls.

Current Registration Numbers (as of 9/12): 250 players

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| 6U: 26 | 14U Bantam: 28 |
| 8U: 39 | 12U/14U girls: 22 |
| 10U: 46 | 18U midgets/High School: 36 |
| 12U PeeWee: 38 | 19U Girls: 15 |

Goals for 2023-24 season

This season we intend to:

- Host Give Hockey a Try events
- Offer the Bauer Program for 40 new-to-hockey kids
- Continue to use IMPACT testing for all 12U and older players
- Grow our girls' hockey programming
- Host home tournaments for all ages from 8U and above
- Continue to offer Scholarships to players
- Bid for the High School state tournament
- Offering more in-house league opportunities

Challenges

- We continue to look for creative options for our 14U Girls teams.
- We continue to strive towards retention of girls at the 10U levels to feed into the 12U team. We don't have enough 12U girls to create their own team this season, so they will be practicing with 14U girls.
- Our girls' program will be led by Kaly Spilhaus.

Other

- Our partnership with the Champion Ice House remains integral to our success. We are very appreciative of the support and teamwork!
- SVYH is excited to continue its partnership with OverSpeed to build our hockey program and development.
- We are back to having two rinks again! The Sun Valley rink is fixed, has new lighting, and is ready for hockey.
- We are in the process of revising our Bylaws and Handbook.
- Infinite Edge and Power hosted a skills clinic Sept 9-10

Teton Valley Foundation Youth Hockey

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Fall 2023 Season Association Report

Our organization is off to a great start. We've hired two coach developers and one skills development coach. We've also raised enough money to pay all of our coaches for the first time. Our rink is opening a month earlier than ever before, which has extended our on-ice season to October 16 - March 15.

We're hosting multiple pre-season camps and clinics for skaters as well as a level 1 referee's clinic. Dates and details below.

Our tournaments will be inline with what we did last year, with two date changes: Bantam and Pee wee. We've changed our girls' tournament format in hopes of giving more opportunities for girls teams across the state to compete. Our girls tournament this year is a multi age tournament, hosting 10U, 12U and 14U teams. There's an option to register "partial teams" that will be paired together prior to the tournament. We're hoping this gives girls around the state a chance to compete in an all girls setting, even if the program they're affiliated with doesn't have a full girls' team. All of our tournament registrations are open and beginning to fill up.

2023 - 2024 Tournament Dates:

- 6U/8U: January 5 - 7
- 10U "B": Dec 1 - 3 & Feb 23 - 25
- 12U "B": Dec 8 - 10 & Jan 12 - 14
- 14U "B": February 9 - 11
- High School "B": January 26 - 28
- Girls 10U, 12U, & 14U: Feb 16 - 18

2023 - 2024 Special Events, Clinics, and Camps:

- Val Manchak-Jensen Camps: October 13-15, November 3-5
- Level 1 Referees' clinic: October 14th 9:30 am - 2:30 pm
- Goalie Camp with Jim Stanaway of Goalies Inc: October 20 - 22
- Halloween Themed Youth 3v3 (8U, 10U, & 12U): October 27 - 29
- Overspeed Weekend Clinic: November 17 - 19

Warm regards,

Miranda Milligan

Kotler Ice Arena General Manager, TVF Youth Hockey President

