

SDAHA Spring Meeting Minutes

April 15th, 2023

Attending the meeting as voting delegates were Tony Leif (SDAHA President), Dan French (SDAHA Vice President), Jeff Scheel (SDAHA Treasurer), Randy Honkomp (SDAHA Secretary/Registrar), Duke Witte (Aberdeen), Tom Gruening (Brandon Valley), Justin Kirchhevel (Brookings), Deanna Helvik (Huron), Mark Zens (Mitchell), Nathan Sanderson (Oahe), David Bender (Rapid City), Jeremy Van Den Berg (Sioux Center), Adam Gorra (Sioux Falls), Lucas Deutsch (Watertown), & Brian Wenisch (Yankton).

Also attending the meeting were Jenni Wirkus (SDAHA Executive Director), Jared Ahlberg (SDAHA RIC) Cherry Hunter (SDAHA Risk Manager), Curtis Egan (SDAHA Growth & Retention), Rob Kittay (SDAHA CIC/Boys Development), Vince Foley (HS Section Director) Greg Evenson (NP District Rep), Matt Tobin (Sioux Falls Power), Todd Randall, Shane Wirkus, Sam Johnson, Brad Eggers, Dan Houck, Trevor Preston & Nancy Preston.

A Quorum was determined and President Leif called the meeting to order at 8:59 AM.

President Leif reviewed the agenda with the BOD and asked for approval to add the three proposals to the agenda requiring a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote. A motion was made by WHA & 2nd by AHA to add the video review proposal to the agenda. Motion passed. A motion was also made by MSHA and 2nd by RHA to add the two proposals on resurfacing on to the agenda. Motion failed by an 8 to 6 vote. President Leif asked for approval of the agenda, motion was made by Secretary Honkomp & 2nd by AHA to accept the agenda. Motion Passed!

Fall 2022 Meeting minutes were reviewed. Boys Development Director Rob Kittay requested to remove the words "Coach in Chief" by his name in the Fall Development report and update that to the minutes. Following the update a motion was made by OHA and 2nd by WHA to approve the minutes as amended. Motion Passed!

Treasurer Jeff Scheel presented the treasurer report with a detailed review of the financials. Discussion was had on the balance of the Team South Dakota Girls 14U funds large balance due to the team not advancing to the Nationals. Motion was made by MSHA and 2nd by AHA to accept the treasurer's report as written. Motion Passed!

President Leif gave a brief Presidents report touching on registration, rostering and updates to our Northern Plains District representation.

VP Dan French, Discipline Chair, recapped his report on the Game Misconducts, Match Penalties and Supplemental Discipline in SDAHA for the season.

Executive Director Wirkus noted that she expects scheduling for the 2023-2024 to be very similar to this season including having the GJV development games. Bids to host the Varsity State Tournament are due June 30th, 2023. Having a multi-year bid was discussed along with Varsity Tournaments potentially being held Thursday thru Saturday.

Registrar Randy Honkomp noted there would be some updates to the processes for Registrars for the upcoming season. There will be training this summer for registrars including such things as claiming and rostering players properly.

RIC Ahlberg reported on officiating numbers for the season. There were 220 registered officials of which 186 completed their certifications. There were 93 Level 1, 29 Level 2, 53 Level 3 & 11 Level 4 officials. Jared also reported on the Green arm bands & the Google form that coaches had to review officials.

SDAHA Executive Director Jenni Wirkus recapped the season's officiating schedule and reminded associations of the importance of recruiting for new officials in the off season.

Cherry Hunter, SDAHA Risk Manager, reminded everyone on what should be considered a safesport violation and noted that she is receiving requests for items that should be the jurisdiction of the local association to handle through their discipline process. Safesport issues are generally a PATTERN of behavior unless they are sexual or violent in nature and then should be reported immediately. Cherry noted there is talk of coaches having to be INSIDE of the locker room to be safesport compliant in the future vs being right outside of the door.

Curtis Egan gave an update on Growth & Retention in SDAHA. He touched on Try Hockey for Free, retention of players & coaches, sticking with no run-time at squirts, addition of Northern Hills Hockey, Hockey Day South Dakota, potential for week night games in the future and a standard official start date of the SDAHA season.

The Girls Development director was not in attendance at the meeting. President Leif noted that director Shelby Edwards will be resigning from this position and we will be looking to fill it going forward.

Rob Kittay spoke on the Boys Player Development Camp noting the camp is coming up next week and registration was just reopened again for more players as an additional team was added due to the large number of registrants. Rob noted that there are new allotment counts starting this year so more players will have the ability to advance out of the District Camp.

Coach in Chief, Rob Kittay reported on last year's coaching seminar numbers and clinics held. Rob noted that SDAHA has a new Goalie Rep, Aaron Debates, and is still currently looking for an additional Goalie Rep on the girls side. Rob finished up by reviewing the coaching requirements for USA Hockey and SDAHA.

Vince Foley, High School section Rep, reviewed the divisions for the HS Nationals Tournaments. There is a Girls, Pure, Combined and Prep currently and the Prep has transitioned into Prep or Larger school/association class. Vince noted that the committee can shift teams to other divisions if needed and works to make the divisions competitive. Vince recommended that SDAHA consider offering a stipend to the associations who send teams to HS Nationals.

WHA, motion passed. Treasurer Scheel then made a motion to amend section H to add", and these funds shall go to the referee fund." The motion was 2nd by AHA and motion passed. A motion to change 12:00 to be listed as Noon under letter C and to add PM after 3:00 in letter D was made by OHA and 2nd by YAIA, motion passed. The original motion was voted upon as amended and unanimously approved.

2. Video Review- withdrawn due to approval of previous proposal

3. Dark Jersey- Request to add "The home team shall wear light jerseys; the visiting team shall wear dark jerseys unless other arrangements have been agreed upon by both teams prior to the game." Motion to approve the proposal as written by MSHA and 2nd by SF. Motion passed.

4. Medical Attention- Request to add to playing rules. Motion to approve as written by MSHA motion fails due to lack of 2nd.

5. Squirt Runtime- Request to add there shall be no runtime unless mutually agreed upon by both teams. Motion by YAIA to approve as written & 2nd by MSHA. Motion failed.

6. Freeze 10-Request to change 50% of season to 2nd week in January. Motion to adopt as written by YAIA 2nd by AHA. Motion failed.

7. Girls 14U Roster- Request that players must compete in 50% of the league games to be eligible to participate at G14U State Tournament. Motion to adopt as written by SCHA and 2nd by BVHA. Motion failed.

8. Rule 4 Addition- Request to add that total registered number of players dictates the required number of teams and level of play at the HS level. Motion to adopt as written by SF and 2nd by RHA. Motion failed.

9. Tournament Resurfacing Rule 2C- Request to remove the verbiage in 2C as the resurfacing rules at State Tournament are the same during regulation as they are during the league season so they don't need to be restated. Motion to accept as written by MSHA and 2nd YAIA. Motion passed.

10. Large Association Teams- Request to add a rule on Dividing associations with 3 or more public High Schools. Motion by WHA and 2nd by RHA to adopt as written. After lengthy discussion on this topic WHA and RHA withdrew the original motion. OHA moved to create a committee, appointed by the President, to review section 4 of the SDAHA playing rules and propose amendments pertaining to 1) large association team splits and 2) determining the level of play at levels below Varsity, then report back to the SDAHA Board of Directors no later than August 1, 2023, which was seconded by Secretary Honkomp. Motion passed.

11. Bylaw 3.9-Request to change the player transfer process. Motion to adopt as written by Secretary Honkomp & 2nd by WHA. Motion failed.

Discussion Items:

Jenni Wirkus, TSD Boys Coordinator, reported on the TSD seasons and their run at the National Tournaments last week. Tryouts for the 2022-2023 team are set for June 2nd-4th at the Iceplex. Questions were asked and answered about the TSD player code of conduct and coach hiring process.

Matt Tobin was in attendance representing the Sioux Falls Power. Matt reported that they just finished up their 9th season and were hosting tryouts next weekend for players for the 10th season. USA Hockey is now sanctioning a 13 only age classification with a National Tournament and they are considering fielding a team at this age level but will see what numbers they have at their tryouts. The Power is doing a locker room/meeting room and training facility expansion at the Iceplex.

Rob Kittay and Greg Evenson gave an update on the Northern Plains District. USA Hockey has restructured their BOD going from an 80 person board down to 24 voting members plus a "congress" that answers to the board. Rob mentioned the new Tier I rules for next season, the NP Goalie Camp 8/4-8/6 in Dickinson, the upcoming June Mid summer meeting in Colorado, and also noted a new NP District Treasurer, Amy Woodbeck. The NP District will be hosting a meeting in Deadwood again this year and the dates have been set for September 9th & 10th. Greg noted that the coaches and staff from Augustana College have been in contact/communication with USA Hockey and are very interested to be involved and work with everyone in SDAHA.

Local Association reports were given by all 11 Delegates. Delegates discussed team counts for the 2023-2024 season, rink improvement/building information & upcoming anniversaries of their associations.

Old Business:

The Inaugural SDAHA Hall of Fame event was hosted the night before at the Sioux Falls Convention Center. A brief recap was given and it was mentioned to check out the HOF page on the SDAHA website. All of the Inductees are listed and their Bio's & the event photos will be updated to the website soon along with the information on the event sponsors.

The nomination form for the Class of 2024 is available on the website and everyone was encouraged to get your nominations ready for next year's class.

New Business:

Proposals:

1. Video Review (added proposal from above)-Request to update the VR process.

Motion was made by Secretary Honkomp & 2nd by YAIA to review the proposal as written. Following discussion, a Motion was made by BISA and 2nd by YAIA to remove the word "LIVEBARN" from letter C, motion passed. Motion was made by OHA and 2nd by MSHA to then replace the word "Appoint" in letter B to the "Nominate". Motion approved. Secretary Honkomp motioned to strike all sentences after the first one in section H which was 2nd by

Player Development Fund- A committee was formed at the Fall Meeting to review the Player Development Fund balance and to make recommendations for utilization of these funds. Duke Witte, AHA, chaired this committee and brought a proposal from the group to offer a camp for players this fall along with coach training to leverage this fund and to promote player development, growth and retention throughout SDAHA. The second component to their request was an opportunity for the associations to fill out a request for a one-time grant for the sole purpose of player growth, development and retention specifically at the 6U through 10U levels. Applications would be due by 7/1/23 to be considered and a maximum of \$6,000 would be available to be allocated for this purpose during the first year. A motion was made by Duke (AHA) & 2nd by BVHA to accept the proposal. Motion passed

Executive Director Wirkus noted there have been several requests to review the current All State process. Jenni will work to put together a committee to bring information to the Fall meeting for potential changes to the All State process for the 2023-2024 season.

Election of Officers:

Dan French advised that the nominating committee had one interested party for the position of SDAHA President, Tony Leif and also one interested party for the position of SDAHA Secretary, Randy Honkomp. Nominations from the floor were opened and hearing none for either position, a unanimous vote was cast for Tony for President and Randy for Secretary . Motion Passed unanimously.

Fall Meeting Saturday September 16th, 2023 in Watertown.

Motion to adjourn @ 4:08PM by OHA second by WHA, Motion Passed.

SDAHA Spring Meeting
Saturday, April 15th, 2023

- Sign In 8:45 am
- Call to order 9:00 am
 - SDAHA President Tony Leif
- Welcome – Introduction of Voting Delegates
- Confirmation of voting delegates and determination of Quorum
- Adoption of agenda
 - Approval of proposals requiring 2/3 vote on agenda
 - 2023 Ice Resurfacing
 - Resurfacing
 - Video Review Proposal
- Approval of Fall Meeting Minutes
- Financial Report – Jeff Scheel, Treasurer
- President's Report – Tony Leif
- Discipline Report – Dan French, VP/Discipline Director
- Scheduling Report – Jenni Wirkus, Executive Director
- Registrars Report – Randy Honkomp
- Officials Report – Jared Ahlberg, RIC
- Officials Scheduling – Jenni Wirkus, Executive Director
- Risk Managers Report – Cherry Hunter
- Growth & Retention – Curtis Egan
- Player Development – Girls/Shelby Edwards & Boys/Rob Kittay
- Coaching Report – Rob Kittay, CIC
- High School Nationals-Vince Foley
- National Teams – Jenni Wirkus
- Sioux Falls Power Report – Matt Tobin
- Northern Plains District report – Greg Evenson/Rob Kittay
- Local Association Reports (Yankton, Watertown, Sioux Falls, Sioux Center, Rushmore, Oahe, Mitchell, Huron, Brookings, Brandon Valley, Aberdeen)
- Old Business:
 - Hockey Hall of Fame
- New Business:
 - Proposals – Included in Meeting Packet
 - Video Review
 - Dark Jersey
 - Medical Attention
 - Squirt Run time
 - Freeze 10
 - 2023 U14 Roster
 - Rule 4 Addition
 - Tournament Resurfacing
 - Large Association Teams
 - Bylaw 3.9
- Discussion Items
 - Player Development Fund
 - All State Selection Process
 - Registration of Sioux Center players in SDAHA
- Election of Officers
 - President
 - Secretary
- Date of Fall Meeting: _____, 2023 in Watertown
- Adjournment

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SDAHA Fall Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2022

Attending the meeting as voting delegates were Tony Leif (SDAHA President), Dan French (SDAHA Vice President) Jeff Scheel (SDAHA Treasurer), Duke Witte (Aberdeen), Tom Gruenig (Brandon Valley), Justin Kirchhevel (Brookings), Mark Zens (Mitchell), Nathan Sanderson(Oahe), David Bender (Rapid City), Jeremy Van Den Berg (Sioux Center), Adam Gorra (Sioux Falls), Adam Lalim (Watertown), & Brian Wensch (Yankton).

Also attending the meeting were Jenni Wirkus (SDAHA Executive Director), Cherry Hunter (SDAHA Risk Manager), Rob Kittay (SDAHA CIC/Boys Development), Vince Foley (USA Hockey HS Section), Jared Ahlberg (SDAHA RIC), Eric Sabers (Mitchell President), Dave Tronnes (HOF Committee Chair), Shane Wirkus (Watertown) & Chris Weber (Brandon Valley).

A Quorum was determined and President Leif called the meeting to order at 8:58 AM.

President Leif welcomed everyone and asked for introductions. President Leif noted that he had received all of the signed Conflict of Interest forms and had determined no conflicts were sighted amongst the voting members.

Oahe made a motion to approve the meeting agenda which was seconded by Mitchell and approved by the BOD.

Spring 2021 Meeting minutes were reviewed, motion by Brandon Valley and 2nd by AHA to approve the minutes as written. Motion Passed!

President Leif gave a brief Presidents report which recapped the Northern Plains District Meeting that was held in Deadwood in August and noted that the NP District had just transitioned from a C-Corp to a Partnership. An election was held during that meeting to fill one vacant Director position and a second position for a new Director since the District has surpassed the 20,000 mark of registered participants. Rob Kittay was recognized as being one of the elected Directors for our District. President Leif asked for a Motion of Agreeance to reaffirm the District Partnership, Motion by SC and 2nd by AHA. Motion Passed!

Treasurer Jeff Scheel reviewed the 8/31/22 Year End Financials. Motion by WHA and 2nd by Yankton to accept the Financials as written. Motion passed!

Treasurer Jeff Scheel presented the Budget for the year ending 8/31/23. Discussion was had on the budget with the Player Development fund balance being a big topic. A motion was made by OHA for the 2023-2024 Budget to increase the USA allocation to \$11 per player and to move the \$1.75 that is currently allocated to the Player Development Fund to the General Fund. The motion was seconded by BISA and approved unanimously. A Motion was made by AHA and 2nd by WHA to form a committee to review the Player Development fund for possible suggestions on uses for these funds in the future. Duke Witte will chair this committee and plan

to report back to the BOD at the Spring Meeting with potential ideas. Motion was made by OHA and 2nd by Mitchell to accept the 2022-2023 Budget as written. Motion Passed!
The SDAHA registrar was not present at the meeting and no report was provided. SDAHA Executive Director Jenni Wirkus recapped some registration reminders and noted that the Registrar would be sending them out to the association Registrars and Presidents.

An official's report was given by the new RIC Jared Ahlberg. Jared spoke on the green arm bands for minor aged officials and provided 2 sets to each association. Details on this program will be sent to the associations prior to the season, a press release to all SDAHA and a voice recording will be made for each local to play prior to the puck drop of games. Jared noted that seminars were starting the next weekend! He is working on a google form where coaches will be asked to provide their feedback on the officials from their games.

Points of emphasis for the season that will be conveyed at the officials seminars will be:

- *Pregame meetings w/ coaches & officials
- *Body Checking
- *Retention of Officials & mentoring
- *Abuse of Officials

SDAHA Executive Director Jenni Wirkus reminded associations of the importance of recruiting officials and getting the information out in their associations on the upcoming officials seminars.

SDAHA Girls Player Development Director Shelby Edwards was not in attendance but submitted a report which was included in the meeting packet.

Rob Kittay spoke on the Boys Player Development side and recapped this year's Development Camp. Rob noted that the 17 camp will be changing to a team camp and 9 players will now be able to advance vs 3. The 2023 Development Camp will be held April 21-23 at the Scheels Iceplex.

Coach in Chief, Rob Kittay reminded the delegates/presidents to please pass along all of the emails that SDAHA sends to them from him in regards to coaching clinics and curriculum for the coaches. A discussion was had about coaches preference of in person vs zoom seminars and delegates noted that most of their feedback from coaches was that zoom was their preference. Discussion was had on players not being able to attend the Development camp and if they should continue to be reviewed to move forward to the District Camp. The current policy states that they can register and pay for the Development Camp and then send in a statement of why they cannot attend with their hockey resume stating why they should be allowed to move on to the District Camp. No motion was made for changes to this policy so it will remain as is!

Growth & Retention representative Curtis Egan was not present at the meeting.

No formal report was given on High School Nationals but a reminder was given to the delegates that if their Youth HS Team was interested in participating if eligible they needed to let SDAHA know by October 15th. The 2023 HS Nationals will be held in Wayzata, MN!

Executive Director Wirkus reported on Team South Dakota. All 7 teams, 2 Boys and 5 Girls, are currently competing in their Fall Qualification games. It was noted that one of the two TSD Trailers was stolen in August from the Scheels Iceplex. A police report was filed but it has not been located at this time.

Cherry Hunter, SDAHA Risk Manager, handed out a copy of the Safesport Handbook to each of the members of the SDAHA BOD and encouraged them to get the information to their locals. Cherry also discussed a few registration issues and advised associations that these issues put their membership at risk and they should work to make sure everyone is following all of the proper processes.

Vice President/Discipline chair Dan French reminded associations of carry over suspensions from the 2021-2022 Season. Reminders of these will be emailed to the associations prior to pre-season games starting. Any association wishing to make a change to their discipline representative should notify SDAHA by October 15th, 2021. VP French also reviewed Bylaw 10 and discipline rule 410 with the BOD.

Executive Director Wirkus reported on scheduling for the 2022-2023 season. Anyone needing to make any last minute changes to team counts or blocked weekends was told to do so prior to the end of the weekend as the schedule would be ready to start adding games on Monday.

Matt Tobin, Sioux Falls Power, was not in attendance at the meeting but submitted a report which was included in the meeting packet for review. Conversation was had regarding Power 13U and it was noted that the majority of these players lived in MN. It was advised that SFYHA discuss concerns of this with the Power as they fall under their Affiliate agreement.

Local Association reports were given by the 10 Delegates in attendance. Delegates discussed player numbers compared to last season, team counts, fundraising details, rink updates and aspirations for the season.

Old Business:

Executive Director Wirkus discussed the Dave Stahl Scholarships. For 2021-2022 Seven scholarships were requested and all were approved. These included 3 scholarships for registration, 1 for goalie gear and 3 for the NP District Camp. Total allocation for last season was \$2,435.

The Allocation budget for the 2022-2023 Season is \$5,500. There were 18 scholarship requests during the month of August from a total of 12 families. Three families had multiple requests for their player/s. Of the 18 requests 11 were for registration, 4 for Gear and 3 for camps. The scholarship committee met early September and the decision was made to allocate 70% of the funds for the Fall requests and hold 30% in reserve for requests that arise during the season and for the Camp requests in the Spring. The committee approved all 11 families

registration requests along with the 12th families request which was for gear only. The total funds allocated was \$3,820 leaving \$1680 in reserve for the remainder of the Season. Huron will be hosting Dave Stahl Day again this year and it will be December 17th, 2022. All associations were encouraged to take part in this day in their own associations to help contribute to this fund to make sure anyone in SDAHA with the desire to play hockey can get assistance with any financial hurdles that arise!

Executive Director Wirkus discussed the Friends of SDAHA Scholarships, 13 were awarded for year two with amounts totalling \$16,000. SDAHA will be doing the Commemorative Puck again this year and information will be sent out soon to the associations so we can get the pucks this year prior to Christmas. Hockey Day South Dakota is January 14th, 2023 and we will partner again with the Stampede and will raise money for the scholarships through tickets for that day's games and also the chuck a puck. Anyone having ideas/suggestions to raise scholarship funds is asked to please reach out to Jenni.

New Business:

Dave Tronnes, Chairman of the SDAHA HOF Committee, gave a powerpoint presentation to the BOD on forming a HOF for SDAHA. A HOF Charter and sample Nomination form were included in the meeting packet and discussed. A Motion was made by WHA and 2nd by SF for SDAHA to accept the HOF Charter proposal and move forward and prepare to induct the first HOF Class of 2023!

Executive Director Wirkus presented a proposal from Riverfront Broadcasting (KCCR) to be the main radio/video partner for the Varsity State Tournaments for the 2023-2025 Seasons. This proposal is a commitment for them to broadcast/stream ALL 11 Varsity Tournament games for both the Youth and Girls Tournaments for the next 3 years. The proposal requests an investment of \$3,000 per tournament per year from SDAHA. SDAHA would solicit primary sponsorships for each of the tournaments to cover the \$6000 annual cost. This proposal would give KCCR primary partnership of the tournaments but does not give KCCR sole access to the tournament and allows SDAHA to have Midco and other broadcasting partners that are available during the tournaments to also be in attendance. A motion was made by WHA to approve the proposal and 2nd by AHA. Motion passed with an 11-0 vote with OHA abstaining.

A Discussion was had regarding rostering for the 2022-2023 Season. Associations were reminded that all rosters need to be submitted to the SDAHA registrar a minimum of 7 days prior to needing them. The SDAHA league season begins 11/18/22 so all associations were asked to have all of their league rosters submitted no later than 11/10/22. All High School Rosters must ONLY contain High School players. If your association has any non high school students (8th Graders) you will not be able to use a HS roster you will need to use a 18U Roster. For associations using HS Rosters (note:all associations confirmed they were going to use a HS roster and that none of them had players younger than HS) verification is needed and associations will need to submit a list from the school/s confirming that players are enrolled. One list from each school listing all of the names of the high school players enrolled there is due

by 11/10/22. In addition, the school will need to provide us a list again in January at the start of the second semester verifying that the students are still enrolled. This is a USA Hockey ask and helps us to verify high school eligibility of players (and that we are using the proper rosters) and their enrollment. Players who graduate early at semester time are not eligible to continue hockey after their graduation date.

A lengthy discussion was had on using the USA Hockey roster stickers that come directly from each registrars portal with the team roster information. These stickers mirror the roster which makes them very accurate and helpful in avoiding potential roster violations. A motion as made by Treasurer Scheel and 2nd by Brandon Valley to strongly encourage the use of the USA Hockey Stickers for scoresheets. Motion passed unanimously.

Proposals:

A proposal was submitted by Watertown Hockey and included in the meeting packet for a review of Player Transfers. President Lalim requested discussion on the current policy during the meeting but asked for No Action at the Fall Meeting as WHA would like to have time to review the policy further and potentially bring an alternate proposal to the Spring Meeting.

The second proposal was submitted by President Leif for the Per Diem to be adjusted to mirror the State of South Dakota's policy. This proposal would change breakfast from \$8 to \$6, Lunch from \$10 to \$14 and Supper from \$12 to \$20 making a maximum of \$40 per day vs the current \$30. A motion was made by OHA and 2nd by Mitchell to accept as written. Discussion was had in regards to Team South Dakota as the coaches are the primary users of the Per Diem in SDAHA. TSD does their budget in the summer and did not plan for the increased expense and would prefer the change to happen at the Spring Meeting in 2023. Motion passed unanimously and the rules will be updated as follows:

iii. Per Diem: \$40 per day. Paid as \$6 breakfast, \$14 lunch, & \$20 supper (Example: \$20 Friday night, \$6, \$14, & \$20 Saturday, and \$6 & \$14 Sunday = \$80/weekend)

One playdown request was received at the Bantam Level requesting to play Bantam B vs Bantam A.

BVHA would like to petition to play down to the Bantam B level for the 2022-23 season. They have 20 players, 8 returning players and 12 players moving up from Pee-Wees. The Bantam A team in 2021-22 finished 8th out of 9 teams in league standings with a record of 3-13. They scored 31 goals and gave up 101, for a -70 goal differential. Four of the top five scorers from the previous season will be moving up to varsity/JV or have transferred to another association. The players moving up from the Pee-Wee level will not provide much depth to support a Bantam A roster. The Pee-Wee A team in the 2021-22 season finished 8th of 9 in the league standings with a record of 2-12-2 and placed 8th in the state tournament. The Pee-Wee B team in 2021-22 finished 7th out of 8 teams with a record of 2-10.

A motion was made by WHA and 2nd by SF to approve the petition of Brandon Valley to play in the Bantam B division. Motion Passed unanimously.

Spring Meeting: Saturday April 15th, 2023, Sioux Falls, SD

Meeting was adjourned by President Leif at 3:55 PM.



SDAHA Treasurer's Report
 Change in Fund and Cash Balances
 As of March 31, 2023 (First 7 Months of the Fiscal Year Ending August 31, 2023)

Fund / Description of Fund Account	9/1/2022 to 3/31/2023		Change in Fund Balance	Fund Balance 8/31/2022	Fund Balance 3/31/2023	Comments
	Income	Expense				
1 Background Check Assessments	\$15,030.00		\$15,030.00			Will Invoice Out to Associations by 4/30/23
2 State Tournament Expenses	\$5,500.00	\$50,433.71	(\$44,933.71)			Will Invoice Out to Associations by 4/30/23
3 General Operations (\$5.25 per player)	\$47,581.59	\$42,005.51	\$5,576.08			
4 General Fund	\$53,081.59	\$107,469.22	(\$54,387.63)	\$18,698.12	(\$35,689.51)	
5 Player Development Fund-General (\$1.75 per player)	\$4,240.25	\$0.00	\$4,240.25	\$43,810.34	\$48,050.59	
6 Player Development Fund-Boys Camp	\$13,297.75	\$1,418.99	\$11,878.76	\$33,443.29	\$45,322.05	2023 Camp Not Completed. Still expecting income & expenses
7 Player Development Fund-Girls Camp	\$6,570.50	\$1,143.81	\$5,426.69	\$20,514.75	\$25,941.44	2023 Camp Not Completed. Still expecting income & expenses
8 Boys Team South Dakota Fund	\$67,380.00	\$74,043.66	(\$6,663.66)	\$42,202.97	\$35,539.31	Program Year Ended 4/15/22. 4/15/22 Fund Balance-\$17,894.12
9 Girls Team South Dakota Fund	\$121,220.00	\$95,969.67	\$25,250.33	\$39,561.65	\$64,811.98	Program Year Ended 4/15/22. 4/15/22 Fund Balance-\$23,000.66
10 Other Hockey Programs	\$28,015.00	\$22,362.87	\$5,652.13	\$6,020.39	\$11,672.52	GIV Jamboree, Girls Weekend, Senior Showcase, Skills Camps
11 Programming Fund	\$216,615.00	\$192,376.20	\$24,238.80	\$87,785.01	\$112,023.81	
12 Dave Stahl All Star Fund	\$2,759.50	\$4,592.70	(\$1,833.20)	\$28,749.31	\$26,916.11	
13 Scholarship Fund	\$6,306.50	\$16,788.26	(\$10,481.76)	\$19,380.51	\$8,898.75	
14 Other Fundraising Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,188.40	\$5,188.40	
15 Fundraising Fund	\$9,066.00	\$21,380.96	(\$12,314.96)	\$53,318.22	\$41,003.26	
16 Referee Fund (\$1.00 per player)	\$2,423.00	\$200.00	\$2,223.00	\$9,056.48	\$11,279.48	
17 Coaches Fund (\$1.00 per player)	\$2,423.00	\$0.00	\$2,423.00	\$11,354.41	\$13,777.41	
18 Hall of Fame Fund	\$8,700.00	\$3,090.03	\$5,609.97	\$0.00	\$5,609.97	Income and Expenses for 2023 Event not Finalized
19 Total All Funds	\$316,417.09	\$327,079.21	(\$10,662.12)	\$277,980.62	\$267,318.50	

SDAHA Supplemental Financial Information
 As of March 31, 2023 (First 7 Months of the Fiscal Year Ending August 31, 2023)

Reconciliation of Fund and Cash Balances

	Checking 09/01/22	Savings 09/01/22	Total	
Reconciliation to Cash Accounts:				
20 Beginning Account Balance from QB (8/31/22)	\$10,488.68	\$270,002.19	\$280,490.87	
21 Plus Change in Fund Balance - All Funds	(\$10,662.12)	\$0.00	(\$10,662.12)	
22 Change in Undeposited/Uncollected Funds	(\$2,000.00)	\$0.00	(\$2,000.00)	
23 Less: Interest Income	(\$1,060.84)	\$1,060.84	\$0.00	
24 Net Transfers between Checking and Savings	\$16,063.03	(\$16,063.03)	\$0.00	Net Change in Cash
25 Calculated Ending Cash Balance	\$12,828.75	\$255,000.00	\$267,828.75	In Cash
26 Actual Account Balance from QB (3/31/23)	\$12,817.97	\$255,000.00	\$267,817.97	(\$12,672.90)
27 Reconciliation Variance Subtotal	\$10.78	\$0.00	\$10.78	
28 Change in Payroll Accounts Payable (Line 36)	(\$10.78)	\$0.00	(\$10.78)	
29 Net Reconciliation Variance	(\$0.00)	\$0.00	(\$0.00)	

Other Balance Updates

	08/31/22	03/31/23
30 Undeposited/Uncollected Funds:		
None	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Total	\$0.00	\$2,000.00

	08/31/22	03/31/23
31 Outstanding Invoices		
None	\$1,880.00	\$23,800.00
Total	\$1,880.00	\$23,800.00

	08/31/21	03/31/22	Net Change
32 Change in Payroll Accounts			
Form 941 Payroll Liability	\$2,508.47	\$2,497.69	(\$10.78)
Iowa Income Tax Payable	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$2,508.47	\$2,497.69	(\$10.78)

Team South Dakota Updates

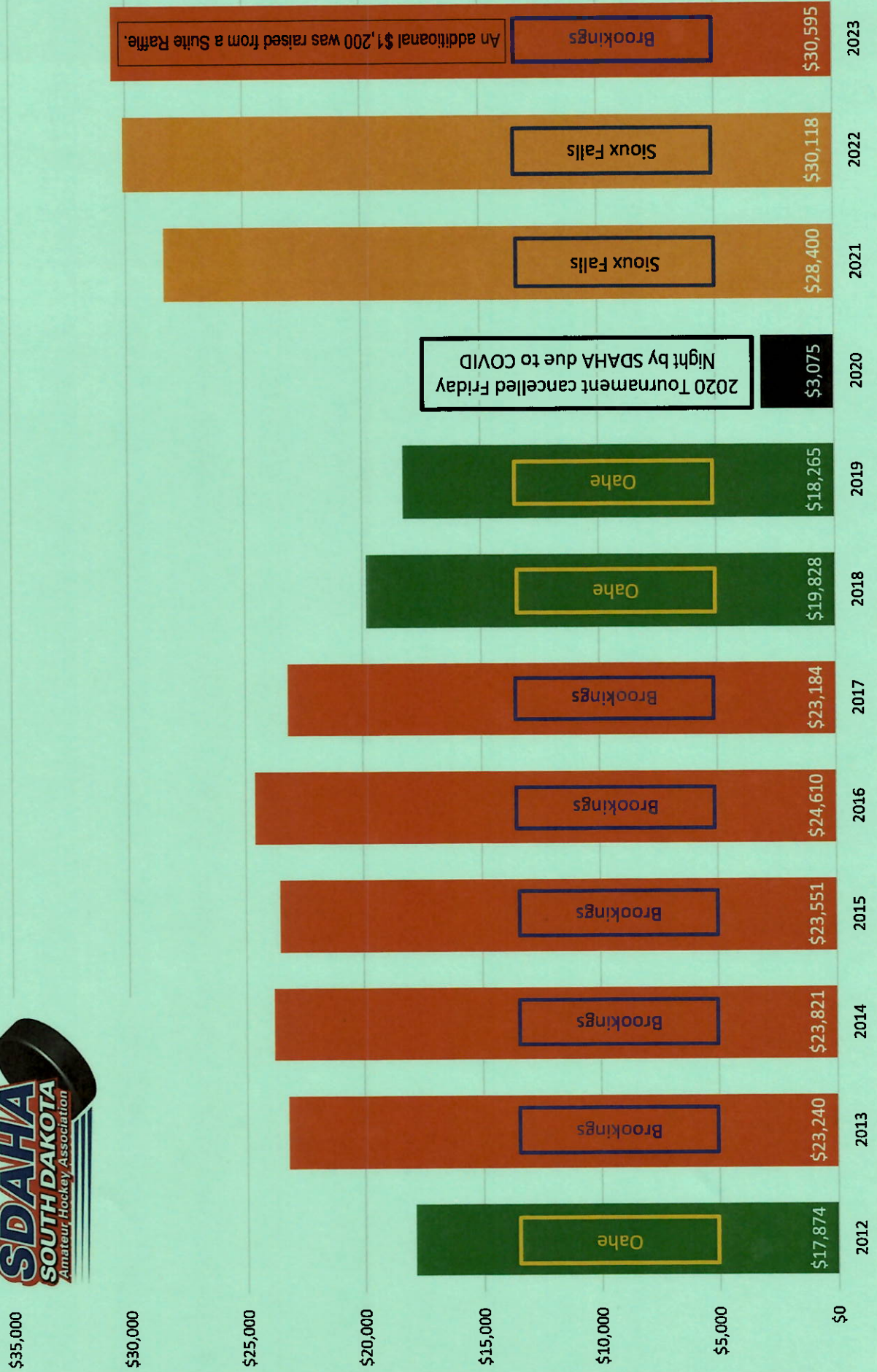
Team Name	Income	Expense	Net Income/Loss	Fund Balance 4/15/2022	Fund Balance 3/31/2023	Comments
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37 Boys Team SD-U14	\$59,140.00	\$51,175.15	\$7,964.85			Still getting new Registrations for Trout Camps and still remaining outstanding expenses from National Tournaments.
38 Boys Team SD-U16	\$60,800.00	\$51,119.66	\$9,680.34			
Boys Team South Dakota Fund	\$119,940.00	\$102,294.81	\$17,645.19	\$17,894.12	\$35,539.31	

40 Girls Team SD-12U	\$26,970.00	\$23,431.55	\$3,538.45			Still getting new Registrations for Trout Camps and still remaining outstanding expenses from National Tournaments.
41 Girls Team SD-14U	\$59,600.00	\$32,460.06	\$27,139.94			
42 Girls Team SD-16U	\$64,600.00	\$53,173.88	\$11,426.12			
43 Girls Team SD-19U	\$31,450.00	\$31,743.19	(\$293.19)			
Girls Team South Dakota Fund	\$182,620.00	\$140,808.68	\$41,811.32	\$23,000.66	\$64,811.98	



Youth Varsity Historical Gross Gate Receipts



Discipline Report- SDAHA Spring Meeting April 2023
Dan French Disciplinary Committee Chair

Game Misconducts & Match Penalties reported during the 2022-2023 Hockey Season

- Total of 68 Game Misconducts assessed 2022-2023
 - 75 in 2021-2022
 - 58 in 2020-2021
 - 79 in 2019-2020
 - 64 in 2018-2019
 - 89 in 2017-2018
 - 49 in 2016-2017
 - 74 in 2015-2016
 - 79 in 2014-2015

- 17 coaches assessed GM/Suspensions: 18-12 team penalties, 2-persisting after Bench Minor
 - Note that 12 Team Penalties is now a suspension NOT GM
 - 2 coaches assessed GM's in 2022-2023
 - 21 coaches assessed GM's in 2021-2022
 - 11 coaches assessed GM's in 2019-2020
 - 7 coaches assessed GM's in 2018-2019
 - 4 coaches assessed GM's in 2017-2018
 - 1 coaches assessed GM's in 2015-2016
 - 10 coaches assessed GM's in 2014-2015
 - 11 coaches assessed GM's in 2013-2014

- 46 players received 1 GM, 7 players received 2 GM's and 2 players received 3 GM's

- GM per association and per infraction: Sioux Falls (10), Brandon (9), Oahe/Mitchell (7), Rapid/Watertown/Huron/Power (5), TSD (4), SC/Aberdeen/Yankton (3), Brookings (2)
 - Fighting-19
 - 4 Penalties same game-14
 - Persisting after bench minor-4

- First to intervene-3
 - Obscene gesture-3
 - Spearing-3
 - Head contact-3
 - Boarding-3
 - Grabbing facemask-2
 - 2 Misconducts same game-2
 - Charging-2
 - Butt-ending-2
 - Check from behind-2
 - Roughing-1
 - Slashing-1
 - Unsportsmanlike-1
 - Slough Footing-1
 - Kicking-1
 - Interfering w/ game official-1
- 9 Match Penalties: Rapid/Yankton (2), Aberdeen, Brandon, Oahe, Mitchell, Power (1)
 - Kicking-4
 - Cross check-1
 - Slashing-1
 - Unsportsmanlike-1
 - Discriminatory language-1
 - Helmet removal-1
- Supplemental Discipline through Video Review
 - 2022-2023 Video reviews submitted-28
 - Continued on pages 3-4

Date	Submitting	Penalty Assessed	Supplemental Discipline
11/3/2022	Yankton	Rough	Game
11/11/2022	Mitchell	N/A	N/A
11/29/2022	Brookings	Rough	Game
11/29/2022	Mitchell	Slash	Game
11/29/2022	Mitchell	N/A	Game
11/29/2022	Mitchell	N/A	N/A
11/30/2022	Oahe	Rough	N/A
12/1/2022	Oahe	Rough	Game
12/1/2022	Oahe	Checking from Behind	N/A
12/5/2022	Mitchell	Rough	Game
12/5/2022	Oahe	Cross Check	Game
12/8/2022	Brookings	Checking from Behind	N/A
12/12/2022	Oahe	Interference	Game
12/15/2022	Oahe	Rough	Game SF-Match Oahe
12/19/2022	Huron	Trip	Game
1/2/2023	Oahe	Rough	Game
1/3/2023	Sioux Center	N/A	N/A
1/10/2023	Rushmore	N/A	Game
1/10/2023	Mitchell	Rough	Game
1/10/2023	Oahe	N/A	2 games
1/25/2023	Aberdeen	High Stick	Game
2/3/2023	Mitchell	Rough	N/A
2/6/2023	Rushmore	N/A	Game
2/15/2023	Mitchell	N/A	N/A
2/15/2023	Mitchell	N/A	N/A
2/15/2023	Mitchell	Body Check	N/A
2/24/2023	Aberdeen	N/A	N/A
2/25/2023	Rushmore	Boarding	N/A

- Supplemental Discipline through Video Review
 - 2022-2023 Videos reviews submitted-28
 - Mitchell-10
 - Oahe-8
 - Rushmore-3
 - Aberdeen & Brookings-2
 - Sioux Center, Huron & Yankton-1
 - Brandon, Sioux Falls & Watertown-0
 - 28 Video Reviews
 - 18 Reviews were on plays a penalty was previously assessed
 - Supplemental discipline was issued on 12 of the 18 reviews
 - 10 Reviews were on plays where no penalty was called on the ice
 - Supplemental discipline was issued on 4 of the 10 reviews
 - Penalties assessed on 64% of the reviews
 - Supplemental discipline assessed on 57% of the reviews
 - Supplemental discipline not assessed on 43% of the reviews
 - Penalties not assessed on 36% of reviews
 - When a penalty was not assessed on-ice supplemental discipline was assessed 40% of the time

While we realize the video review policy isn't perfect, there is also a time and place for it.

Referee-in-Chief Ahlberg, past Referee-in-Chief Sorenson and myself, with some input from senior officials, put together a list of what was wrong and right with the policy as we worked through the season.

Upcoming later today, you will have in front of you a revised policy with all of the revisions we feel will make this a better, more equitable, more transparent and fair policy. I ask you to please approve the policy as written.

With the revised policy, communication will improve and input from the game officials and other senior officials will be utilized to make determinations.

RIC Ahlberg will continue to utilize these videos as training tools for other officials not participating in the review. Many of this past season's videos started great conversations amongst the officials. Most agreed, some did not, but they are great tools for continued education for the folks that are instrumental for our game.

Local Association	Program	Age 19+	Age 17-18	Age 15-16	Age 13-14	Age 11-12	Age 9-10	Age 7-8	Age 1-6	Total
SIOUX FALLS SLED HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	SDD1002	17	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
SOUTH DAKOTA AHA	SDH0000	12	25	59	57	24	2	1	0	180
SIOUX EMPIRE ADULT HOCKEY LEAGUE	SDH0115	113	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	114
HURON HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	SDH0116	1	4	16	15	21	23	19	33	132
SIOUX FALLS YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	SDH0117	0	54	77	88	122	141	134	160	776
ABERDEEN HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	SDH0118	0	19	37	30	33	25	25	26	195
BROOKINGS ICE SKATING ASSOCIATION	SDH0119	2	19	26	30	39	34	49	45	244
WATERTOWN HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	SDH0120	0	13	29	32	29	26	21	13	163
YANKTON AREA ICE ASSOCIATION	SDH0121	0	15	16	25	19	25	31	18	149
BRANDON VALLEY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	SDH0123	0	10	12	20	16	20	25	16	119
MITCHELL SKATING AND HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	SDH0124	0	18	18	20	26	31	18	14	145
OAHE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	SDH0127	0	16	18	30	31	25	33	45	198
RUSHMORE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	SDH0129	6	29	54	57	53	57	42	41	339
SD Unclaimed	SDHUNCL	74	6	3	2	4	8	12	41	150
Total		225	230	365	406	417	417	410	452	2922

Association Code	Association Name	Players	Coaches	Managers	Volunteers	Others	Unclaimed	Total
SDH0117	SIOUX FALLS YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	776	127	0	30	1	0	934
SDH0129	RUSHMORE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	339	52	0	27	1	0	419
SDH0119	BROOKINGS ICE SKATING ASSOCIATION	244	37	0	27	1	0	309
SDH0127	OAHE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	198	34	10	4	1	0	247
SDH0118	ABERDEEN HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	195	44	0	26	1	0	266
SDH0120	WATERTOWN HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	163	35	0	22	1	0	221
SDH0121	YANKTON AREA ICE ASSOCIATION	149	31	0	12	1	0	193
SDH0124	MITCHELL SKATING AND HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	145	30	0	47	1	0	223
SDH0116	HURON HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	132	22	0	3	1	0	158
SDH0123	BRANDON VALLEY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	119	26	5	1	1	0	152
SDD1002	SIOUX FALLS SLED HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	18	3	0	0	1	0	22
"SDHUNCL	SD Unclaimed	0	0	0	0	0	204	204

Boys Player Development Report-Rob Kittay-April 2023

The 2023 SD State Boys Development Camp will be held April 21-23 at the Sioux Falls Tri-Plex. Those players born between 2005 and 2011 are eligible for the SD Camp and for possible advancement to the District, Regional and National Development programs depending on their age.

<u>Birth Year</u>	<u>Age Group</u>
2011	12 Year Olds-Eligible for NPDDC
2010	13 Year Olds-Eligible for NPDDC
2009	14 Year Olds-Eligible for NPDDC and Western Regional Camp
2008	15 Year Olds-Eligible for NPDDC, National Camp, Mid-Am
2007	16 Year Olds-Eligible for NPDDC and National Camp
2006	17 Year Olds-Eligible for NPDDC and National Camp
2005	18 Year Olds-Eligible for NPDDC

Nick Adamek from the Steele County Blades will be the lead on-ice coach. He will be bringing four other coaches from MN with him. We are then supplementing them with some of our local coaches.

We are also bringing in Chris Langei and two assistants from Grand Forks to run power skating sessions for both boys and girls.

As of April 5, we had 106 registrations. We will be leaving the registration open for at least another week as based on experience, we get a number of late registrations and will try to accommodate as many as possible. Last year, we had 125 skaters and 13 goalies.

The Northern Plains District Development Camp (NPDDC) will be held in Grand Forks on May 18-21. From there, players can advance to any of the camps listed below.

Other important dates in the Development 2023 Calendar are-

Western Regional Camp 14's	Colorado Springs	June 12-17
National 17's	Buffalo NY	June 22-28
National 16's	Buffalo NY	July 7-13
National 15's	Buffalo NY	July 15-20
Mid-Am Multi District 15's	Bowling Green SU	July 22-25?

Note-The allotment for the National 16s Camp for the NPD has been increased to 2 Fs, 2 Ds, and 1 G. The allotment for the National 17s Camp has been increased to 6 Fs, 3 Ds, and 1 G. The 17s Camp will now be in the format of a team from each district. The NPD team will be filled out w/ players from other districts.

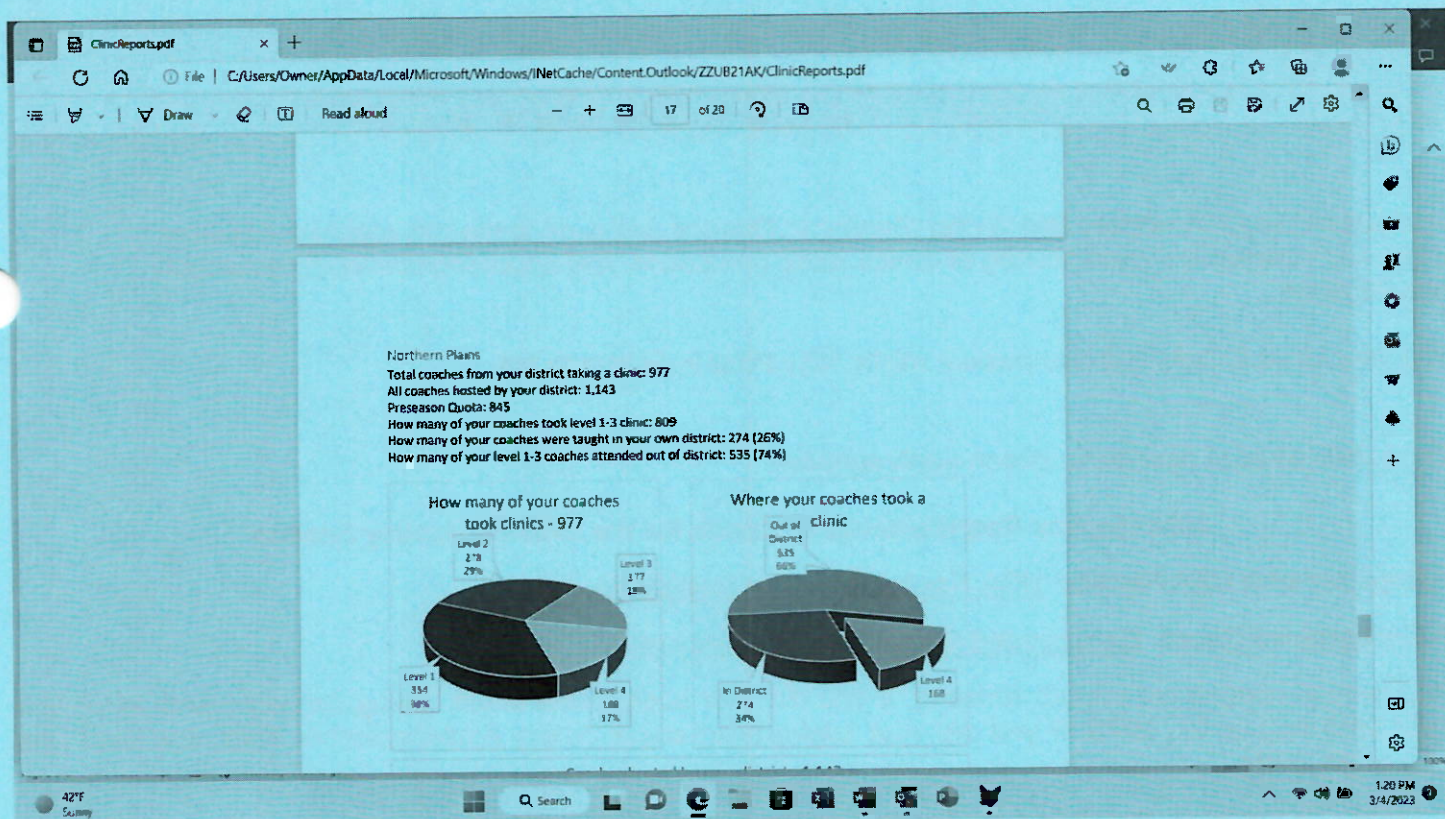
Any questions or comments can be directed to me thru sdhockeydev@gmail.com

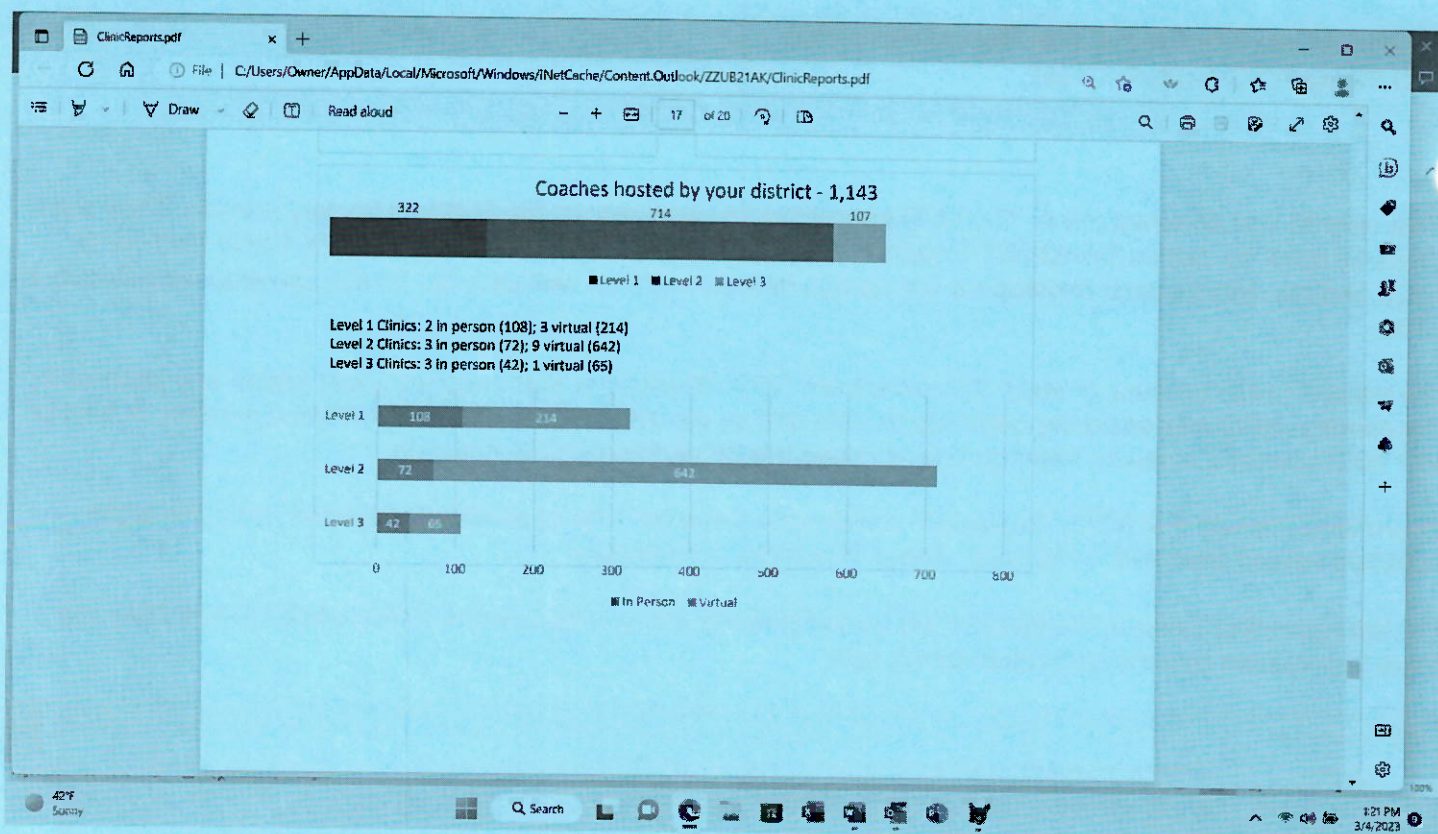
Please refer to that attached chart. The NPD presented 21 seminars for the 2022-23 hockey season. They were primarily done by James Ewald (WY Coach-in-Chief), Al Bloomer (Former National CIC), David Hoff (NPD CIC), and me. More coach developers are always being sought as well as a SD Goalie Development Coach-in-Chief.

We trained 1143 coaches of which 274 were from NPD. Remember that coaches could attend any seminar in the country. NPD was assigned originally to train 845 so we trained 35% over our assigned number. A total of 977 NPD coaches received training. I do not have the breakdown for SD coaches.

Zoom vs In-Person-For 2022, "in-person" clinics accounted for 17% of all clinics; however, only 8% of the coaches trained attended "in person". Zoom clinics are here to stay.

For the upcoming season, the districts will be assigned to present the Level 4 clinics while USA Hockey did them last season due the curriculum being new.





I did attend the USA Hockey Mid-Winter Meeting in Orlando and went to the two coaching sessions. Discussion centered around hosting of clinics, clinic curriculum, and upcoming continuing education requirements.

The next Level 5 Coaching Symposium will be May 2023 in Falmouth MA.

To review what is needed to coach each season-

USA Hockey Requirements to Coach for the 2023-24 Hockey Season

1-Register with USA Hockey [USA Hockey Member Registration](#)

2-Background Check [Background Screen \(usahockey.com\)](#)

Background checks last for two seasons. If you did your background check during January-March 2022, it is valid until August 31, 2023. If you did your background check during April-December 2022, it is valid until August 31, 2024.

3-Safesport Training [SafeSport Program Training \(usahockey.com\)](#)

Safesport must be done on annual basis. There is a core course plus three refresher courses. Once you have completed all four of these courses then you start with the core course again. Safesport course must be completed **before any team contact**. Safesport courses are available now.

4-Age Specific Training Module [Age-Specific Modules \(usahockey.com\)](#)

Once a course is taken, it does not have to be repeated. If you complete the U12 course and continue to coach only U12's, you do not have to take another course. If you then decide to coach U14's or any other level, you must complete that level module. You can complete more than one age-specific course in a year. Age specific courses are available now.

April 5, 2023

5-Level 1-5 Coaching Clinics <https://coursesearch.usahockey.com>

Once you enter the coaching ranks, you must complete the Level 1 clinic. You must then complete the next level clinic each year until you have completed the Level 4 clinic. Only one clinic per year can be done. Clinics must be completed by December 31 of each year. The only exception to this rule is for U8 (Mites) and younger coaches who continue to coach U8 or younger only. They can remain at their present coaching level including any expired certificate. If that coach decides to coach an older level, they must then pickup the coaching clinics where they left off.

Clinics are both in-person and via Zoom. Goalie clinics no longer substitute for a Level 1-4 clinic. The level course you have completed has no relation to the team that you can coach. For example, a Level 1 coach can coach a U18 team. On September 1, all clinics to be held thru October 15 will be posted on the USAH web site. This list will continue to be updated. Do not wait until December 15 to attend a clinic. Clinics fill up very quickly when posted to web site. Get it taken care of ASAP.

Additional notes-

Helmets must be worn for any on-ice practice.

All coaches on the bench must sign the game roster.

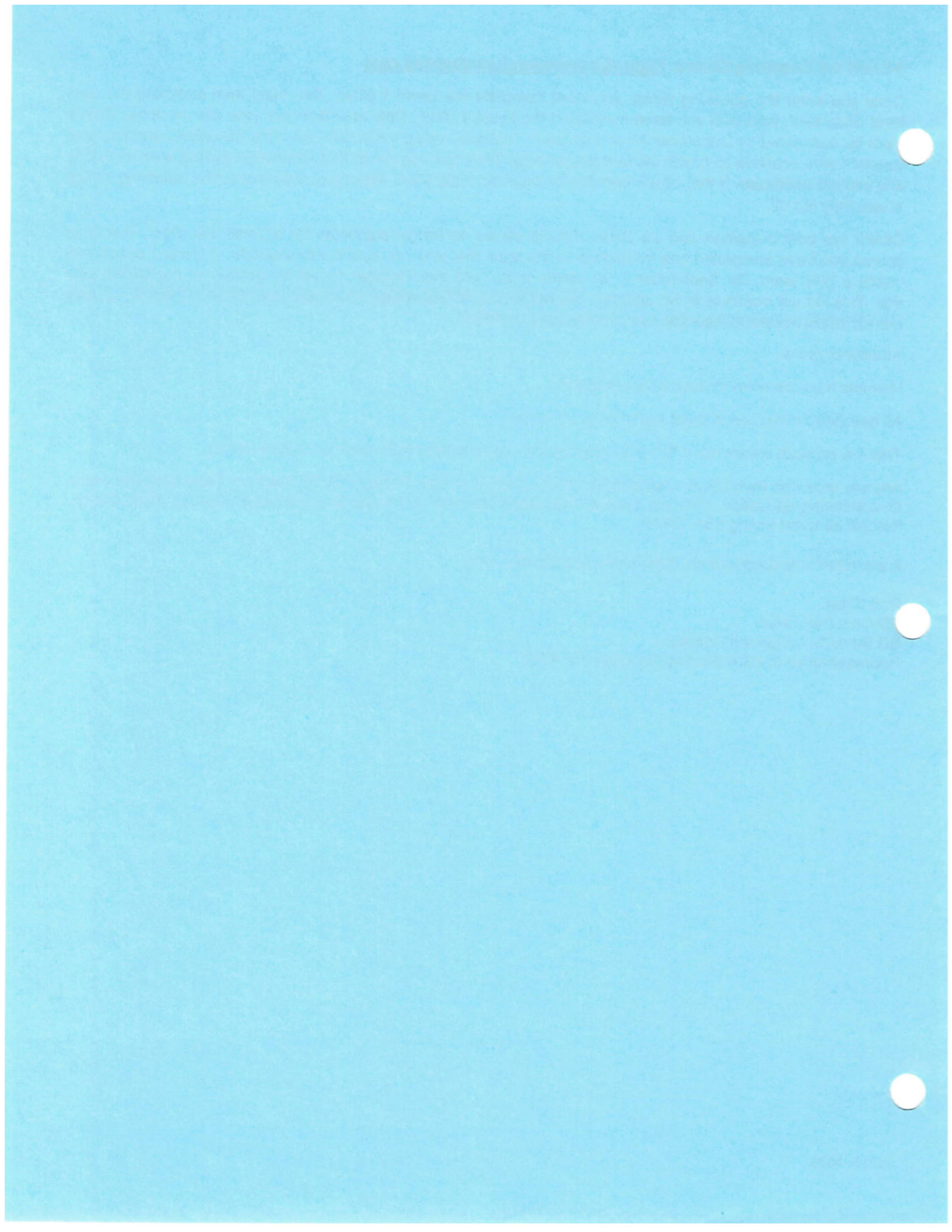
There is no such person as a "practice only coach". All coaches must meet the above criteria.

Anyone receiving their Level 4 certification after 1/1/2021 or Tier I/II National Tournament Team coaches must do continuing education. This has been pushed back one year due to the slow roll out of courses. More info on this will be forthcoming from USAH.

If you have any questions or comments, please let me know.

Rob Kittay
SD Coach-in-Chief
SD Boys Development Director
Representative to USA Hockey Congress for NPD

April 5, 2023





PROPOSAL FORM

DATE: 03-13-23

PLEASE USE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH PROPOSAL. ADDITIONAL PAGES MAY BE USED.

PLEASE INDICATE WHICH PLAYING RULE OR BY-LAW YOU WISH TO ADD, AMEND OR REPLACE:

Pg. 9. 11. Video Review Policies

(Letter/number/page/etc. – If adding a rule, indicate where you wish rule placed)

IF AMENDING OR REPLACING, PLEASE WRITE THE RULE AS IT IS CURRENTLY WORDED:

11. Video Review Policies: (Entire Section Updated 05/08/2021)

- a. The SDAHA Video Review Committee (VRC) is hereby authorized to take disciplinary action under the authority of USA Hockey Playing Rule 410(a).
- b. The VRC shall be comprised of members appointed by the SDAHA President that shall include the SDAHA Disciplinary Committee Chair and SDAHA Referee-in-Chief.
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- d. The VRC should notify the President of the association of any player being considered for supplemental discipline.
- e. The VRC may impose a suspension of up to 3 games or schedule a hearing before the Disciplinary Committee if a submitted video depicts a clear and definitive infraction regardless of whether or not the infraction was penalized by an on-ice official.
- f. Discipline imposed by the VRC may be considered if the offending player comes before the Discipline Committee for future incidents and past disciplinary actions may be considered in VRC decisions.
- g. VRC decisions are subject to appeal to the SDAHA Disciplinary Committee under USA Hockey By-law 10.

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ADDED RULE:

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h. Written Final ruling along with reasons for VRC decision, will be communicated back in writing to the submitting association President within 2 days of final decision.

1. PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY YOU WISH TO ADD OR AMEND THE RULE:

Reason: Adds transparency. Completes the process. Submitting local needs to know final outcome and reasons for decision(s)

SUBMITTER NAME/ASSOCIATION: YANKTON



PROPOSAL FORM

Date: 3/13/2023

Please use a separate form for each proposal. Additional pages may be used.

- Please indicate which playing rule or by-law you wish to add, amend or replace:

Playing Rules 7 b. Equipment Jerseys

(Letter/number/page/etc. – If adding a rule, indicate where you wish rule placed)

- **If amending or replacing, please write the rule as it is currently worded:**
 - b. Jerseys: All jerseys must conform to the USA Hockey, Inc. numbering specifications. (USA Hockey, Inc. Rule 203(d)), I.e. 10-inch for varsity, 8 inch for bantam, 6 inch for peewee and below. Additionally, 4-inch numbers are required on both sleeves for varsity and bantam, and 3 inch numbers are required for peewee and below. All jerseys for a team must be of uniform color.
- **Please write the rule as you wish to amend/add it, using different color print and crossing out portions of the playing rule you wish changed/removed:**
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1. Please explain why you wish to add or amend the rule:

The added text is currently in the state tournament rules. Currently, most do comply with this and it is a known courtesy right now. We did have a game played this season where we were wearing our home white jerseys and the visiting team did choose to wear a light colored jersey when they do have a dark colored jersey. We would like to have some contrast between the jersey colors.

SUBMITTER NAME/Association: Mark Zens MSHA



PROPOSAL FORM

Date: 3/13/2023

Please use a separate form for each proposal. Additional pages may be used.

- Please indicate which playing rule or by-law you wish to add, amend or replace:

Playing Rules 14 page 9

(Letter/number/page/etc. – If adding a rule, indicate where you wish rule placed)

- If amending or replacing, please write the rule as it is currently worded:

Rule does not currently exist.

- Please write the rule as you wish to amend/add it, using different color print and crossing out portions of the playing rule you wish changed/removed:

14. **Medical Attention:** A medical or osteopathic physician, emergency medical technician, paramedic, or certified athletic trainer shall be in attendance at all games at the Varsity/JV/Bantam level. First Aid Equipment must be available at the arena.

1. Please explain why you wish to add or amend the rule:

This follows the state tournament rules with the exception of specifying the levels. If we take the health and well being of our kids seriously, we need to have this rule in place. Hockey is a physical game and the speed, size, and physicality of the kids is improving. Whether it is an injury, or concussion, we shouldn't put this on the coaching staff to be knowledgeable on spotting medical conditions. We shouldn't have to hope that a parent or spectator with medical knowledge is in the stands. We have this rule for the tournaments, the regular playing season should be no different.

SUBMITTER NAME/Association: Mark Zens MSHA



PROPOSAL FORM

Date: 2/28/23

Please indicate which playing rule or by-law you wish to add, amend or replace:

SDAHA Playing rules, Page 7. Section 8D regarding Running Time...

If amending or replacing, please write the rule as it is currently worded:

Running Time: Any time there is a 6 goal differential, running time shall be implemented and continue until the goal differential drops to 4, at which time stop time will resume. When running time is in effect, the clock shall not stop except for a stoppage in play due to rink problems, injury, the scoring of a goal, a penalty or for any other cause as directed by the referee. In the event of a rink problem, injury, or for any other cause as directed by the referee, the clock shall resume running as soon as the cause of the stoppage has been corrected or removed from the ice. In the case of a goal or a penalty, the clock shall stop only long enough to record the goal or penalty. In the event of any question, the referee's direction shall be final. EXCEPTION: Running Time shall not be used at the Squirt/U10 Development Level. (Section Updated 05/09/2020

Please write the rule as you wish to amend/add it, using different color print and crossing out portions of the playing rule you wish changed/removed.

~~EXCEPTION: Running Time shall not be used at the Squirt/U10 Development Level. (Section Updated 05/09/2020~~

EXCEPTION: Running time shall not be used at the Squirt/U10 level unless mutually agreed upon by both team's coaches.

Please explain why you wish to add or amend the rule:

Developmental play is imperative at this level. However, if in fact, games are being played in run time, the written rule should reflect that run time at 10U/squirt level is (optional). If the intention is for this rule to be as it is currently written, then the rule must be enforced.

SUBMITTER NAME/Association:

Yankton Area Ice Association



PROPOSAL FORM

DATE: 03-13-23

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PLEASE INDICATE WHICH PLAYING RULE OR BY-LAW YOU WISH TO ADD, AMEND OR REPLACE:

Pg. 4, f. Other Items: Freeze 10 Rule

(Letter/number/page/etc. – If adding a rule, indicate where you wish rule placed)

IF AMENDING OR REPLACING, PLEASE WRITE THE RULE AS IT IS CURRENTLY WORDED:

Pg. 4, f. Other Items:

Freeze 10 Rule (Varsity Only): (Freeze 10 Rule (Varsity Only) Section Updated 05/09/2020) 1. First Half of the Season: Throughout the season, the varsity coach will “freeze” 10 varsity only players for each Jr. Varsity regular season league game. These may be different players for each game but must be always be a total of 10 players. This rule shall remain in effect during the first 50% of a team’s League games during the regular season. The names of these frozen players will be clearly designated on the JV score sheets for those games and they may not play the Jr. Varsity games where they are locked. For situations where two Jr Varsity games may be played on the same day during the first half of the season, coaches could lock different players for each game. 2. Second Half of the Season: Once a Varsity Team has played 50% of their League games during the regular season, each Varsity Coach will freeze the same 10 Varsity only Players for all remaining Jr. Varsity games during the remainder of the regular season.

PLEASE WRITE THE RULE AS YOU WISH TO AMEND/ADD IT, USING DIFFERENT COLOR PRINT AND CROSSING OUT PORTIONS OF THE PLAYING RULE YOU WISH CHANGED/REMOVED:

REVISED FREEZE 10 RULE:

Freeze 10 Rule (Varsity Only): (Freeze 10 Rule (Varsity Only) Section Updated 05/09/2020) 1. First Half of the Season: Throughout the season, the varsity coach will “freeze” 10 varsity only players for each Jr. Varsity regular season league game. These may be different players for each game but must be always be a total of 10 players. ~~This rule shall remain in effect during the first 50% of a team’s League games during the regular season.~~ **This rule shall remain in effect until the 2nd weekend of January.** The names of these frozen players will be clearly designated on the JV score sheets for those

games and they may not play the Jr. Varsity games where they are locked. For situations where two Jr Varsity games may be played on the same day until the second week of January, coaches could lock different players for each game. 2. Second Half of the Season: Once a Varsity Team has played 50% of their League games during the regular season, Starting with the 3rd weekend of January, each Varsity Coach will freeze the same 10 Varsity only Players for all remaining Jr. Varsity games during the remainder of the regular season.

1. PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY YOU WISH TO ADD OR AMEND THE RULE:

Not all teams reach 50% of their league games on the same date. Ultimately locked teams play unlocked teams, which is not fair. Locked should only play locked; Unlocked should only play unlocked.

SUBMITTER NAME/ASSOCIATION: YANKTON



PROPOSAL FORM

DATE: 2/17/23

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Playing Rules 5. A. i. 3.

(Letter/number/page/etc. – If adding a rule, indicate where you wish rule placed)

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Girls U14 State Tournament players must compete in 50% of the team league schedule to be eligible to be rostered in the tournament.

1. PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY YOU WISH TO ADD OR AMEND THE RULE:

SDAHA has indicated that Girls U14 is to be focused on development of female hockey players. By allowing dual rostering of girls that fall into the age bracket, but rarely compete in the league game schedule and join the team for the State Tournament, does not support this vision in its entirety. This can promote a practice of “trophy hunting” and seems to go against the idea of a development. A team can compete hard throughout the season and be very successful, only to be “outplayed” in the tournament by the addition of players who have been identified by an association as able to compete at a higher level and just happen to have the ability to be rostered on the Girl’s U14 team. This leads to discouragement of players that have played during the league season and see their opportunity to compete in the State Tournament go down and for the teams they compete against who don’t have that luxury.

The premise of this addition would be to promote good and fair competition during the league season and the State Tournament at the Girls U14 level.

SUBMITTER NAME/ASSOCIATION:

**JEREMY VAN DEN BERG
SIOUX CENTER HOCKEY**



PROPOSAL FORM

DATE: 3/24/2023

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Additional article to Playing Rule 4 to be inserted as "4.g."

- **IF AMENDING OR REPLACING, PLEASE WRITE THE RULE AS IT IS CURRENTLY WORDED:**
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Playing Rule 4.g.

Tryouts and team selection for all travel teams at all levels in SDAHA must occur after players have registered with USA Hockey for the upcoming season. Any players not offered a position on a travel team roster must be offered an opportunity to continue playing hockey at the house-league level within the local association in which they tried out for the travel team. The only exceptions to this rule shall be players that are not offered any opportunity due to a documented history of poor conduct that is deemed detrimental to the local association.

1. PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY YOU WISH TO ADD OR AMEND THE RULE:

According to Playing Rule 4, total registered number of players dictates the required number of teams and the level of teams at the high school level. Adding this item to the rule will prevent locals from cutting players from travel hockey prior to registering for the upcoming season. If total team counts are dependent on the total number of registered players, the registration numbers should reflect the actual total number of players that have registered for the upcoming season and wish to try-out for travel hockey. Since USA Hockey registration renewal occurs in June, this provides some standardization to when travel tryouts occur throughout SDAHA and allows for more time for players to grow, develop and prepare for the next season's tryouts following conclusion of the previous season. In addition, if a local is ever asked to provide registration data to clarify team counts, the source of the data (the upcoming season's registration numbers) is consistent from one local to the next. Finally, this rule encourages locals to provide house-level play for players new to the sport, players that do not wish to commit to travel hockey, and for players that are deemed to not yet possess the skills or ability to meet the standard in the SDAHA travel league. This rule will help provide opportunities for players of all experience and skill levels to participate in hockey.

SUBMITTER NAME/ASSOCIATION:

SIoux FALLS YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

2017-2018



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PROPOSAL FORM

Date: 3/13/2023

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- Please indicate which playing rule or by-law you wish to add, amend or replace:

Tournament Rules 2 c. Page 2

(Letter/number/page/etc. – If adding a rule, indicate where you wish rule placed)

- **If amending or replacing, please write the rule as it is currently worded:**
 2 c. The Ice Surface at State Tournaments for the Bantam, GJV, and Youth Junior Varsity shall be resurfaced during the 2nd intermission. The Ice Surface at State Tournaments for the Girls Varsity and Youth Varsity shall be resurfaced at the first intermission and the 2nd intermission. There shall be no ice resurfacing during Pee wee or GU14 games. (Section Updated 05/09/2020) (Section Updated 04/09/2022)

 i. When there are overtime period(s), the ice is to be resurfaced between the first and second overtime period and every other overtime intermission thereafter.

- **Please write the rule as you wish to amend/add it, using different color print and crossing out portions of the playing rule you wish changed/removed:**

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2 c. See Playing Rules 8 c

i. When there are overtime period(s), the ice is to be resurfaced between the first and second overtime period and every other overtime intermission thereafter.

1. Please explain why you wish to add or amend the rule:

Last spring, changes were made to the playing rules and we did not update the state tournament rules. So, there was a mismatch between the two. If the resurfacing rules are supposed to be the same during the season and during the tournament, we can reference the playing rules and if those change, the tournament rules will follow.

SUBMITTER NAME/Association: Mark Zens MSHA



PROPOSAL FORM

DATE: MARCH 15, 2023

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! PLEASE INDICATE WHICH PLAYING RULE OR BY-LAW YOU WISH TO ADD, AMEND OR REPLACE:

SDAHA Playing Rules 3d (new) and 4b

(Letter/number/page/etc. – If adding a rule, indicate where you wish rule placed)

! IF AMENDING OR REPLACING, PLEASE WRITE THE RULE AS IT IS CURRENTLY WORDED:

4.b. Determining Level of Play for Teams: The following rules are to be used when determining the Placement of Teams:

- i. One Team at a Division: At all levels, when an association has one team at any one division, that team shall be determined to play at the A or Varsity Level.
- ii. Two Teams at a Division: When an association has two teams at any one division, one team shall be determined to play at the A or Varsity level and the second team will play at the B or Jr. Varsity level.
- iii. In cases where an association has the numbers to merit more than one Varsity and one Junior Varsity Team then the third team would automatically push the association into having 2 Varsity teams which would be split geographically. If the numbers merit 4 teams, 2 would be Varsity and 2 would be Junior Varsity. The numbers an association would use as the guide for how many teams at the top level would be as follows:

1-25 SDAHA Registered V/JV Skaters = One Varsity Team

26-50 SDAHA Registered V/JV Skaters = One Varsity Team and One Junior Varsity Team

51-75 SDAHA Registered V/JV Skaters = Two Varsity Teams and One Junior Varsity Team

75+ SDAHA Registered V/JV Skaters = Two Varsity Teams and Two Junior Varsity Teams

One Varsity Team would be added for every 20 players above this level. The current Freeze 10 rule would still apply in order to ensure level competition at the Junior Varsity level.

Geographic Split Options:

Option 1: The teams will be split equally in number of players by drawing a line north/south thru each applicable City in order to divide the teams into East and West. This option would use the numbers formula listed above to manipulate the line north and south to create equal player numbers for each team.

Option 2: The teams could be split by combining the existing zip codes assigned to each community. Each team set by combining zip codes will be required to have an equal number of players based upon the formula listed above. This option will eliminate the east, west, north, south debate and will give each community the flexibility to modify the sets of zip codes each year based upon player registrations and numbers per zip code.

Option 3: The Varsity Teams could be split up by combining school boundaries. Each team created by combining school boundaries would be required to have an equal number of players based upon the numbers formula listed above depending on how many players are registered from each school boundary, this can also be modified each season to ensure that all combined teams would have equal numbers.

Option 4: Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association could bring a plan to the SDAHA Executive Board on how they are going to split their Varsity Teams.

! PLEASE WRITE THE RULE AS YOU WISH TO AMEND/ADD IT, USING DIFFERENT COLOR PRINT AND CROSSING OUT PORTIONS OF THE PLAYING RULE YOU WISH CHANGED/REMOVED:

NEW RULE:

3.d. Dividing Associations: Prior to application of Team Levels Rule 4, any SDAHA member association that has 3 or more public high schools located in the primary city of the association shall:

- i. Initially assign youth varsity players to 2 or more league team groups based upon the public high school in the primary city where each player is enrolled, and youth junior varsity players shall be similarly assigned to the same team groups.
- ii. Initially assign high school players who are not enrolled in a public high school in the primary city to the team groups created by 3.d.i by the sole criteria of the high school where the player is enrolled.
- iii. Initially assign players in youth leagues younger than junior varsity to team groups in alignment with team groups established by 3.d.i and 3.d.ii using the sole criteria of where each player resides within each public high school district.
- iv. Report each year to the Executive Committee by September 1, the association plan for making team groups described in 3.d.

RULE AMENDMENTS:

4.b. Determining Level of Play for Teams: The following rules are to be used when determining the Placement of Teams:

- i. One Team at a Division: At all levels, when an association has one team at any one division, that team shall be determined to play at the A or Varsity Level.
- ii. Two Teams at a Division: When an association has two teams at any one division, one team shall be determined to play at the A or Varsity level and the second team will play at the B or Jr. Varsity level.
- iii. ~~In cases where an association has the numbers to merit more than one Varsity and one Junior Varsity Team then the third team would automatically push the association into having 2 Varsity teams which would be split geographically. If the numbers merit 4 teams, 2 would be Varsity and 2 would be Junior Varsity. The numbers an association would use as the guide for how many teams at the top level would be as follows:~~
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Geographic Split Options:

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1. PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY YOU WISH TO ADD OR AMEND THE RULE:

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SUBMITTER NAME/ASSOCIATION:

SDAHA PRESIDENT

in this country for a period of one (1) year, with one or more of his/her parents, and further, shall have secured the release and IIHF transfer required above. Copies of all forms necessary to complete this transfer shall be provided by the national office to the team, league and council involved.

C. Disabled

(1) Classifications

- Adult Sled (19 & Over)
- Youth Sled (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)

**Sled players over the age of 18 may be allowed to play on a youth sled team if their skill level and age prevent them from playing in the adult sled division upon approved waiver.*

***In any Disabled Hockey classification, 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.*

D. Additional Requirements

For additional requirements for National Championship bound teams, see Section IX: District Playoffs and National Championships.

III. TEAM MEMBERSHIP AND REGISTRATION

A. Membership

Except for Juniors, all teams of USA Hockey member programs must register with USA Hockey in a manner prescribed by the appropriate district registrar. All youth, girls, high school and disabled teams shall be required to use the official USA Hockey roster registration form (1-T). Affiliates and leagues may also require the USA Hockey roster registration form (1-T) for other specified teams. All applicants for team membership must be members in good standing of an Affiliate.

Junior registration for players, coaches, teams, leagues and referees shall be as provided in Section XI: Junior Hockey.

All players seventeen (17) years of age or older on or before December 31 of that playing season, and that play on a team in a classification that allows minor age players, shall be required to complete U.S. Center for SafeSport online training before being added to such team and prior to participation (on-ice or off-ice). This requirement shall apply to all teams in the Youth, Girls, High School, Junior Hockey, Flex Hockey and Disabled Hockey program classifications that allow both minor age and adult age players. Players required to complete the training shall complete the Core Center for SafeSport Training prior to being added to a team and shall complete the Refresher Course on an annual basis in accordance with SafeSport Program Policies in each subsequent season in which they are on a team in the above classifications.

B. Tryouts/Player Selection**Tryouts for all Tier I & II 14U-18U Youth and 14U-19U Girls Teams**

No youth or girls Tier I or Tier II team may recruit or solicit players or offer hockey contracts to players for the following season, or hold development camps, tryouts, player selections or any activity that could be construed as a tryout/solicitation or recruitment for the following season, until 48 hours after the last game of Youth National Championships (both Tier I and Tier II Nationals must be completed). For example, if the National Tournament ends at 4 pm on Monday, tryouts can begin after 4 pm on Wednesday. Any violation of this prohibition may subject the coach, team, program and/or responsible administrators to appropriate discipline, or ineligibility of the team or coach, as determined by the Affiliate.

Except for spring or summer season hockey, Affiliates are strongly encouraged to have rules for house, recreational and other youth and girls hockey teams that are not registered as Tier I or Tier II teams, prohibiting tryouts or player selection until after a certain date that is appropriate for such Affiliate.

C. Registration

The team roster registration form (1-T) shall be completed and forwarded to the official district registration office by the appropriate date as set forth in the USA Hockey Annual Guide of the current playing season for teams eligible for district playoffs and national championships.

The team roster registration form (1-T) shall not be effective until the date it is approved by the official District or Associate Registrar through the USA Hockey portal.

A limit of twenty (20) players at any one time may be registered per team except for high school, girls high school, college and women's college which may roster 30 players and may dress 20 players and, adult and women's teams which may roster 25 players and may dress 20 players (see Section XI: Junior Hockey for junior roster limits). Affiliates may allow their post-season (spring/summer) teams, formed to play between the end of the last USA Hockey Youth/Girls National Championship and August 31, to have a limit of twenty-five (25) players on a roster and may dress twenty (20) players per game. A player may be registered in only one (1) national ice hockey federation.

The regular season shall be September 1 through August 31. New members or those members who register on or after April 1 of any calendar year are eligible for participation from the date of their registration through August 31 of the following calendar year.

- (1) A sanctioned USA Hockey Member Program, as determined by the applicable Affiliate, must register all of its teams in the USA Hockey Affiliate in which the greatest percentage of the Member Program's players reside (as defined below). In addition, unless approved by the applicable Affiliates, all Teams registered within a Member Program must have the greatest percentage of team members that reside in the Affiliate where the Member Program is registered and shall comply with all applicable Affiliate Rules regarding Team Registration. An Affiliate may require that teams registered within its Affiliate have a minimum percentage of players that reside in the Affiliate (or similarly, an Affiliate may place a limitation on out-of-Affiliate or non-resident players).

- (2) Teams that are not part of a sanctioned Member Program but which are approved by the Affiliate (an "Independent Team"), must register in the USA Hockey Affiliate in which the greatest percentage of its players reside. Independent Teams must comply with all applicable Affiliate rules regarding Team Registration.
- (3) In the event that a Member Program/Independent Team have equal percentages of players that reside in two or more Affiliates, the Affiliates involved shall promptly convene and decide as to where that Member Program/Independent Team shall register.
- (4) Notwithstanding that application of the above rules would require that a Member Program or Independent Team register in a particular Affiliate, two neighboring Affiliates, with the Member Program's or Independent Team's consent, may agree that a particular Member Program or Independent Team may register through either of those two Affiliates.
- (5) If there is a dispute between one or more Affiliates and a Member Program or Independent Team regarding the proper Affiliate in which a Member Program or Independent Team must register, then the Member Program, Independent Team and any affected Affiliate shall seek resolution of such dispute through an appeal to the USA Hockey Youth Council.
- (6) For the purposes of determining where a player resides under paragraphs 1 and 2 above, absent specific Affiliate rules regarding residency, the residency status of a minor age player shall be the same as at least one of the minor's parents or legal guardians. Should a player not be residing with a parent or legal guardian but rather residing and attending school elsewhere, the location of the school shall be considered the player's residence. Any dispute under this section regarding where a minor age player resides shall be resolved by the appropriate USA Hockey Registrar(s), in consultation with the Assistant Executive Director of Member Services of USA Hockey. There shall be no appeal following such determination. The residency determination for the purposes of this rule does not affect the player's residency for the purposes of representation at player development camps.

D. National Championship-Bound Teams

A player may not register on more than one team that participates in games leading towards a national championship except for players on High School division teams, who may also play on a Youth or Girls national championship-bound team. Player changes to the official team roster form (1-T) for youth or girls Tier I and Tier II national championship-bound teams will not be accepted after December 31. Refer to Rules and Regulations Section IX: District Playoffs and National Championships, for additional requirements for national championship-bound teams.

No player may play in more than one State, Affiliate or District Championship or playoffs leading thereto. However, a player rostered on both a High School division team and a Youth or Girls national championship-bound team may play in teams' State, Affiliate or District Championship or playoffs leading thereto.



PROPOSAL FORM

DATE: 3/14/23

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By-Law 3.9

(Letter/number/page/etc. – If adding a rule, indicate where you wish rule placed)

IF AMENDING OR REPLACING, PLEASE WRITE THE RULE AS IT IS CURRENTLY WORDED:

3.9 Player Transfers: Players may be transferred from one affiliate to another, but only with the written consent of the releasing and receiving member. Any refusal to permit a transfer may be appealed to the SDAHA Board of Directors. Such appeals shall be made and determined pursuant to Section 4.3 of these By-laws.

A player's initial Association participation is determined by the amateur hockey program or association within the School District where the athlete is enrolled. If the School District where the athlete is enrolled does not have an Amateur Hockey Program or association, the players participation will then be determined by Google definitions for "Distance from (city or town) to (city or town). (Paragraph Updated 05/2020)

Once approved, individual Player Transfers shall remain in effect for the duration of that player's participation in SDAHA. If the player wishes to void the approved Player Transfer, a new Player Transfer request is required to be submitted for consideration.

Player Transfers within South Dakota: If a South Dakota player wishes to play in different association within the state, the two local affiliates need to consider the player request. If both affiliates within South Dakota agree, the transfer request shall be sent to the SDAHA State President for his approval. This will allow the transfer to be completed.

Player Transfers from South Dakota to another State: If both affiliates involved agree, and it has been approved by the SDAHA State President, the approval process needs to go to the district director level. Once that approval has been received, the transfer is authorized.

Copies of all transfers/approvals must be sent to the state registrar for record keeping purposes.

PLEASE WRITE THE RULE AS YOU WISH TO AMEND/ADD IT, USING DIFFERENT COLOR PRINT AND CROSSING OUT PORTIONS OF THE PLAYING RULE YOU WISH CHANGED/REMOVED:

3.9 Player Residency/Transfers: Players may be transferred from one affiliate to another, but only with the written consent of the SDAHA Board of Directors. Any refusal to permit a transfer may be appealed to the Northern Plains District. Such appeals shall be made and determined pursuant to Section 4.3 of these By-laws.

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A player's initial association participation is determined by the amateur hockey program or association closest to the public high school district (as approved by the SD Department of Education) in which at least one of the player's legal guardians resides.

In the event a public high school district does not have an amateur hockey program or association, the player will participate in the hockey program in the nearest district with such a program.

~~**Player Transfers within South Dakota:** If a South Dakota player wishes to play in different association within the state, the two local affiliates need to consider the player request. If both affiliates within South Dakota agree, the transfer request shall be sent to the SDAHA State President for his approval. This will allow the transfer to be completed.~~

Player Transfers within South Dakota: In the event a player residing in a public high school district with an amateur hockey program or association wants to play outside that public high school district, that player will be required to request approval of an exemption by the SDAHA Board of Directors to play outside of that community.

Such an exemption shall be explained in detail and in writing to the SDAHA board President by September 1st and approved by a majority of the SDAHA Board of Directors within 30 days. Once approved, individual player transfers shall remain in effect for the duration of that player's participation in SDAHA. If the player wishes to void the approved player transfer, a new player transfer is required to be submitted for consideration. Players currently participating with teams outside of their home town at the time of implementation shall be deemed to be pre-approved under the rule and not subject to formal SDAHA board approval unless a review of circumstances is deemed necessary by the SDAHA Executive Committee. All reviews of the SDAHA Executive Committee shall be handled on a case by case basis.

~~**Player Transfers from South Dakota to another State:** If both affiliates involved agree, and it has been approved by the SDAHA State President, the approval process needs to go to the district director level. Once that approval has been received, the transfer is authorized.~~

Player Transfers from South Dakota to another State: If both affiliates involved agree, and it has been approved by the SDAHA Board of Directors, the approval process shall be elevated to the Northern Plains District Director for approval. Once that approval has been received, the transfer is authorized.

Copies of all transfers/approvals must be sent to the state registrar for record keeping purposes.

1. PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY YOU WISH TO ADD OR AMEND THE RULE:

This verbiage was a part of our Admin Rules as recently as 2019. The rule then stated:

2. Home Town Rule: All players and parents must be residents of the community for which the player participates. In the event a community does not have an amateur hockey program or association, a player will participate in the hockey program of the nearest community with such a program.

- a. Player Transfers: In the event a player residing in a community with an amateur hockey program or association wants to play outside that community, that player, residing in such a community, will be required to request approval of an exemption by the South Dakota Amateur Hockey Association Board of Directors to play outside that community. Such an exemption shall be explained in detail and made in writing to the SDAHA board President by August 1 st and approved by a majority the SDAHA board members. Once approved, individual player exemption to the Home Town Rule shall remain in effect for the duration of that player's participation in the SDAHA regardless of level. Players currently participating with teams outside of their home town at the time of passage of this rule shall be deemed to be pre-approved under the rule and not subject to formal SDAHA board approval.**

It should be the goal of all associations to recruit new players from within their local boundaries. USA Hockey uses similar direction in the registration of new and minor players in the annual guide (page 154; rule subsection [6]). In which it states:

“For the purposes of determining where a player resides under paragraphs 1 and 2 above, absent specific Affiliate rules regarding residency, the residency status of a minor age player **shall be the same as at least one of the minor's parents or legal guardians**. Should a player not be residing with a parent or legal guardian but rather **residing and attending** school elsewhere, the location of the school shall be considered the player's residence.”

As USA Hockey states above, this changed by-law would serve as SDAHA's specific Affiliate Rules regarding residency, as well as rules for player transfers. Both of which were in effect as recently as 2019.

After speaking with an association delegate about this, it was noted that using an objective line such as high school district lines, would be more prudent than simply saying community. We feel that this better encompasses and is enforceable more thoroughly within SDAHA.

SUBMITTER NAME/ASSOCIATION:

**RANDY HONKOMP
SDAHA SECRETARY/REGISTRAR**

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