



WAHA ANNUAL GUIDE

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WYOMING HOCKEY

THIS IS WYOMING HOCKEY

Wyoming Amateur Hockey Association (WAHA) is the governing body for the sport of hockey in the State of Wyoming. As a sanctioned member of USA Hockey, WAHA subscribes to the rules, regulations, and philosophy of USA Hockey. As such, its mission is to promote the growth of hockey in Wyoming and provide the best possible experience for all participants by encouraging, developing, advancing, and administering the sport. Wyoming Amateur Hockey Association's primary emphasis is on the support and development of grassroots hockey programs and is comprised of multiple youth and adult hockey programs throughout the state of Wyoming.

Each year USA Hockey publishes its Annual Guide (included in the Appendix), which details the organization's administrative structure, programs and philosophy, bylaws, rules, and regulations and much more. Some of the information in the USA Annual Guide includes the following:

- USA Hockey's Core Values, Standards of Play, and Age Classifications
- Policies including Zero Tolerance, SafeSport, Gender Equity, Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Sports Concussion Management Program, Guidelines Regarding Non-Sanctioned Play
- Rules and Regulations including Participant Registration, Officials Registration, Coaching Education Program, Playing Rules, Games, Tournaments, Sanctioned and Non-Sanctioned events.

POLICIES

These policies are guidelines for WAHA. Final decisions regarding the governance rest with Board of Directors according to the bylaws of the association. Policies can be modified as needed.

SAFESPORT POLICY

The safety of its participants is of paramount importance to USA Hockey and Wyoming Amateur Hockey Association (WAHA). This includes both on-ice and off-ice safety. USA Hockey and WAHA have long had systems in place to protect its participants from physical abuse, sexual abuse and other types of abuse and misconduct that can be harmful to youth hockey players and other participants. These include, without limitation, Physical Abuse, Sexual Abuse, Screening, Locker Room Supervision and Hazing Policies, in addition to Codes of Conduct applicable to administrators, coaches, officials, parents, players and spectators. The SafeSport Handbook is intended to update and collect USA Hockey's various policies to protect its participants from all types of misconduct and abuse.

USA Hockey's SafeSport Policies address the following types of abuse and misconduct:

- Sexual abuse
- Physical abuse
- Emotional abuse
- Bullying, threats and harassment
- Hazing

The Policies listed below are implemented to reduce the risk of potential abuse.

- Locker Room Policy
- Electronic Communications Policy
- Travel Policy
- Billeting Policy

EDUCATION AND AWARENESS TRAINING POLICY

WAHA shall have an Affiliate SafeSport Coordinator whose duties will include monitoring the

training of local program administrators and others within the Affiliate, serving as the Affiliate's initial contact for persons reporting suspected abuse, misconduct, or other violations, compiling information on disciplinary issues within the Affiliate and, when appropriate, reporting such information to USA Hockey. The Affiliate SafeSport Coordinator must complete the USA Hockey SafeSport training on a yearly basis.

Each local program must also designate a Program SafeSport Coordinator who will assist in ensuring SafeSport Policy compliance within the local program. The Program SafeSport Coordinator must complete the USA Hockey SafeSport training on a yearly basis. Every WAHA local program must submit the name of their SafeSport Coordinator on or before the WAHL scheduling meeting at the beginning of each WAHA season. Training requirements for all others (coaches, referees, volunteers) can be found in the USAH SafeSport Handbook.

Please refer to the SafeSport Program Handbook for details of these policies which is included in the Appendix and is available at <http://www.usahockey.com/safesport>.

USA Hockey has ZERO TOLERANCE for abuse and misconduct. How USA Hockey and its Member Programs respond to an allegation of abuse or misconduct is described in the SafeSport Handbook.

WAHA shall have an Affiliate Screening Coordinator who is responsible for monitoring and reporting on compliance with the Screening Policy by the Affiliate and all of the Affiliate's local programs. Each local program must also designate a Program Screening Coordinator who will assist in ensuring screening policy compliance within the local program.

A USA Hockey/WAHA member or parent of any member who (1) violates any of the SafeSport policies or (2) fails to consent to, and pass a screening and background check in compliance with the USA Hockey/WAHA Screening and Background Check Program, may be denied eligibility within any USA Hockey/WAHA program and is subject to appropriate disciplinary action including but not limited to suspension, permanent suspension, and/or referral to law enforcement authorities.

DISCIPLINE

WAHA shall establish a committee to hear disciplinary actions and proceedings pursuant to

USA Hockey Bylaw 10 (please refer to the Annual Guide in the Appendix), as well as for miscellaneous disciplinary actions that are required for disputes arising within the state that do not involve playing rules issues. This Discipline Committee shall be appointed by the WAHA President and consist of 3 to 5 members including the WAHA President. Any appointed Director to the committee must not be from the same program the action is based on or have any personal involvement or knowledge of the action or person(s) involved.

In the event a matter is presented for disciplinary action to the WAHA Board, whether as an original matter or through an appeals process, it shall be directed to a Hearing Committee which shall be comprised of three (3) Members from the Discipline Committee. The chairman of the committee shall designate which members shall serve on the Hearing Committee for any individual matter. The Hearing Committee shall be comprised of individuals selected from the Discipline Committee, who have no connection or relation to the persons or associations involved with a particular disciplinary action. The chairman may serve as a member of the Hearing Committee.

TEAM WYOMING

Team Wyoming is recognized as the Tier II program for Wyoming youth hockey focusing on sending competitive teams to the National Tournaments at the Youth 18U, 16U, High School, 14U, 12U and Girls 19U, 16U, 14U, and 12U age levels. WAHA also supports non-national bound development teams. With that in mind, WAHA has established the following Program Guidelines for all teams, in order to put forth the most competitive teams.

1. The WAHA President shall oversee and direct all Team Wyoming teams through the Team Wyoming committee.
2. The goal is to have two non-parent coaches per team. Coaches are recruited and selected by the Team Wyoming Committee.
3. Games and practice
 - a. Every effort should be made to play games prior to the start of the WAHL game season for each respective age group, after the state tournament of each respective age group, and holiday weekends when WAHL is not in play. This scheduling is designed in an effort to ensure that all Team Wyoming players are available for all home association activities. Exceptions are to be considered on a case-by-case basis in writing to the Team Wyoming committee.
 - b. Team Wyoming teams may hold practices and / or team functions during the WAHL

season but must be structured in a way to minimize interference with respective WAHL league play.

4. Team Wyoming coaches and managers will be responsible for scheduling the required number of games to attend their respective national tournaments as applicable.
5. Team Wyoming tryouts will be held in conjunction with the WAHA Player Development camp every spring. Evaluators will be sought from the Northern Plains District and USA Hockey in order to ensure that the most competitive teams are put together at each age group. Coaches will be included in the selection process and will work with the evaluators to select the top players. Parent coaches will not be allowed to assist in the evaluation process for age groups in which their athlete participates.
6. To be considered for Team Wyoming a deposit of \$500 will be required by all interested players prior to the Team Wyoming tryouts. Should a player not be selected this money will be refunded. Any player that is selected for a Team Wyoming roster and after the fact decides to not play for Team Wyoming will not receive a refund on their deposit.
7. Players selected will be responsible for an equal share of team costs even if they leave the team for any reason. Players must sign a letter of intent within 48 hours of Team Selection. If letter of intent is not signed player will be removed from the roster.

It is the intent of WAHA to establish a high level of play within Wyoming using the Team Wyoming program.

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

The WAHA Player Development Camp (WAHA PDC) is held each year following the conclusion of the WAHA hockey season. The camp is open to all players, boys and girls, ages 12 to 16. The objective of the Player Development Camp is to provide players across the state an affordable post-season hockey camp with the best available coaches both on and off the ice. The camp will focus on building and continuing to develop the fundamental hockey skills (skating, passing, shooting, etc.). There are no limitations on skill ability and all players registered with USA Hockey are encouraged to attend.

At the conclusion of the camp, some players may be chosen to advance to a Northern Plains Player Development Camp. If this is the case, players will be selected at the WAHA PDC and notified post-camp by a representative of the district camp. There may also be other opportunities available such as Multi-District and Regional Player Development Camps

and players MUST attend the WAHA PDC in order to be eligible for these additional opportunities.

Player Development Camps will be coordinated by the WAHA Boys and Girls Player Development Directors.

For more information about the Wyoming Player Development Camps, please visit www.wyohockey.org.

OPERATING PROCEDURES

WAHA MEETINGS

Each local program will elect a WAHA Representative to sit on the WAHA Board of Directors. The WAHA Representative will act as the voice for their program membership and will vote on any motions presented to the WAHA Board. WAHA Representatives will be responsible for distributing all information and Wyoming Hockey news, rules, regulations, and meeting minutes to their program. A fine of **\$1000.00** will be assessed to each program that does not provide representation at the annual general WAHA meeting.

COACHING CREDENTIAL/SCREENING

All volunteers participating during any on-ice function (i.e., practice, scrimmages, games) **must have** appropriate level coaching credentials for the age division he/she is coaching/assisting. All Wyoming coaches participating on the bench during a game **must have** the appropriate level coaching credentials for the age division he/she is coaching and be listed on the official USA Hockey team roster. A team roster submitted to the WAHA Registrar will only be approved if the coaches and manager(s) are showing credentials that are required for their respective age division and current through the online USAH Registrar portal.

PLAYER, COACH, AND TEAM REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

USA Hockey and WAHA require all players and coaches to be properly registered before the player or coach is eligible to participate in on-ice activities, including practices and before any games are played including tournament games, exhibition games with out-of-town teams and WAHL games. Teams, coaches, and local programs who violate these mandates are subject to suspensions, fines and removal from all WAHA and USA Hockey sanctioned activities.

Players

A player must complete the requirements and have submitted the following documents to the local program Registrar prior to any program activity (practices, games, events, etc.):

1. Register with USA Hockey as a player and submit a copy of the USA Hockey current season player registration receipt (bar coded form)
2. Complete and submit the USA Hockey Consent to Treat form.
3. Complete and submit the USA Hockey Code of Conduct form.
4. Submit a copy of the birth certificate for new players not registered previously with the

local program.

5. Complete local program specific requirements (Participation release, Code of Conduct, Media release, Travel policy, etc.)
6. Players that are 18 or older are required to complete SafeSport training.

Coaches

A Coach must complete the requirements and submit the following documents to the local program Registrar prior to any program activity where the coach has any personal contact with any underage (under 18) players including in the locker room, on-ice practices, off-ice practices, or games:

1. All USA Hockey coaches will possess a USA Hockey Coaching Education Program card with valid certification stickers (if certification was received prior to September 1, 2011), or a printout from the USA Hockey online certification list (if certification was received after September 1, 2011)
2. Register with USA Hockey as a coach and submit a copy of the USA Hockey current season coach registration receipt (bar coded form)
3. Complete and submit the USA Hockey Consent to Treat form.
4. Complete and submit the USA Hockey Coaches' Code of Conduct form.
5. Complete the USAH SafeSport training and submit a copy of the SafeSport certificate.
6. Complete the WAHA Screening Process (www.wyohockey.com) and submit a copy of the email received showing confirmation of "clear" status.

Team Managers

A Team Manager must complete the requirements and submit the following documents to the local program Registrar prior to any program activity where the Team Manager has any personal contact with any underage (under 18) players:

1. Register with USA Hockey as a volunteer and submit a copy of the USA Hockey current season volunteer registration receipt (bar coded form)
2. Complete the USAH SafeSport training and submit a copy of the SafeSport certificate.
3. Complete the WAHA Screening Process (www.wyohockey.com) and submit a copy of the email received showing confirmation of "clear" status.

A Team Manager must submit to the local program Registrar the following team information

before the team can participate in any games:

1. A list of all players to be rostered on the team and their respective jersey number and playing position.
2. The coaching staff and manager to be included on the roster.
3. The competitive level of the team to be rostered.

Local Registrars

All local Registrars will use the USA Hockey Portal to enter all the data required for players, coaches, and team managers which will be accessible to the Wyoming State Registrar through the USAH Portal. When the rosters are approved by the Wyoming State Registrar, the local Program Registrar will receive an email from the USAH Portal indicating that the roster has been approved. The local program Registrar will make sure each Team Manager has a copy of the approved roster which must be in the team binder and available for inspection for each and every game whether it is a league, exhibition or tournament game. The team binder must also include a copy of the USA Hockey Code of Conduct and USA Hockey Medical Consent to Treat for every player and coach on that team's roster. Once complete, the team binder is to travel with the team manager or designate to all games, tournaments, etc., that team participates in.

Local Tournaments

As per USA Hockey Rules and Regulations, all tournaments held in the state of Wyoming must be sanctioned.

- **Definition of a Tournament:**

Ice hockey competition, other than normally scheduled league or exhibition games, where three or more legally registered teams compete within a specified time frame for the purpose of declaring a champion.

All local programs are required to apply for an official USA Hockey sanction for each of their local tournaments. Tournament sanction applications are found on the Northern Plains District website at www.npddistrict.com. Rules specific to each local tournament need to be submitted along with the tournament sanction application. Local tournament directors are required to inspect and verify every team roster upon tournament check in and prior to letting that team play any games in that local tournament.

Local Programs and Boards of Directors

All local Programs and Boards of Directors must assign someone in their organization to make sure all players, coaches and teams are properly rostered prior to any games being played whether exhibition, tournament, or League games. If the designated person in the organization is the local Registrar, then the Board needs to assure that the Registrar is properly trained and has the authority to prevent any player, coach, or team from participating in any game or on-ice practice. In addition, all local programs must assign someone in the organization to make sure every coach has the proper level of coaching education for the players they are coaching and have been properly screened prior to having any contact with underage players. That person in the organization charged with this responsibility (i.e., Coaching Director) should review the USAH Coaching Education Program (CEP) list online to review the current coaching credentials status for each of their respective coaches and request confirmation of status through the local Registrar or WAHA State Registrar if there are concerns or conflicts. As well, the person responsible for overseeing the compliance with coaching credentials needs to have the authority to prevent coaches from having contact with underage players prior to a verification of proper screening. (See USA Hockey Policy D. Screening and WAHA Sexual and Physical Abuse Screening Policy).

VOLUNTEER EXPENSES & REIMBURSEMENT

Wyoming Amateur Hockey Association volunteers who are not otherwise reimbursed from either local programs or through USA Hockey programs and committees, shall be reimbursed for expenses of travel incurred to attend meetings as necessary for the promotion of hockey in the state of Wyoming at various events as authorized by the provisions of this annual guide, the bylaws, and the approval of the Board of Directors. All requests for reimbursement shall be submitted with an expense reimbursement form (as set out in the Appendix) together with copies of receipts or other verification of the expense. Expenses shall be directed to the WAHA Treasurer and are subject to final approval by the WAHA President if necessary.

Reimbursement shall be allowed for actual expenses incurred for hotel, airline and taxi, bus fare, etc. Mileage is calculated from city to city by Google Maps, not door to door.

Reimbursement under this paragraph does not apply to volunteers who are not affiliated with or representing WAHA and who assist WAHA or WAHL in other capacities, for example, evaluators or other personnel appearing or attending for player development camps or for referees and coaches representing WAHA at State tournaments or with respect to select teams and player development programs.

WYOMING AMATEUR HOCKEY LEAGUE

RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. NAME

- a. The name of the league shall be the Wyoming Amateur Hockey League and may also be referred to as WAHL, League, or the League.

II. AFFILIATION

- a. The WAHL shall be affiliated with USA Hockey (also referred to as USAH) by virtue of association with the Wyoming Amateur Hockey Association (also referred to as WAHA), player, coaches, and team registration with USA Hockey.
- b. The USA Hockey Code of Conduct and Annual Guide shall govern all WAHL play.

III. GOVERNING

- a. The WAHL Board of Directors consists of a Commissioner, Vice Commissioner, Scheduler, and Age Group Directors (one each for 10U, 12U, 14U, High School/18U and Girls 19U). The Commissioner, Scheduler, and Age Group Directors all have voting rights and shall cast one (1) vote per position on all WAHL matters requiring a vote. The Vice-Commissioner only has voting rights when he/she is acting in place of the Commissioner.

IV. OFFICERS

- a. Election and/or appointment of WAHL Board of Directors
 - i. Commissioner
 - 1. A Commissioner of WAHL shall be elected by the WAHA Board of Directors at the annual WAHA meeting.
 - ii. Vice Commissioner (also referred to as VC)
 - 1. A Vice Commissioner shall be appointed by the WAHL Commissioner upon vacancy.
 - 2. The Vice Commissioner is expected to take the place of the Commissioner when the position is vacated.
 - iii. Scheduler
 - 1. A Scheduler shall be elected by the WAHA Board of Directors at

the annual WAHA meeting.

- iv. Age Group Directors (also referred to as AD)
 - 1. A Director for each age classification that conducts competition in WAHL shall be elected by the WAHA Board of Directors at the WAHA annual meeting.
 - 2. Age classifications include 10U, 12U, 14U, High School/18U and 19U Girls.
- b. Terms of WAHL Board of Director Officers
 - i. Each elected term shall be two (2) years and shall be staggered.
 - ii. The Scheduler, High School/18U Age Director, 19U Girls Age Director, and 12U Age Director shall be elected in odd numbered years. The Commissioner, 14U Age Director, and 10U Age Director shall be elected in even numbered years.
 - iii. The Commissioner has the authority to appoint a new Director to an expired or vacated Director's term. Election of a replacement Director shall occur during the proper election year. (See Section IV, Subsection b, paragraph ii.)
- c. Duties of WAHL Board of Directors
 - i. The Commissioner is responsible for establishing and overseeing the operations of the Wyoming Amateur Hockey League within the scope of authority granted by the Board of Directors. He/she oversees regular season and tournament scheduling and the planning of any Annual Championship Tournaments; resolves games protests subject to appeal to the WAHA President, WAHA Referee-In-Chief, and divisional WAHL Age Director; imposes suspensions and other disciplinary measures resulting from infractions of the rules of WAHA and USA Hockey, including but not limited to rules of the game, player code of conduct and zero tolerance, subject to appeal to the WAHA President, WAHA Referee-In-Chief, and specific WAHL Age Director; performs other duties as assigned by the Board of Directors. The Commissioner may establish committees within respective divisions composed of volunteers not serving on the Board of Directors, without vote on WAHL issues. The Commissioner shall appoint Age Directors on an as needed basis when

the position is vacated, or a volunteer cannot be found to fill the position.

Each Age Director is under the direct scope of authority of the WAHL Commissioner and shall report directly to the WAHL Commissioner.

He/she shall manage communications between WAHL, the Age Directors, and teams in the age divisions. The Commissioner also monitors teams for compliance with WAHL rules including suspensions and works with Age Directors to resolve scheduling, game and roster issues and to distribute league information. He/she also coordinates with the host site State Finals Tournament Director and Age Directors for planning and administering the State Finals for their age divisions.

- ii. The Vice-Commissioner reports to WAHL Commissioner. He/she is responsible for duties of the Commissioner in the event the Commissioner is unable to perform said duties. The VC works with Commissioner and Age Directors in any capacity needed and serves as a liaison between local programs and the WAHL Commissioner. The VC shall serve on the "APPEAL BOARD" for any protests or League disciplinary appeals and shall follow and enforce ALL WAHL Rules.
- iii. The Scheduler shall, in conjunction with the Age Directors and local program Schedulers, develop and maintain the League schedules. The Scheduler shall coordinate the State Tournament Schedules.
- iv. The Age Directors (AD) report to the WAHL Commissioner. The AD works directly with Team Managers and Coaches in their respective age division on scheduling, roster issues, game result reporting timeliness and accuracy, as well as division administration. The AD has final approval of the schedule and shall work with the WAHL Commissioner and State Finals Tournament Director for planning and administering the playoffs for their age division. The AD should plan on being in attendance at their division's State Finals tournament, shall serve on the "APPEAL BOARD" for any protests or League disciplinary appeals, and shall follow and enforce ALL WAHL rules. The AD shall be responsible for verifying all rosters entered into Crossbar for their specific age division. The AD shall also verify all game scores and suspensions as entered into Crossbar. The AD shall work with the Communications Director to establish seeding

and brackets for the State Finals tournament. The AD shall ensure that all games are entered into Crossbar in a timely fashion and according to the rules of WAHL. The AD shall verify and enforce player eligibility and verify that all players listed for games have played in said games. The Age Directors impose suspensions and other disciplinary measures resulting from infractions of the rules of WAHA and USA Hockey, including but not limited to the rules of the game, player code of conduct, and zero tolerance policies.

d. Board Member Expenses

- i. All elected WAHL Board Members and Age Directors will be reimbursed for their travel expenses (mileage, hotel, per diem) for all required travel to WAHL and WAHA events.

e. Appeal Board

- i. WAHL Appeal Board shall consist of Vice Commissioner, Referee-In-Chief and one (1) non-involved Age Director for the matter being appealed. All appeals must be submitted to the Commissioner within 14 days of the initial ruling. The WAHL Appeal board will only address additional disciplinary action awarded by the WAHL Commissioner or divisional Age Director. The Appeal board will have 5 days once an appeal is received to make a ruling and communicate said ruling to relevant parties.

V. MEMBERSHIP

- a. Membership is open to any youth team or local program in good standing with WAHL, WAHA and USA Hockey, subject to approval of WAHA.
- b. Membership requires that teams and/or local programs adhere to policies, procedures, rules, and regulations of WAHL, WAHA, and USAH.

VI. FEES

- a. WAHL fee's structure shall be established annually at the annual WAHA Meeting.
- b. WAHL fees will be assessed by the WAHA Treasurer when the WAHL Teams are determined, and fees will be due within forty-five (45) days of assessment of the fee.
- c. Failure to make payment of the WAHL fees shall result in forfeiture of any games played and will suspend the offending team from competing in any remaining

scheduled WAHL games until the offending team is reinstated.

- d. Reinstatement into the WAHL requires payment in full of any past due fees and also payment in full of any remaining fees for the current season. Games recorded as forfeiture shall stand.
- e. An annual fee shall be assessed to each local program that has a team participating in the WAHL. These fees shall be used for the purchasing of the age division traveling trophies and State Championship Banners.
- f. Effective as of the 2023-24 season, league fees for the season shall be set at \$275 for 10U & 12U teams, \$300 for 19U Girls, \$325 for High School/18U and 14U. The following amounts shall be sent to the state tournament host site per team attending: 10U & 12U \$175, 19U Girls \$200, High School/18U and 14U \$225. If a team doesn't qualify for the State Tournament, then the state tournament is refunded to the local program if the local program is in good standing. The remaining \$100 will be withheld and will go to WAHA administration.

VII. COMPETITION

- a. In order to promote the development of hockey at all levels of competition and to provide uniformity of competition and expansion of youth hockey, the following rules apply:
 - i. The total number of teams registered with in the age classification of a local program may determine the competitive level at which each team competes. A minimum of four (4) teams are required to form a competitive division within an age classification of WAHL.
 - ii. Competitive levels will be formed if the quality of teams at an age group classification permit. AA is the highest competitive level (declared Tier II teams), A is the second competitive level and B is the third level.
 - iii. Any local program may field teams at any competitive level regardless of the number of players at that age level or the number of registered teams in that age classification.
 - iv. It is the responsibility of each Age Director to maintain the competitive integrity of each level within his/her age classification. The Age Director, commissioner and coach in chief shall establish a competitive division balance before the state tournament based on standings

and/or differential. The committee's decision is final.

- v. Where conflict between standing WAHL Rules and Regulations and the following promulgated rule occurs, the following would supersede and apply. At the 10U, 12U and 14U age divisions any local program shall field an A or B team, or both. Where an adequate number and talent pool of players within a local program's age division exists (recommended minimum of 24 players), local programs shall roster a minimum of two (2) teams. The local association may choose based on the talent level of the teams to declare 2 A teams, 2 B teams or an A and a B team. It is recommended each team have twelve (12) unique players (players may be counted on only one roster for the purposes of team calculation). Where an adequate number and talent pool of players within a local programs age division does NOT exist to support a competitive A team, the local program shall field a single B team. Additional teams may be formed by local programs as needed.
- b. The WAHL shall be divided into two divisions – the East and the West Divisions. Unless there are eight teams or fewer, then competition will be statewide.
- c. Local programs shall be placed into their respective divisions using geographic considerations. Requests by local programs may be considered with the final determination to be made by the voting members of WAHL.
- d. Interdivisional play should occur, and those interdivisional games shall count in the WAHL standings. However, all teams in the same divisions must play each other at least once.
- e. It is recognized that those local programs with outdoor ice and no refrigeration may encounter difficulty in providing continuous ice conditions suitable for play. Therefore, the months of December and January should be contemplated for scheduling WAHL events at the outdoor ice and indoor arenas should make every attempt to schedule WAHL events in October, November, and February. Weather conditions may necessitate the need to schedule WAHL events at local indoor ice programs during December and January.

VIII. DECLARATION

- a. Team declarations must be received in writing (2) weeks before the scheduling meeting. The declarations are sent to the WAHL Scheduler.

IX. REGISTRATION

a. Individual

- i. All players must comply with all rules and regulations of their local programs, WAHL, WAHA, and USA Hockey to be eligible to participate in WAHL activities.
- ii. Players must be registered with USA Hockey to be eligible to participate in WAHL activities.
- iii. Players must be rostered on a USA Hockey rostered WAHL team to be eligible to participate in WAHL activities.
- iv. No player may register and participate on more than one (1) WAHL team within the same age classification.
- v. A copy of the USA hockey approved proof of age (player birth certificate or passport), and USA Hockey membership registration number must be received by the state registrar prior to the player being added to an official USAH roster.
- vi. Player skate downs will only be allowed with supporting medical documentation and approval from the WAHA State and Northern Plains District Registrars following the submission of an Atypical Medical Condition waiver by the player's family seeking skate down consideration.

b. Teams

- i. Only USA Hockey rostered WAHL teams are eligible to participate in WAHL activities and teams must participate in their respective USA Hockey age group classification for the current season. No team or multiple player skate downs will be permitted.
- ii. The WAHL Age Director must receive a copy of the official USA Hockey WAHL roster before any games may be played by a team. The WAHA Registrar is responsible for forwarding the rosters to the appropriate WAHL Age Director.
- iii. Revisions to currently approved USA Hockey WAHL team rosters must be received by the respective Age Director prior to any game participation.
- iv. 18U teams in the WAHL can either roster as a USA Hockey High School team (Junior Varsity and/or Varsity) or as a USA Hockey 16U or 18U team. Girls 19U division teams can register as a USA Hockey

High School team or as a USA hockey 19U team. Female players are eligible to participate on all teams but must follow USA Hockey age requirements.

X. TRANSFERS

- a. Teams and local programs shall strongly encourage players to register with a team and local program whose rink is closest to the player's full-time residence for WAHL play.
- b. Before transferring, either prior to season start or during the current season, a letter/email clearly stating the player is in good standing with the most recently registered or currently registered local program must be obtained by the President of the local program to which the player wishes to transfer from the President of the player's current local program. A copy of the letter must also be forwarded to the appropriate WAHL Age Director before participating in any game with a new team or local program. The player will be considered ineligible until the confirmation of good standing is received. It is the responsibility of the player/player's family to inform the President of the local program the player is interested in transferring to, which local program he/she was registered with most recently or is currently registered. Failure to disclose previous/current registration will result in the player being ineligible to register with any local program within Wyoming for the current season.

XI. PLAYER MOVEMENT

- a. Players whose parents or guardians have physically moved to a new town within the state or into the state of Wyoming from another state shall be eligible to register for the team or local program closest to the new home address.
- b. Any player rostered on a "AA" WAHL team shall not be permitted to move down to an "A" or "B" WAHL team in the same age classification after participating in five (5) WAHL games.
- c. Any player listed on the roster of an "A" WAHL team shall not be permitted to move to a "B" WAHL team in the same age classification after participating in five (5) WAHL games.
- d. All player movement from a higher to a lower competitive level must be approved in advance by the appropriate WAHL Age Director. All requests for movement are to be made in writing/email through the appropriate WAHL Age Director from the President of the local program and a clearly stated reason must accompany

the request. The WAHL Age Director shall have the authority to deny any request if a move upsets the competitive balance of the Age Division. The WAHL Age Director's decision shall be final.

- e. Participation in any WAHL game involving an unapproved player movement shall result in a game forfeiture for the offending team.
- f. A player movement upward in classification is to be regulated by the local program.
 - i. These rules (Section XI) govern only the Wyoming Amateur Hockey League.

XII. MULTIPLE ROSTERING

- a. Goaltenders shall be permitted to be rostered on more than one (1) team within their local program for the purpose of ensuring each team has a back-up goaltender. In no case may an older goaltender "play down" to a lower age group classification for WAHL play.
- b. Local programs that have a low number of registered players in an age group are allowed to roster players from other local programs. The intent of this rule is to allow teams with a small roster the ability to have a minimum of ten (10) skaters on their team for any given WAHL game. The rule does not allow teams that have an adequate roster to add additional skilled players to their roster, thereby "stacking" a team. Teams that add players from other local programs to their roster are required to provide matching team jerseys for games.
- c. Players who multiple roster as in XII.b. are required to follow the transfer requirements as outlined in XI.

XIII. BACK-UP GOALTENDER

- a. Each team should have two (2) rostered goaltenders on their official USA Hockey player roster. If a team is unable to roster two (2) regular goaltenders, or its rostered goaltender(s) is(are) unavailable, the use of a "backup" goaltender is authorized with the following rules:
 - i. The back-up must be a rostered player within the WAHL and listed on an official USA Hockey player roster and identified on the roster as a back-up goaltender.
 - ii. The use of the back-up goaltender in any game is limited to those situations in which the team's regular goaltender is unable to participate.

- iii. If a back-up goaltender is required, a period of no more than five (5) minutes shall be allowed by the referee to dress the back-up goaltender.
- iv. The appropriate WAHL Age Director shall have the authority to investigate the circumstances requiring the use of a back-up goaltender. If that WAHL Age Director determines that a back-up goaltender was used to gain competitive advantage, the WAHL Age Director can impose a game forfeiture for the offending team and an immediate suspension of the offending team's head coach.
- v. The length of the imposed suspension allowed in Section XIII, Subsection a, paragraph iv shall be determined by the WAHL Board of Directors (Commissioner, WAHL Age Directors, and Scheduler.)

XIV. INELIGIBLE PLAYER

- a. Any WAHL team using an ineligible player(s) shall forfeit all WAHL games in which such player(s) participated.
- b. Ineligibility includes, but is not limited to, improper USA Hockey registration (team and/or individual), improper use of back-up goaltender, and/or improper movement or lack of documentation.
- c. The local program using an ineligible player(s) maybe subject to disciplinary measure(s) as determined by the WAHL Board of Directors.

XV. INJURED PLAYERS

- a. In the event a player is injured during a practice, game, or other sanctioned event and such injury results in the player being transported from the site of injury by emergency medical personnel or otherwise seeking medical attention for the injury (upon receipt of communication of such from the family), the Team Manager/Head Coach shall be required to communicate the injury/incident to the local program President who will ensure the following:
 - i. Report the details of the incident to both the appropriate WAHL Age Director and the WAHA Risk Manager (who will forward to the USAH Northern Plains District Risk Manager if appropriate).
- b. The injured player may return to active practice or WAHL play only after presenting a written statement of release to return to active play from a qualified health professional (i.e., MD, PA, or NP). The parent(s) or guardian(s) of the injured player must sign the release statement. The statement must be received

by the appropriate WAHL Age Director and WAHA Risk Manager prior to the injured player returning to active participation.

- c. Permitting an injured player to return to active participation before the WAHL Age Director receives all appropriate written release statements shall cause any and all games in which the injured player participated to be forfeited. The WAHL Board of Directors shall immediately investigate any such incident and determine if any disciplinary action is to be taken.

XVI. ADDITIONAL SUSPENSIONS, MAJOR PENALTY SUSPENSIONS, AND MATCH PENALTY SUSPENSIONS

- a. The WAHL Commissioner and/or divisional Age Director may impose suspensions and other disciplinary measures resulting from infractions of the rules of WAHA and USA Hockey, including but not limited to the rules of the game, coaches code of conduct, player code of conduct, and zero tolerance policies. Any additional suspensions given by the WAHL Commissioner and/or the Age Director shall be given in a 5-day time period from when the Referee report is submitted.
- b. Additional suspensions imposed on coaches and/or players by the WAHL Commissioner or divisional Age Director will start no sooner than 48 hours after being issued. During State Tournaments, additional suspensions will be enforced immediately. Any suspension awarded by the WAHL Commissioner or divisional Age Director will be communicated to the local program President, WAHA President, WAHL Board of Directors, and other non-reporting party by email.
- c. WAHA retains the authority to impose sanctions for major and match penalties after a hearing according to WAHA Bylaws and Constitution and USA Hockey Annual Guide.
- d. Any head coach whose team accumulates the following penalties shall receive an additional suspension in addition to any suspension issued by USA Hockey Rules or WAHL supplemental disciplinary action:
 - i. Major – 5 Major penalties in a year shall result in a one (1) game suspension, each major penalty thereafter shall result in an additional two (2) game suspension. Additional suspensions for this infraction will be assessed to the head coach as listed on the USAH Official Roster, or the Head Coach as reported to the Age Director during season play.

- ii. Game Misconduct – 5 game misconduct penalties in a year shall result in a one (1) game suspension, and each misconduct penalty thereafter shall result in an additional two (2) game suspension. Additional suspensions for this infraction will be assessed to the head coach as listed on the USAH Official Roster, or the Head Coach as reported to the Age Director during season play.
- iii. Match or Fighting – Any match or fighting penalty shall result in an automatic one (1) game suspension. Any subsequent match or fighting penalty shall result in a two (2) game suspension. Additional suspensions for this infraction will be assessed to the Head Coach as determined at the start of the game in which the infractions occur. The Head Coach shall be determined in accordance to USAH Rule 201 – Composition of Teams.

XVII. LEAGUE SCHEDULING

- a. WAHL league game format is home and home games for all age divisions.
- b. Team declarations must be received via email two (2) weeks before the Scheduling meeting. Declarations are sent to the WAHL Scheduler and WAHL Commissioner.
- c. The declaration list identifies the teams planning to play in WAHL. Each local program commits teams by stating the number of teams per age group and the desired competitive level per team.
- d. WAHL may fine a local program if they withdraw any teams from their declaration list after the Schedulers meeting is complete. The fine amount is up to \$500 per occurrence.
- e. The WAHL Scheduler reviews all the declarations and creates leagues based on the below criteria:
 - i. See rule VII Competition Sections A, B, C, D, E
 - ii. All age divisions play a 20-game schedule comprised of ten home games and ten away games as determined by the WAHL Scheduler. The WAHL Scheduler will publish each team's opponent and host site prior to the WAHL Scheduling Meeting.
 - iii. Teams made up of more than one association must identify location of home games during schedulers meeting.

- f. The WAHL Scheduling Meeting will be held on the last Saturday of September for the upcoming season. WAHL Championship weekends will be set by August 1st and the bids for state submitted by the date of team declarations. State bids will be awarded at the schedulers meeting.
- g. The league games are preferably scheduled for one Saturday game and one Sunday game. However, games can be scheduled for the same day or one on Friday evening and one Saturday morning.
- h. See rule VII Competition Sections B, C, D regarding East-West Divisions and Interdivision play.
 - i. Each team will be assigned at least one crossover opponent. The WAHL Scheduler will try to build a master schedule to accommodate travel of similar age groups/competitive levels of the local programs. The age group pairings of 10U/12U teams and 14U/High School/18U teams are recommended to travel together.
 - ii. Game times are not required to be given at the Schedulers meeting.
 - iii. It is recommended the older age groups play at later times. Specifically, it is recommended the High School JV/Varsity play at times intended to attract high school student attendance.
 - iv. When scheduling game times, it is recommended to give at least four hours of rest time between games during the same day and at least twelve hours of rest between games played in the evening and games the next morning.
- i. The WAHL Age Director will post the master schedule for their division no later than two weeks after the Schedulers meeting.
- j. The master schedule will be published via Crossbar and the WAHL Website for all local programs to access.
- k. Upon completion of the master schedule, and publication by the appropriate WAHL Age Director, the master schedule cannot be modified without the consent of the appropriate Age Director, the host team and the travelling team.

XVIII. FAILURE TO APPEAR/FORFEITURE

- a. Failure to Appear shall be defined as any team that does not appear on the ice at the scheduled game time. Any team failing to appear (except for an unavoidable conflict approved by WAHL Commissioner or Division Age Director) for a scheduled WAHL game(s) shall forfeit said game(s). The game is recorded as a

one to zero (1 to 0) victory for the opposing team. If WAHL is awarding fair play points, the team receiving the forfeit victory shall also earn the fair play points, while the forfeiting team shall not receive any fair play points.

- b. With the exception of the 10U age division, the offending team or local program who failed to appear shall pay a two thousand five hundred dollar (\$2,500.00) per game fine for ice time and referee fees for the failure to appear at game(s) in addition to the forfeit of game(s). Payment of the fine is required within thirty (30) days after the failure to appear. Fines are to be paid to WAHA treasurer who will distribute to WAHL for final distribution to the association offended.
- c. The offending team who failed to appear will be declared ineligible for the WAHL State Finals Tournament and will be classified by WAHA and WAHL as a team "Not-In-Good-Standing" until all necessary items are taken care of for the team to then be considered "In-Good-Standing".
- d. A team that forfeits more than 14 days prior to a scheduled game will forfeit said game(s). The game is recorded as a one to zero (1 to 0) victory for the opposing team. If WAHL is awarding fair play points, the team receiving the forfeit victory shall also earn the fair play points, while the forfeiting team shall not receive any fair play points. The time period allows for the hosting team to cancel the scheduled ice with their respective facility in enough time to avoid the associated expenses with those scheduled games.
- e. Any team that forfeits must provide the divisional Age Director with a reasonable explanation for the forfeiture (i.e., player injuries). If the forfeited games are not approved by the Age Director, the offending team will be declared ineligible for the WAHL State Finals Tournament and will be classified by WAHA and WAHL as a team "Not-In-Good-Standing" until all necessary items are taken care of for the team to then be considered "In-Good-Standing".

XIX. GAME PLAY

- a. Each game shall consist of three (3) periods.
- b. There will be one (1) minute break between periods.
- c. Each team will be allowed one (1) time-out lasting one (1) minute per game.
- d. Each local program shall allocate the minimum ice time slots for each league game as follows:
 - i. 16U & 18U minimum 1 hour and 45 minutes

- ii. 14U minimum 1 hour and 30 minutes
 - iii. 12U minimum 1 hour and 15 minutes
 - iv. 10U minimum 1 hour
 - v. Girls' minimum 1 hour and 30 minutes
- e. The length of each game shall not exceed the designated times and shall be played as follows, except when Section XXIII, Paragraph b applies:
 - i. Classification Period Time and Clock
 - ii. 16U & 18U 1-2-3 18-stop, 18-stop, 18-stop
 - iii. 14U 1-2-3 16-stop, 16-stop, 16-stop
 - iv. 12U 1-2-3 14-stop, 14-stop, 14-stop
 - v. 10U 1-2-3 stop 12 stop, 12 stop, 12 stop
 - vi. Girls 19U 1-2-3 16-stop, 16-stop, 16-stop
- f. No WAHL games are to be played at tournaments.
- g. High School/18U games require a two-man or four-man officiating system.
- h. Run Time
 - i. At the High School/18U, Girls 19U and 14U divisions, if at any time a team leads by seven (7) or more goals the clock will go to run time. For all age levels, if at any time during the third period the difference in score reaches five (5) goals, the clock will shift to run time. If the score differential becomes three (3), then the clock will automatically shift back to a stop-time format for the remainder of the game. This rule DOES NOT apply to any games held during the State Playoffs weekend unless mutually agreed upon by both teams.
 - ii. The clock shall not be stopped during normal stoppages such as icing and offsides. The clock shall be stopped for goals and penalties.
 - iii. Penalties times as based on USA Hockey rules shall not be altered for run-time situations.
- i. The home association will provide enough pucks for warm-ups for all teams.

I. CURFEW RULES FOR WAHL GAMES

- a. The home team manager (officials) shall inform the referee and head coach of the visiting team before the start of the game that there is a curfew time for each game. It shall be recorded on the official league scoring system, Gamesheet, and the head coaches and referees shall initial score sheet.

- b. At the end of the second period, the officials shall determine whether sufficient time remains to complete the game by the curfew time limit. If not, the third period shall be played under running time and shortened as necessary in order to accommodate the curfew time limit. If running time is initiated and the score is within a two (2)-goal differential, the final two (2) minutes of play shall be played with stop time.

II. SCORE SHEETS

- a. Roster information will be entered into Gamesheet by the league or local program Gamesheet administrator.
- b. All games played will be recorded in Gamesheet and approved within twenty-four (24) hours of game completion. Failure to comply shall result in the local program with the responsibility to complete and upload Gamesheet being fined, at the discretion of the appropriate Age Director, one- hundred dollars (\$100) for each game that was not approved and closed out in Gamesheet within this timeframe. The appropriate Age Director will notify the responsible local program in writing if there are any fines assessed. All fines will be billed by the WAHA Treasurer.
- c. All scheduled game times will be entered into the Crossbar system by the hosting local program no less than ten (10) days prior to game day. Failure to comply will result in a ten dollar (\$10) fine per game that is not entered into the system, assessed to the hosting local program at the discretion of the divisional Age Director.

III. GAME REPORTING

- a. The hosting local program will approve and upload into Gamesheet within twenty-four (24) hours of the completion of the game.
- b. Game misconduct, gross misconduct and match penalties incurred by a player, coach or league official during a league game shall be entered into Gamesheet. Once entered, offenders will be automatically suspended and excluded from the team roster for the duration of suspension. It shall be the responsibility of Age Directors to verify game suspensions and post notification on the league website within twenty-four (24) hours.
- c. Failure to comply with rule XXII paragraphs a and b shall result in the suspension

of the head coach until compliance is achieved.

- d. On-ice Officials must review and verify the online Gamesheet score sheet immediately following the game after the teams have returned to their respective locker rooms. The Gamesheet online score sheet is not to be closed out until after the game has been verified.
- e. All off-ice officials should be familiar with the USAH Off-Ice Officiating Manual and are required to follow and comply with the expectations of those roles (Please refer to the Appendix for the USAH Off-Ice Officials Manual).

IV. WAHL STANDINGS

- a. Points shall be awarded as follows:
 - i. Win two (2) points
 - ii. Tie one (1) points
 - iii. Loss zero (0) points
- b. WAHL PLAYOFFS and STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
- c. A Wyoming State Champion shall be determined by a playoff method as outlined in Section XXIV. The final standings in the WAHL shall determine the participants in the playoffs and seeding for the playoff bracket.
- d. If two (2) or more teams in the same division have an equal number of points, their positions in the standings shall be determined by the following tie-breaking formulas. In order to break the tie at any level with the formulas set forth, the tie breaking rule must be applied to all teams tied at that level.
 - i. The results of the games played between the teams tied in the following order:
 - 1. The points acquired in these games.
 - 2. Subtracting goals scored against from goals scored in these games.
 - 3. Dividing the goals scored in these games by the goals scored against, the positions being determined in order of the greatest quotient.
 - ii. If, after applying the formulas of subsection i, subparagraphs 1, 2, or 3 above, the tie still exists, subsection i subparagraphs 2 and 3 shall be applied using all of the games played by the teams tied. The formulas shall be applied in order of (i) 1, 2, and 3 and until one formula breaks the

tie between all of the teams at the same time.

- e. Divisions will be established at the annual schedulers meeting by the Age Director of each division. Approved State Tournament formats are as follows.
 - i. 4 Team Division – Four Team Round Robin
 - ii. 5 Team Division – Five Team Round Robin or 5 team Bracket with consolation
 - iii. 6 Team Division – Six Team Round Robin
 - iv. 6 Team Division – Six Team Consolation Bracket
 - v. 7-8 Team Division – Eight Team Consolation Bracket
 - vi. In a seven (7) team division, the # 1 seed will receive a bye in the first round.
 - vii. 12 Team Division – 12 Team Single Elimination Bracket.
- f. Divisions will be seeded as follows.
 - i. In a division with statewide competition, seeding will be established based on the regular season standings after the last game has been played.
 - ii. In an age division with East/West competition, the teams will be seeded based on their position at the end of the regular season play in their respective divisions. In a six team round robin format, seeding will be East 1st, West 2nd, West 3rd and West 1st, East 2nd, East 3rd – with round robin play within the pools. In a six, eight or twelve team bracket, the seeding will be East 1 - # 1, West 1 - # 2, continuing until all teams are seeded. The #1 seed will be rotated as follows, odd years East #1, even years West #1.
- g. It is recommended that considerations be given to travel distances for these games. Game sequence schedule shall be approved by the divisional WAHL Age Director.
- h. In pool and round robin play – each team will be awarded three points for a win in regulation, two points for a win in overtime or shootout, one point for a loss in overtime or shootout and zero points for a loss in regulation.
- i. All ties in State Playoff, Consolation, and Championship games shall be played until there is a winner as follows:
 - i. Five (5) minute stop time sudden death overtime period.
 - ii. If still tied, a five (5) man shootout.

- iii. If still tied, sudden death shootout until a winner is decided.
- j. Tie breakers will be determined as outlined in the USA Hockey National Tournament Guidebook. Refer to tie breakers for *Youth and High School Varsity Prep Tie Breaking Rules* to determine standings position, with the addition that goal differential tie breaker be calculated as to not exceed a 5-goal differential.
- k. For the WAHL 14U, High School/18U Junior Varsity/Varsity, and 19U Girls' playoffs, consolation, and championship games, a four (4) man officiating team is required.
- l. The WAHL playoffs and Championship game should be scheduled in February after all WAHL play has been completed. The dates of the playoffs and Championship game shall be set at the annual scheduling meeting of the previous year. Every effort shall be made to minimize the impact of conflicts with the WAHA and Northern Plains District Player Development Camps.
- m. Local programs wishing to host the playoffs and WAHL Championship will be required to provide a bid to host the event. Bids should be provided to the WAHL Commissioner. The WAHL Commissioner will communicate the deadline and the State Bid form will be available on www.wyohockey.org far in advance of the deadline.
- n. Each player shall be rostered on the approved USA Hockey Official Team Roster. Team managers are not required to present an official roster at the state tournament.
- o. A player must have played in 50% of the regular season League games (verifiable with Gamesheet online score sheets by the Age Director) in order to be eligible to participate in the State Tournament. Exceptions can be granted by the Age Director. All appeals must be made in writing and submitted to the Age Director for decision at least two (2) weeks before the first game of the State Tournament.
- p. The High School/18U Junior Varsity, Varsity and 19U Girls State Tournament Weekends will include an All-State Hockey Team selection process. Each All-State team will consist of 6 forwards, 4 defense, and 2 goaltenders. Local associations will provide All-State nominees to the respective age director 2 weeks prior to the state tournament.

I. Selection Committee Members

- q. The following individuals will serve as the official voting body for All-State Nominations and the League's Top Individual Awards: WAHL Referee-in-Chief, WAHL High School Age Director for boys, Girls 19u age director for girls, WAHA President, WAHL Commissioner

Conflict of Interest Clause:

Any committee member with a direct conflict of interest (e.g., a child or immediate relative being nominated for an award) will be recused from voting on that specific award. Their position will be removed from the committee for that vote only, ensuring an impartial process.

II. Individual League Awards (Combined A & B Divisions)

These league-wide honors recognize outstanding individual performance across both divisions. The awards will be selected by the voting committee listed above.

1. Goaltender of the Year

Eligibility Criteria: Must have played in at least 50% of scheduled league games.

Primary statistical evaluation includes: Lowest Goals Against Average (GAA), Highest Save Percentage (SV%), Number of Shutouts

Tie-Breaker Protocol: In cases of statistical ties or close comparisons, Goals Against Average will be the primary deciding metric over Save Percentage.

2. Defenseman of the Year

Eligibility Criteria: Most points scored among defensemen. Players cannot have more penalty minutes than points scored.

Disciplinary Consideration: Misconduct and Unsportsmanlike Conduct penalties will be reviewed and could be exempted at the discretion of the committee.

Repeated misconduct or unsportsmanlike penalties will negatively impact candidacy.

3. Forward of the Year

Eligibility Criteria: Most points scored among forwards. Same disciplinary review standards apply as for defensemen: More penalty minutes than points are generally disqualifying unless due to a single misconduct penalty that may be exempted by the committee. Repeating offenses will weigh negatively in the

selection process.

4. Mr./Miss Wyoming

Overview: Awarded to the top overall player in the Wyoming Amateur Hockey League. Open only to **Senior-class athletes**. This honor may be awarded to a forward, defenseman, or goaltender.

Nomination Process: Three players will be nominated by the committee. Nominations may represent any position (e.g., 3 forwards, 2 defensemen + 1 goalie, etc.).

Eligibility Criteria: Goaltenders must meet the 50% minimum games played requirement. All players will be evaluated on: Overall skill and leadership
Points or stats (position dependent)

Penalty discipline (same review criteria as above)

Academic standing (GPA will be considered)

Letter of Recommendation from coach or administrator

III. All-State Teams – 1st and 2nd Team Recognition

These teams recognize high performance at each position and are selected per division (A or B) unless divisions are combined.

Selection Process:

Head Coaches from each team will submit nominations: 3 Forwards, 2 Defensemen and 1 Goaltender

******The selection committee will review nominations and vote to determine All-State teams.

Team Composition:

Each All-State Team will consist of: 3 Forwards, 2 Defensemen and 1 Goaltender

Division-Based Award Structure:

If 4 or fewer teams exist in a division (A or B), only a 1st Team All-State will be named. If 5 or more teams exist in a division, both 1st Team and 2nd Team All-State selections will be awarded. If the A and B Divisions are merged into a single division, both 1st and 2nd All-State teams will be named for the combined division.

Eligibility Notes: Players from **Freshman through Senior year are eligible for boys, Grades 7 through Senior for girls. Age or class standing will not**

influence voting.

The awards will be purchased by WAHL.

V. RULES and REGULATIONS CHANGES

- a. Establishment of Ad Hoc Rule Committee
- b. The WAHL Commissioner shall establish an ad hoc rule committee (the “Committee”) to evaluate and propose rule changes as needed to ensure safety, fairness, and growth of hockey within the WAHL. The Committee may propose rule changes to the WAHA/WAHL Board at any board meeting, provided the Committee determines a change is appropriate based on safety, fairness, growth, or the mission of WAHA and WAHL. Except for rule changes proposed by the Committee no rule changes shall be allowed or proposed except for during the triennial rule change process as set forth in subsection
- c. The Committee shall consist of at least five individuals and up to seven individuals composed of the following:
- d. At least two local association presidents;
- e. At least two WAHL age directors; and
- f. At least one other WAHL officer (e.g. Commissioner, Vice Commissioner, Ref-in-Chief, etc.).
- g. The Committee shall only be required to meet to discuss interim rule changes when needed, and meetings may be in person or virtual.
- h. Triennial Rule Changes
- i. Any local association through its president, WAHL officers, and WAHL age directors may propose rule changes during the triennial rule change process that occurs every three years at the WAHA/WAHL annual meeting.
- j. If the ad hoc committee agrees the proposed rule change is appropriate, then the submission will be brought up at the WAHA annual meeting.
- k. Proposed rule changes during the triennial rule change process shall be submitted at least 14 days prior to the date of the annual meeting.
- l. Any rule changes adopted through the triennial rule change process shall be effective September 1 of the following hockey season

- m. Rule changes may be ratified every three years at the Annual WAHA meeting.
The next rules meeting will be in the Summer of 2027.
- n. All changes are to be sent to the President of every local program and all governing bodies, including all WAHL participants, fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the annual meeting.
- o. Ratified changes shall be effective September 1st of the following hockey season.
- p. All changes shall be dated and signed by the WAHA Secretary and the WAHL Commissioner.
- q. Original signed WAHL documentation will be held by the WAHA Secretary.

VI. APPLICATION of RULES and REGULATIONS

- a. These rules and regulations shall only apply to WAHL and should not be used to interpret or govern other association rules.

VII. WAHL HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

- a. The rules and regulations of this section are specific to the WAHL High School age division. Where conflict between standing WAHL Rules and Regulations and the following promulgated High School Program Rules and Regulations occur, the High School Program Rules and Regulations would supersede and apply.
- b. Definitions.
 - i. High School Team. A High School team shall consist of a group of High School players that, having complied with all the By-Laws and Rules and Regulations of WAHA/WAHL, must have played at least ten (10) games during the season as a unit.
 - ii. 18U team. An 18U team shall consist of a combined group of Youth 16U, 18U, and/or Girls players that, having complied with all the By-Laws and Rules and Regulations of WAHA/WAHL, must have played at least ten (10) games during the season as a unit.
 - 1. 18UA or 18 B designations are synonymous with Varsity or Junior Varsity, respectively.
 - iii. "PURE" Team. A High School team made up solely of players attending the same high school.
 - iv. "COMBINED" Team. A High School team made up of players attending two or more high schools. The following criteria apply to grouping players

from multiple high schools to form a Combined team:

1. Maximizing the "essence of high school hockey" (based on school district, community and geographic proximity), the first priority shall be to combine players representing high schools within the same school district and proximity to the local program fielding the combined team. All combined schools must be within a reasonable geographical proximity of one another; and
 2. Ensuring the long-term viability of the resulting combined team within the local program based on a projection of an adequate number of players each year for the foreseeable future (Note: viability must not be confused with competitiveness).
- v. High School Player. An amateur who is enrolled as a full-time student (grades 9-12), and under 20 years of age on December 31 of the playing season. Eligibility shall not exceed eight (8) consecutive semesters starting with the player's freshman year (9th grade).
- vi. For home-schooled students, the term "attend" shall mean that the student is enrolled at a high school and is designated as carrying sufficient credits to be considered a full time-student for which credit toward high school graduation will be granted by the high school upon the student's completing and passing the courses. The school which enrolls the student shall be exclusively responsible to verify the student's compliance with all of the eligibility requirements.
- vii. Clarification: Those high school students graduating mid-year are no longer full-time students and, therefore, are not eligible to play on a High School classified team, effective on their last day of attending classes full-time as defined by the school.
- c. Team Membership and Registration.
- i. A limit of twenty (20) players at any one time may be registered on a 16U/18U Team, except for a High School Team which may roster thirty (30) players and may dress twenty (20) players.
 - ii. A player may not register on more than one team that participates in games leading towards a national championship except for High School Varsity teams, whose players may also play on a Youth 16U, 18U, or

Girls national championship-bound team.

- iii. Players rostered on other Tier I and/or II Youth 16U, or 18U, or Girls' teams may play for a High School team, so long as high school eligibility and combined team (if applicable) requirements are met.
 - iv. Billeted High School players competing on Tier I, Tier II, or Junior teams are not eligible to play on a High School team competing to attend in the High School Varsity National Tournament.
 - v. The deadline to be added to a High School roster is February 15th. (USAH deadline for USAH Nationals-eligible High School Varsity teams is February 15th).
 - vi. The deadline to be added to a 16U/18U roster is December 31st. (USAH deadline for USAH Nationals-eligible Youth 16U/18U/Girls' teams is December 31st).
- d. State and National High School Varsity Tournament.
- i. A Wyoming State Champion shall be determined for both High School Varsity and Junior Varsity divisions in accordance with Section XXIV.
 - ii. The Wyoming State High School Varsity Championship team, so long as they are rostered as an eligible high school classification, will be nominated by WAHA to attend USA Hockey High School Varsity Nationals. If the Wyoming State High School Varsity Championship team declines nomination, or if the State Championship team is rostered as a 16U/18U A classification, the nomination will move to the subsequent ranked team in succession meeting the eligibility requirements for USAH High School Varsity Nationals.
 - iii. High School Teams must declare to WAHL by November 15th their intent to attend USAH High School Nationals should they win the State Championships or nomination. (USAH deadline for affiliates to signify their intention of entering a team(s) in the High School Varsity National Tournament is November 15th of the current season).
 - iv. Eligibility for High School Varsity National Tournament.
 - 1. A High School team must have competed as a team unit in at least ten (10) games, and
 - 2. Each player on a High School team must have played in at least

five (5) games for High School Varsity team.

3. For games to count in meeting the 10/5 rule, that team's player roster form (1-T) must be certified by the appropriate registrar or his/her designee prior to that game being played. Teams formed and certified prior to the September 1 season start may have games played in August counted toward fulfilling the 10/5 requirement, with approval of the district registrar. Player changes to the official team roster for High School Varsity national championship-bound teams will not be accepted after February 15.
4. A game is a contest played against another team which is registered with a member organization of the IIHF of the same competitive level and officiated by registered officials. A game shall consist of at least three (3) periods, except where the game is interrupted, (by some unforeseen event) after two (2) periods have been completed. High School Varsity games played against USA Hockey High School teams or 16U/18U teams shall count as games toward the 10/5 rule.
5. Verification of a copy of government-issued birth certificate or a passport identification page for each rostered player, and evidence of current school enrollment eligibility to participate on the team is required.

e. Player Movement.

- i. Fifty percent (50%) of the players named on a final Varsity roster filed with WAHL (including the number 1 or only goalkeeper) must be designated "Varsity Only". Final Varsity rosters shall be filed no later than February 15th or 2 weeks prior to the applicable State Tournament, whichever comes first. Those designated may not appear on a Junior Varsity roster or in a Junior Varsity game.
 - I. A High School/18U player may appear on only one High School/18U Varsity roster filed with WAHL even though a local program fields two or more Varsity teams;
 - II. Players selected for the Varsity team will be designated

with a "V" beside their name on the roster. Once this designation is made, players can then be double-rostered to Varsity and Junior Varsity rosters, but must carry with them the "V" designation. Fifty percent (50%) of the players named on a final Varsity roster filed with WAHL (including the number 1 or only goalkeeper) must be designated "Varsity only." Those designated may not appear on a Junior Varsity roster or in a Junior Varsity game.

III. A Varsity player may appear on a Junior Varsity roster; however, once they have played more than 50% of the games or sheet appearances in a WAHL game on the Junior Varsity score sheet will freeze that player to the Junior Varsity roster for the remainder of the season, including the State Tournament. That player must finish the season with the Junior Varsity only. The WAHL 18U Director shall consider, but is not limited to, the following sanctions where appropriate: abuse of this rule may lead to disqualification of both the Varsity and Junior Varsity teams from the State Tournament or other sanctioning by the WAHL Board of Directors.

ii. High School/18U Junior Varsity Player.

1. A player may appear on only one (1) Junior Varsity roster filed with WAHL even though a local program fields two (2) or more Junior Varsity teams;
2. A JV player may appear on a Varsity Roster; however, once they have played more than 50% of the games or score sheet appearances in a WAHL game on the Varsity roster will freeze that player to the Varsity Roster for the remainder of the season, including the State Tournament.

iii. High School/18U Varsity and Junior Varsity Teams.

1. Any local program may field a Varsity or Junior Varsity team, or both. Where an adequate number and talent pool of high school/midget players within a local program exists

(recommended minimum of 24 players) local programs are encouraged to roster a minimum of two (2) teams: A Varsity and Junior Varsity team. It is recommended each team have twelve (12) unique players (players may be counted on only one roster for the purposes of team calculation. This does not affect the 8 up/8 down rule). Where an adequate number and talent pool of high school/midget players within a local program does NOT exist to support a competitive Varsity team, local programs may field a single Junior Varsity team. Additional teams may be formed by local programs as needed.

2. Any local program having two or more High School/18U teams may field a Varsity and Junior Varsity team, or two Varsity teams, or two Junior Varsity teams, or any additional combination thereof. No team will be permitted to play as two (2) teams, at both Varsity and Junior Varsity levels, from a single roster. Each team, at each level, must have a separate and distinct roster of players.
3. There is no double-rostering of players (not any movement of players) in local programs that field two (2) Varsity or two (2) Junior Varsity teams. A player may appear on only one (1) Varsity or Junior Varsity roster filed with WAHL where a local program fields two (2) or more Varsity or Junior Varsity teams.
4. There is no double-rostering of players (not any movement of players) between High School teams from the same local program when that local program fields both a "Pure" team and a "Combined" team at a different level than the Pure team; a player on the Pure team cannot play on a Combined team. When a local program forms a Combined Varsity and/or Combined Junior Varsity team, players must be from the same set of high schools and they can move within the 8 up/8 down rule for those teams. When there is a Combined Varsity and Junior Varsity with different sets of high schools there is no double-rostering or movement between the two teams. If a local program has either a Combined Varsity or a Combined Junior Varsity but have a second and

different set of high schools for one of the two teams, then they cannot move between the two teams.

5. Player movement or roster additions within the guidelines of the 50% Rule may occur up to the February 15 deadline for High School teams; and December 31 deadline for 16U/18U teams (player changes to official team rosters will not be accepted by USAH after the February 15 and December 31 deadline, respectively); respective High School and Midget Varsity and Junior Varsity rosters will be locked thereafter.

VIII. WAHL INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATION GUIDELINE

Suspension of travel will be based on information from the WYDOT website (WTI - Streamlined Maps: Road Conditions (wyoroad.info)). If a road is declared “Closed” or “Emergency Travel Only” along the primary route to the host location and no reasonable alternative route as confirmed or defined by both local affiliate leadership and WAHL officials can be taken, the game will be declared “postponed”. All reasonable efforts must be made to reach the host location, Association President or Designee is asked to keep WAHL age group director informed as soon as possible in this process. Provided charts are meant to aid decision making by the Age Group Director and be able to compare alternate routes to the typical travel times between Wyoming cities. Please remember that match games during the season are far less difficult to make up as compared to tournament weekends where the ability to move and change dates simply may not be possible. If there is a postponement, every effort will need to be made to make up the game using every possible venue (date, time, location changes). Age Group Directors and League Commissioners have the authority to issue a forfeit if one team makes no effort to make up the postponed game.

Drive to Wyoming Cities (Miles)

Distance in Miles												
	Casper	Cheyenne	Cody	Douglas	Gillette	Jackson	Laramie	Miles City	Pinedale	Riverton	Rock Springs	Sheridan
Casper	0	176	216	49	127	281	149	295	272	122	225	149
Cheyenne	176	0	392	129	244	423	51	412	355	271	256	324
Cody	216	392	0	264	237	177	356	249	296	138	278	148
Douglas	49	129	264	0	114	328	135	282	323	170	276	196
Gillette	127	244	237	114	0	401	252	170	395	242	349	103
Jackson	281	423	177	328	401	0	385	426	77	163	178	371
Laramie	149	51	356	135	252	385	0	419	306	221	207	295
Miles City, MT	295	412	249	282	170	426	419	0	545	388	516	182
Pinedale	272	355	296	323	395	77	306	545	0	157	101	417
Riverton	122	271	138	170	242	163	221	388	157	0	140	213
Rock Springs	225	256	278	276	349	178	207	516	101	140	0	371
Sheridan	149	324	148	196	103	371	295	182	417	213	371	0

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Drive to Wyoming Cities (Time)

Drive time (min)	Casper	Cheyenne	Cody	Douglas	Gillette	Jackson	Laramie	Miles City	Pinedale	Riverton	Rock Springs	Sheridan
Casper	0 hr 0 min	2 hr 22 min	3 hr 24 min	0 hr 42 min	2 hr 0 min	4 hr 43 min	2 hr 23 min	4 hr 36 min	4 hr 7 min	1 hr 55 min	3 hr 26 min	2 hr 9 min
Cheyenne	2 hr 22 min	0 hr 0 min	5 hr 43 min	1 hr 49 min	3 hr 33 min	6 hr 32 min	0 hr 52 min	6 hr 7 min	5 hr 12 min	4 hr 3 min	3 hr 46 min	4 hr 31 min
Cody	3 hr 24 min	5 hr 43 min	0 hr 0 min	4 hr 1 min	4 hr 5 min	4 hr 4 min	5 hr 26 min	3 hr 44 min	4 hr 41 min	2 hr 15 min	4 hr 31 min	2 hr 47 min
Douglas	0 hr 42 min	1 hr 49 min	4 hr 1 min	0 hr 0 min	1 hr 48 min	5 hr 23 min	2 hr 3 min	4 hr 21 min	4 hr 49 min	2 hr 36 min	4 hr 9 min	2 hr 53 min
Gillette	2 hr 0 min	3 hr 33 min	4 hr 5 min	1 hr 48 min	0 hr 0 min	6 hr 28 min	3 hr 47 min	2 hr 44 min	5 hr 54 min	3 hr 41 min	5 hr 14 min	1 hr 32 min
Jackson	4 hr 43 min	6 hr 32 min	4 hr 4 min	5 hr 23 min	6 hr 28 min	0 hr 0 min	5 hr 50 min	7 hr 47 min	1 hr 22 min	2 hr 52 min	2 hr 57 min	6 hr 26 min
Laramie	2 hr 23 min	0 hr 52 min	5 hr 26 min	2 hr 3 min	3 hr 47 min	5 hr 50 min	0 hr 0 min	6 hr 21 min	4 hr 29 min	3 hr 20 min	3 hr 30 min	4 hr 18 min
Miles City, MT	4 hr 36 min	6 hr 7 min	3 hr 44 min	4 hr 21 min	2 hr 44 min	7 hr 47 min	6 hr 21 min	0 hr 0 min	8 hr 25 min	6 hr 1 min	7 hr 50 min	2 hr 56 min
Pinedale	4 hr 7 min	5 hr 12 min	4 hr 41 min	4 hr 49 min	5 hr 54 min	1 hr 22 min	4 hr 29 min	8 hr 25 min	0 hr 0 min	2 hr 25 min	1 hr 35 min	6 hr 1 min
Riverton	1 hr 55 min	4 hr 3 min	2 hr 15 min	2 hr 36 min	3 hr 41 min	2 hr 52 min	3 hr 20 min	6 hr 1 min	2 hr 25 min	0 hr 0 min	2 hr 14 min	3 hr 47 min
Rock Springs	3 hr 26 min	3 hr 46 min	4 hr 31 min	4 hr 9 min	5 hr 14 min	2 hr 57 min	3 hr 30 min	7 hr 50 min	1 hr 35 min	2 hr 14 min	0 hr 0 min	5 hr 20 min
Sheridan	2 hr 9 min	4 hr 31 min	2 hr 47 min	2 hr 53 min	1 hr 32 min	6 hr 26 min	4 hr 18 min	2 hr 56 min	6 hr 1 min	3 hr 47 min	5 hr 20 min	0 hr 0 min

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CONSTITUTION

WYOMING AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION (WAHA)

This Organization is an Affiliate of USA Hockey

Introduction

We, the undersigned residents of the State of Wyoming, being authorized to establish a state hockey organization in cooperation with USA Hockey hereby form this organization to promote amateur hockey in the State of Wyoming in accordance with the constitution and bylaws of USA Hockey and with the aims, goals and purposes set forth herein.

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization is Wyoming Amateur Hockey Association, **herein called WAHA.**

ARTICLE II: DEFINITION OF AN AMATEUR

An amateur hockey player is one who is registered with USA Hockey and is not engaged in playing organized professional hockey under contract to a professional club.

ARTICLE III: NOT FOR PROFIT STATUS AND PURPOSE

Nonprofit Corporation. As set forth in the Constitution, WAHA has been incorporated and its business shall be conducted exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law). WAHA is organized as a public benefit corporation pursuant to the Wyoming Nonprofit Corporation Act.

General Purpose. The purposes for WAHA are as follows:

To combine and unite the efforts of all amateur hockey teams with local programs within the State of Wyoming.

To operate within the framework and guidelines of USA Hockey.

To promote ice hockey in the State of Wyoming.

To act as an arbiter for all problems, tournaments, activities, etc. as related to amateur hockey in the State of Wyoming following the guidelines of USA Hockey.

No pecuniary gain. WAHA is not organized, nor shall it be operated for, the pecuniary gain or profit of any of its Directors, officers, members, or any other person and no part of the net earnings of WAHA shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its directors, officers, members, or other private persons, except that WAHA shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in this Article.

No Campaigning. WAHA shall not, directly or indirectly, participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign activities, including but not limited to, any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for elective public office, contributing to political campaign funds, or making public statements of position (verbal or written) on behalf of WAHA in favor of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. No substantial part of WAHA's activities shall be the carrying on of lobbying or "propaganda," or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

Business of Corporation. In furtherance of said purposes, WAHA shall have the power to transact any and all lawful business for which nonprofit corporations may be incorporated under the laws of the State of Wyoming, but only to the extent such business is consistent with the requirements of, and the Corporation's ability to obtain and maintain tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended from time to time, may transact any and all lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated under the laws of the State of Wyoming.

Upon dissolution, all assets remaining after discharging all obligations and responsibilities of WAHA shall be distributed to educational or charitable organizations whose objectives are in harmony with those of WAHA. The recipient organization or organizations shall also be exempt from federal income taxation under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. In no event shall any of the assets of WAHA be paid to inure to the benefit of any director, member, or officer of WAHA or any other private individual.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Membership in **WAHA** shall consist of those registered local programs within the State of Wyoming that are recognized by USA Hockey.

ARTICLE V: DUES

Dues, if any, shall be paid annually in an amount determined by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI: GOVERNMENT

The affairs of **WAHA** shall be governed by a board of Directors, and subject to current USA Hockey regulations and bylaws.

1. Board of Directors – The Board shall be constituted as follows:
 - a. The membership of each **local program** in the State of Wyoming shall be represented by Directors on the following basis:
 - 1 or more teams registered with USA Hockey – 1 Director
 - b. **The** USA Hockey Wyoming sub-registrar (**WAHA Registrar**) for the State of Wyoming appointed by the **Northern Plains** District Registrar shall be an ex officio member of the Board and have one vote.
 - c. The **WAHA** Referee-in-Chief and the **WAHA** Coach-in-Chief shall be ex officio members of the Board but shall not have voting rights.
2. Election of Directors – The membership of each **local program** in the state shall elect a Director. Any democratic method of election is acceptable. Each Director shall serve at the direction of their home association. Proxy voting shall not be allowed.
3. Officers – All officers shall be elected by majority vote by the Board of Directors and shall be as follows:

- a. President
- b. Vice President
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer

Board members will serve without compensation, except reasonable costs and expenses of activities directly related to their position as Board members. Such reimbursement shall be approved by the Board of Directors

All officers shall serve for two years, the term shall coincide with the **WAHA's** fiscal year, and officers shall be eligible for re-election without restrictions. Officers' terms will be staggered with President and Secretary voted on even years and Vice President and Treasurer on odd years.

A two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority of the Board of Directors may vote to remove an officer. Such vote will occur at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting after this issue is first brought up.

4. Committees:

- a. **Committee Formation.** There shall be an Executive Committee and Finance Committee. In addition, the Board may create ad hoc committees as needed; for example to deal with investments or executive selection. The President appoints all ad hoc committee members and committee chairs.
- b. **Executive Committee.** The four officers of the Corporation and Executive Director serve as members of the Executive Committee. Except for the power to amend the Articles of Incorporation and bylaws, the Executive Committee shall have all the powers and authority of the Board in the intervals between meetings of the Board, and is subject to the direction and control of the full board. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the day-to-day decisions the Executive Director determines are beyond his or her authority. May act on behalf of the Corporation in any matter when the Board is not in session, reporting to the Board for its ratification of their actions at the next regular meeting or a special meeting called for that purpose.
- c. **Finance Committee.** The Treasurer is the chair of the Finance Committee, which shall include at least three other Directors and the Executive Director. The Finance Committee is responsible for advising in matters regarding financial practices, strategies, and policies. The finance committee shall review any proposed changes to the budget exceeding five percent. The Corporation's accountant may also sit on this Committee.

5. Meetings

- a. The Board shall meet quarterly, **either in person or by electronic means**, at a

place and a time determined by the **WAHA** President. The Secretary shall inform Directors by email of the time and place of the meeting at least seven (7) days in advance. A quorum of the board shall consist of half of its number of members. Any and all board meetings, for any and all purposes, may be held by electronic means, provided such means guarantees real time, two-way communication between all of those physically present at the meeting and all those attending electronically. For purposes of determining a quorum and voting, attendance "in person" shall include attendance through electronic means. At any and all meetings, voting on any action required to or permitted to be taken may be taken through such electronic means.

- b. An Annual meeting shall be held in the spring of each year for the purpose of electing officers in the manner described above, as well as conducting such other business as required of WAHA according to these bylaws. The location and time of the annual meeting shall be determined by the President. Written notice shall be published by the Secretary at least two weeks in advance of the annual meeting.
- c. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President or a majority of the Board of Directors. For special meetings, notice shall be emailed to each **local program** stating the purpose for the special meeting at least 10 days in advance of the meeting date.

ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS

Proposed changes to the amendments will be emailed to the membership no fewer than ten (10) days in advance of the Annual meeting. Amendments to this constitution shall be made at the annual **WAHA** Spring meeting by a majority of those entitled to vote.

BYLAWS

THE WYOMING AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

BYLAWS AND/OR POLICIES WHICH MUST BE ADOPTED BY AFFILIATE

The Affiliate, in consideration of the grant of exclusive jurisdiction, hereby agrees to adopt as official policy and/or bylaws of its organization, the following:

Bylaw #1 – USA Hockey Preeminence

The Wyoming Amateur Hockey Association, an Affiliate Association of USA Hockey, Inc., shall abide by and act in accord with the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, Playing Rules and decisions of the Board of Directors of USA Hockey, and such documents and decisions shall take precedence over and supersede all similar governing documents and/or decisions of the Wyoming Amateur Hockey Association. Further, the Wyoming Amateur Hockey Association

1) shall assist USA Hockey in the administration and enforcement of the provisions of the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, Playing Rules, and decisions of the Board of Directors of USA Hockey, within and upon its members and/or within its jurisdiction and (ii) agrees to be guided by the following core values of USA Hockey:

2) Sportsmanship Foremost of all values is to learn a sense of fair play. Become humble in victory, gracious in defeat. We will foster friendship with teammates and opponents alike.

a) Respect for the Individual

b) Treat all others as you expect to be treated.

3) Annual Guide 117

a) Affiliate Agreement

b) Integrity

i) We seek to foster honesty and fair play beyond mere strict interpretation of the rules and regulations of the game.

ii) Pursuit of Excellence at the Individual, Team and Organizational

c) Levels

i) Each member of the organization, whether player, volunteer, or staff,

should seek to perform each aspect of the game to the highest level of his or her ability.

d) Enjoyment

- i) It is important for the hockey experience to be fun, satisfying and rewarding for the participant.

e) Loyalty

- i) We aspire to teach loyalty to the ideals and fellow members of the sport of hockey.

f) Teamwork

- i) We value the strength of learning to work together. The use of teamwork is reinforced and rewarded by success in the hockey experience.

Bylaw #2 – Indemnity

The Wyoming Amateur Hockey Association, an Affiliate Association of USA Hockey, Inc., shall indemnify and hold harmless USA Hockey, the Board of Directors of USA Hockey and each member thereof, the Executive Committee of USA Hockey and each member thereof, the councils and committees of USA Hockey and each member thereof, and all other elected, appointed, employed or volunteer representatives of USA Hockey from any and all claims, liability, judgments, costs, attorneys' fees charges and expenses whatsoever, arising from the acts and omissions of Wyoming Amateur Hockey Association, except to the extent

- (i) that USA Hockey or its afore described representatives caused such claims, liability, judgments, costs, attorneys' fees, charges or expenses by their own intentional neglect or default or
- (ii) that such acts or omissions were the direct result of compliance with the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, Playing Rules, or decisions of the Board of Directors of USA Hockey. Further, the Wyoming Amateur Hockey Association understands and acknowledges that USA Hockey and its afore described representatives have assumed such assignment, function, office or capacity upon the express understanding, agreement and condition that they be so indemnified and held harmless to the extent described in this Bylaw.

USA Hockey shall reasonably cooperate with Affiliate in any litigation and provide reasonable support in connection therewith, including but not limited to advice and testimony upon

reasonable request; provided, however, that such cooperation shall not require USA Hockey to incur any out of pocket expense not reimbursed by Affiliate.

Bylaw #3—2016-17 USA Hockey Affiliate Agreement

III. ADDITIONAL PRINCIPLES WHICH MUST BE CONTAINED IN AFFILIATE’S BYLAWS OR OFFICIAL POLICY

Affiliate hereby understands and agrees that the organization, structure, policy, bylaws and/or operation of Affiliate shall reflect, and shall not violate, the following principles:

1. Membership
 - a) All Registered Participant Members of Affiliate, as a condition of membership in good standing with Affiliate, shall also be required to be Registered Participant Members in good standing with USA Hockey.
2. Government
 - a) The government and authority of Affiliate shall be vested in a Board of Directors composed of at least three representatives, as determined by Affiliate, selected through an annual democratic election process. A majority of the Board must always be composed of representatives selected by such election process. The officers of Affiliate, selected by the Registered Participant Members or the Board of Directors, shall include at least a president, vice president and secretary-treasurer. It is recommended that the terms of directors and officers be staggered.
3. Voting
 - a) Each Registered Participant Member of Affiliate shall be entitled to one vote in the process adopted by Affiliate for the election of its Board of Directors. The process adopted by Affiliate for the election of its Board of Directors shall be based upon the premise that each Registered Participant Member of Affiliate shall be entitled to one vote. The manner of any voting by proxy, shall be stated in writing and shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Committee of USA Hockey.
4. Annual Meetings
 - a) Any action(s) or policy(s) adopted or requested to be adopted by the Board of Directors or the officers of Affiliate shall be reported to its membership, or their duly authorized representatives, at least once each year at a meeting called for such purpose, with notice and agenda of such meeting being given to all members of Affiliate no less than fifteen (15) days in advance of the holding of the meeting, which meeting shall be open to all

members of Affiliate.

5. Financial Reports Due and Assessments

- a) Affiliate shall provide to the Executive Director of USA Hockey an annual financial report of operations, and all dues and assessments by Affiliate shall be reasonable in relation to the programs it offers to its members.

6. Publication of Constitution and Bylaws

- a) Affiliate shall annually distribute to its members, copies of its constitution, bylaws and other governing documents, and all amendments thereto. Copies shall also be available upon request.

7. Equal Opportunity/Automatic Suspension of Athletes Without a Hearing

8. Affiliate must provide an equal competitive opportunity taking into account ability, physical size and other athletic criteria, to amateur Annual Guide 119 Affiliate Agreement athletes, coaches, trainers, managers, administrators, and officials to participate, consistent with the requirements of the Amateur Sports Act of 1978, as amended, in amateur athletic competition without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, or national origin. Affiliate shall provide for the prompt and equitable resolution of grievances of its members, including fair notice and opportunity for a hearing to any amateur athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator, or official before declaring such individual ineligible to participate.

9. Insurance

10. Affiliate agrees, at all times throughout the term of this Agreement, to be covered by the general liability insurance policy and the Directors and Officers and Crime insurance policy maintained by USA Hockey. USA Hockey shall inform Affiliate of the limits of that policy, and of the changes to those limits which may be made by USA Hockey at its sole prerogative. Affiliate retains the right to obtain whatever additional insurance coverages it may desire, at its own expense, but agrees to name USA Hockey as an additional insured thereof. By purchasing and maintaining the aforementioned insurance policies, USA Hockey does not assume, and indeed disclaims, any liability for any actions or omissions of Affiliate.

11. 501(c)(3) Status

- a) Affiliate shall at all times during the term of this Agreement maintain its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and shall cooperate with USA Hockey in the event that USA Hockey and Affiliate deem it advisable for Affiliate to be included in a group exemption letter.

12. Abuse

- a) Affiliate shall adopt policies prohibiting sexual and physical abuse which meet certain minimum criteria established by USA Hockey (subject to any contrary requirements contained in state or local law applicable to Affiliate).

13. Adoption

- a) Affiliate shall adopt, as amendments to its bylaws and as official policy, the foregoing principles set forth in Sections ii and iii within 180 days of the date of this Agreement. It shall be a condition of the continuation of the grant of affiliate status contained herein for Affiliate to deliver written proof of such adoption to USA Hockey at its principal office within 210 days of the date of this Agreement. If Affiliate does not adopt the foregoing principles as required herein, its members shall not be entitled to the benefits of membership in USA Hockey.

Bylaw #4 – Annual Dues

An annual payment of dues may be prescribed by the Board of Directors on a majority vote. The Board shall have the discretion to determine such dues and their amounts. Any dues received will be used solely for the expense of conducting business of this organization with the funds to be expended as approved by the Board of Directors. Term of membership shall be concurrent with the **WAHA** fiscal year.

Bylaw #5 – Area of Jurisdiction

This organization's area of jurisdiction is the State of Wyoming.

Bylaw #6 – Board of Directors

- a. Duties: The Board of Directors shall have the control and general management of the affairs and business of the organization as the Board deems proper and consistent with these constitutions, bylaws, and any other regulations or laws to which they may be subject including the rules, regulations, and requirements of USA Hockey.
- b. Vacancies on the Board occurring between any annual election meetings shall be filled for the duration of the unexpired term by the action of the member organization which was

represented by the Director whose resignation or removal caused the vacancy or as otherwise appointed by the Board.

Bylaw #7 – Officers

- a. There shall be as a minimum a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- b. The duties and powers of the officers of the organization shall be as follows:

President – They shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and membership. He shall be responsible for carrying on the business of the organization subject to Board approval. The President shall employ, hire, or contract for such labor and services as may be required in the operation of the organization with the consent and approval of the Board of Directors. President shall lead at least one WAHA/WAHL meeting each quarter, including the annual meeting typically held in mid to late June, oversee WAHA and WAHL volunteers and attend WAHL scheduling meeting and/or attend WAHL state tournaments when available. Attend USA Hockey's Annual Congress, Northern Plains District meeting and USA Hockey Affiliate Presidents meeting. President is the primary oversight of Team Wyoming including WAHA Boys and Girls Player Development Camp weekends. President will work closely with the SafeSport Coordinator along with coordinating in conjunction with WAHA treasurer for submission of WSA Hockey block grant application each summer and submit annual financial reports. President will approve state financial expenditures and expense reports in conjunction with WAHA treasurer and finance committee. President will oversee disciplinary issues in terms of compliance with USA Hockey Bylaw 10 procedures, work closely with district and state registrar in regards to binders for Team Wyoming national bound teams. This includes submission of declarations for national tournament to USA hockey and help coordinate behind the scenes aspects of attending these events. President will help coordinate leadership development for statewide volunteers and oversee sub-committees along with oversight of WAHA/WAHL website and statistical platforms. President will be in-charge of nominating candidates to attend USA Hockey leadership events, seminars and refereeing at national tournament. WAHA president shall work closely with other state presidents within our district along with USA Hockey leadership. This list is not all encompassing as more duties/responsibilities may arise.

Vice-President – During the absence or inability of the President, the Vice-President shall be the principal officer to act on behalf of the President within the same rules and regulations imposed on the President.

Secretary – The Secretary shall keep minutes of the meetings and shall serve the appropriate notices on behalf of the organization in a timely manner including notices of quarterly and annual meetings and publish minutes from meetings. They shall be custodian of the records including corporate records and the seal of WAHA. They shall maintain membership files including a current list of names, postal addresses, email addresses and telephone numbers for all affiliate and association members of WAHA,. They shall present to the Board all communications addressed to the organization. Secretary shall make all meeting arrangements for quarterly and annual meetings.

Treasurer – The Treasurer shall perform or appoint and supervise others to perform the following, with Board approval:

- A. Collect and hold any moneys due to the Club from members thereof and all other sources.
- B. Be charged with the duty to disburse moneys and pay all Club obligations only upon expressed approval and direction of the Board.
- C. Keep, or cause to be kept, regular books of accounts and submit a written statement of accounts at Board meetings.
- D. Exhibit to the Board before each annual meeting a full account of the receipts and disbursements during the fiscal year last past, in which the items shall be given in sufficient detail. The Board shall examine such report, and if found correct shall present it to the Club at its annual meeting in connection with other reports.
- E. Shall fully report to the Board on the status of any and all members of the Club who may be delinquent in the payment of any dues, fees, or other assessment owing to the Club.
- F. Shall deposit all moneys of the Club in the name of the Club with a bank or banks that have been approved by WAHA (said bank or banks shall be designated by the Board).
- G. Shall prepare, or cause to have prepared, and to file all required State of Wyoming and/or Internal Revenue Service Income Tax Returns and/or other financial reporting required in the time and manner prescribed.

H. Give a bond for the faithful performance of these duties in the amount, in the form and with the sureties as may be determined and approved by the Board.

Communications Director

Tentative Duties and Responsibilities Include:

1. Responsible for all WAHA/WAHLA publicity, including registration, tryouts, website, tournaments, etc.
2. Maintain WAHA/WAHL's social media pages, including Facebook and Instagram.
3. Direct contact for website management companies, including Crossbar and Gamesheet.
4. Assist team managers for WAHA/WAHL teams as appropriate.
5. Attend quarterly board meetings to give report of previous quarter's activities as well as be available for members to ask questions.
6. Draft email communications pertaining to WAHA/WAHL events and send out to associations.
7. Send out announcements to other associations, websites, community pages, newspapers, etc. as requested.
8. Work closely with WAHA Registrar and WAHA Treasurer with generating updated registration lists for all WAHA associations for billing purposes.
9. Recommend policy to the WAHA Board of Directors regarding internal and external communications of WAHA/WAHL.
10. Carry out duties assigned by the WAHA Board of Directors or WAHA President.

The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Club and shall have the limited authority to act as a body to carry out the day-to-day affairs of the Club and to act in emergency situations, which preclude the convening of the full Board of Directors. This committee must act by majority approval and only act within the scope of the Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation and in accordance with the duly passed and approved Rules and Regulations of the Club to insure the proper and timely operation of the Club's activities. The committee shall have no contractual and obligatory powers on behalf of the Club, nor shall they have the ability to promulgate rules and regulations

Bylaw #8 – Committees

The Board of Directors may by a majority vote designate any committees required to plan, guide, study and regulate the various activities of this organization. At least one member of any committee shall be a duly elected member of the Board of Directors. Some committees may be formed to enhance caliber of coaching and refereeing and to resolve disciplinary problems and to coordinate tournaments within the state.

Bylaw #9 – Voting

Directors:

- a. Each Director in attendance and the USA Hockey sub-registrar for the State of Wyoming shall have one vote.
- b. The presence in person of two-thirds of the Directors (including the USA Hockey sub-registrars) shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Bylaw #10 – Amendment

These Bylaws may be amended, revoked, rescinded or modified by a majority vote of the Board of Directors only at the Annual Meeting.

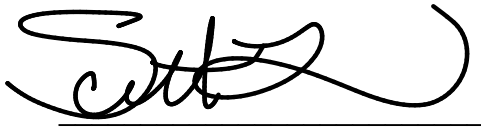
Bylaw #11 - Miscellaneous

Title to any assets, physical or otherwise, shall be vested in the name of WAHA.

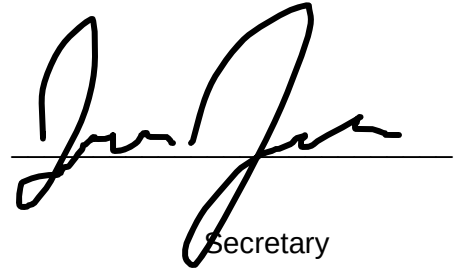
ADOPTION OF CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

We, the undersigned, organizers of this association hereby bind ourselves to the aim and purposes of this organization with the understanding that we shall operate within the confines of these Constitution and Bylaws and the requirements of USA Hockey.

Dated this 16th Day of September, 2026.

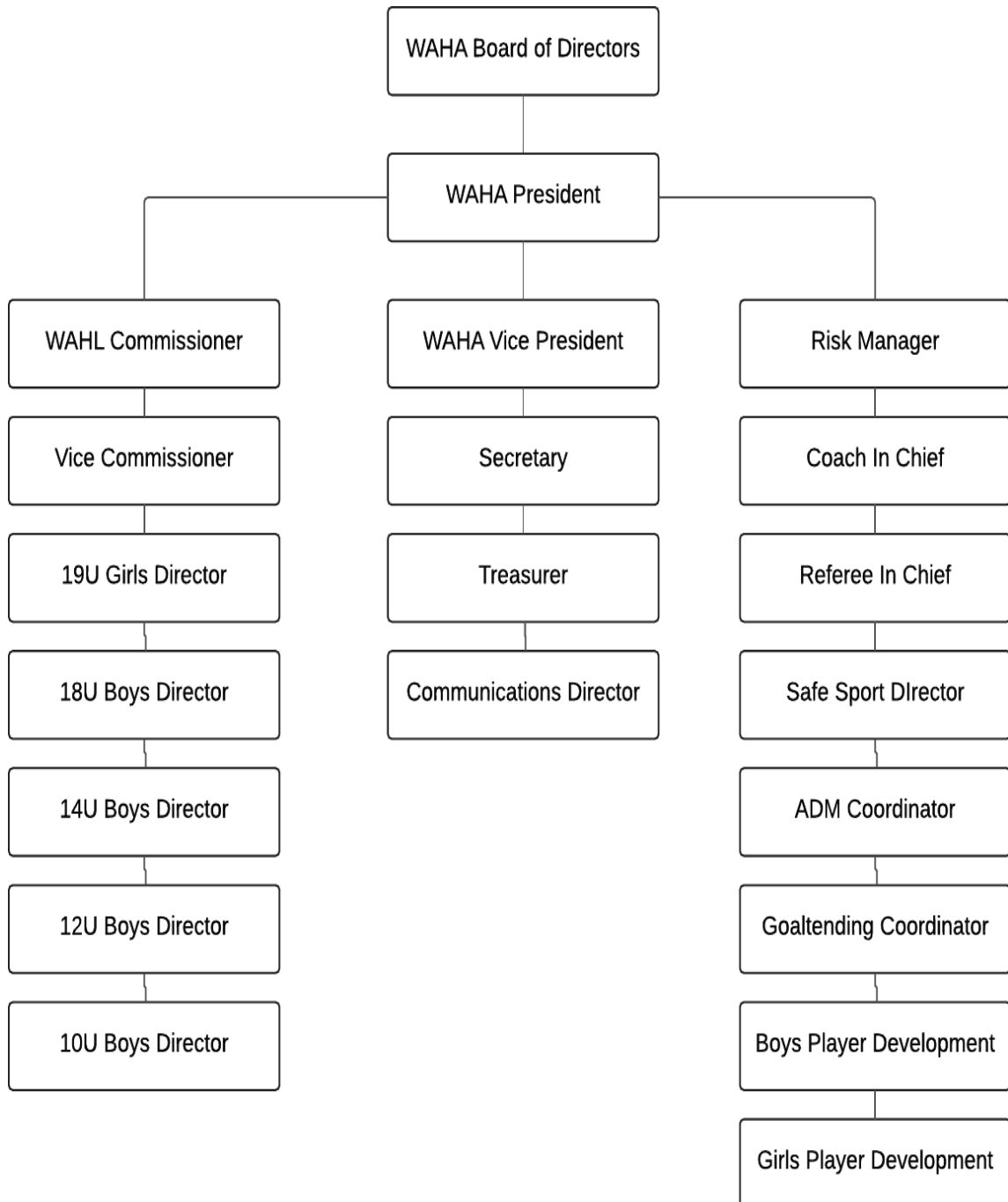
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President

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Secretary

WAHA STRUCTURE



APPENDIX

WAHL PLAYER WAIVER

Request to waive the requirement of participation in 50% of league games to be eligible to participate in the WAHL State Tournament.

Player Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Age Division: 10U 12U 14U High school 14U Girls 19U Girls

Team Name: _____

Head Coach Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Association Name: _____

Dates player was unable to participate: _____

Reason for Request:

Local Program President Signature: _____
(Head coach listed on official USA Hockey roster)

****If this is a medical request, please attach doctor's release form.

WAHL USE ONLY

Date received: _____ Approved: _____ Yes _____ No

If waiver request denied, please explain: _____

WAHL Age Director signature: _____ Date: _____

Approved Tournament Formats

Four Team Round Robin

Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
1 vs 4	1 vs 3	1 vs 2
2 vs 3	2 vs 4	3 vs 4
Team	Total Points	
#1		
#2		
#3		
#4		

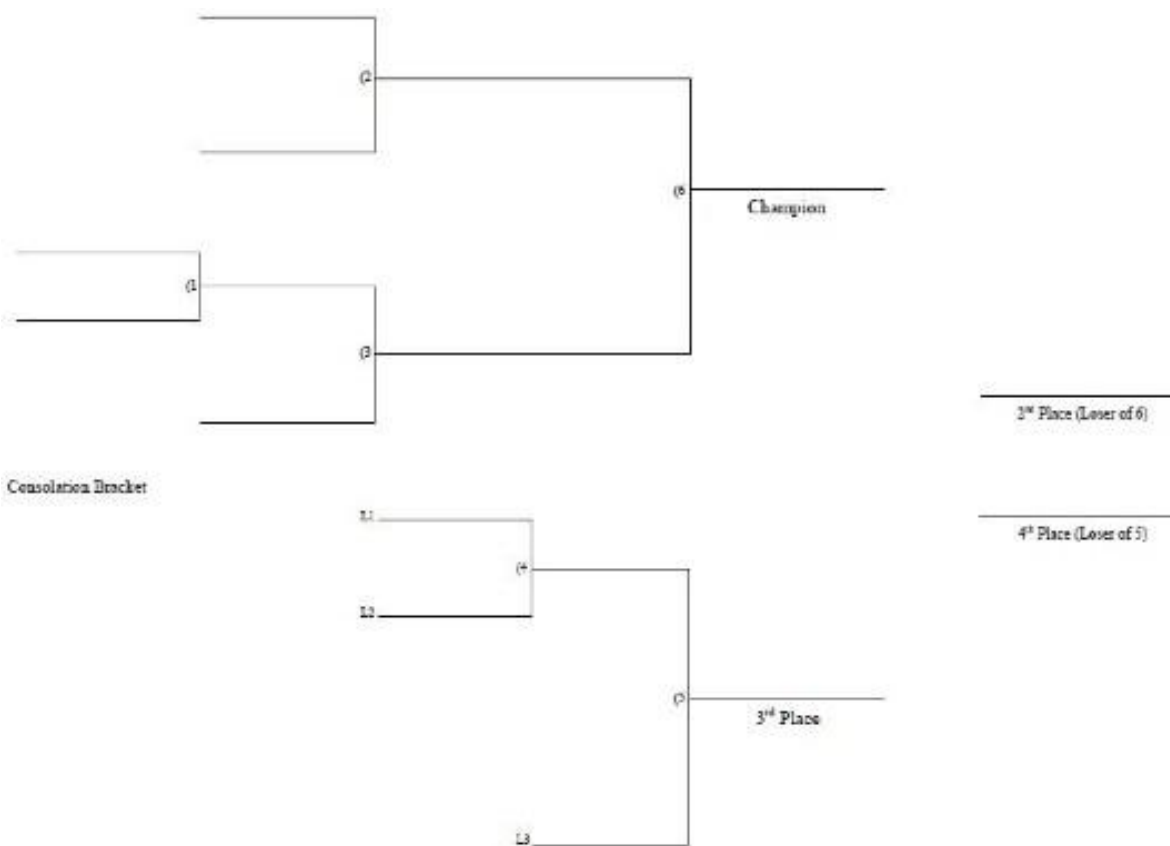
Top Two in Points Advance to Championship

Five Team Round Robin

Five	Team	Round	Robin	
			Team	Total Points
Game 1	3 vs 4		#1	
Game 2	2 vs 5		#2	
Game 3	1 vs 4		#3	
Game 4	2 vs 3		#4	
Game 5	1 vs 5		#5	

Top Two in Points Advance to Championship

Five Team Consolation



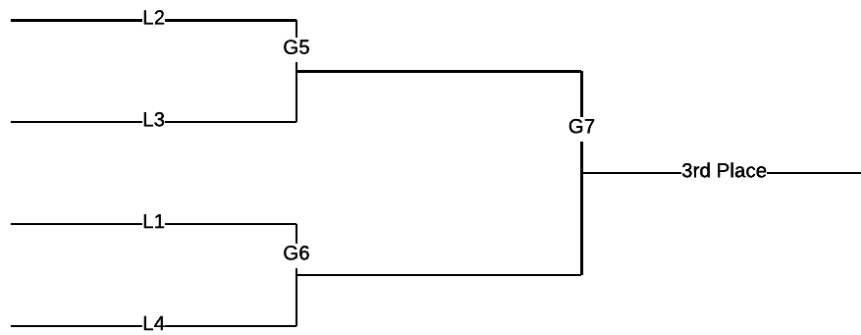
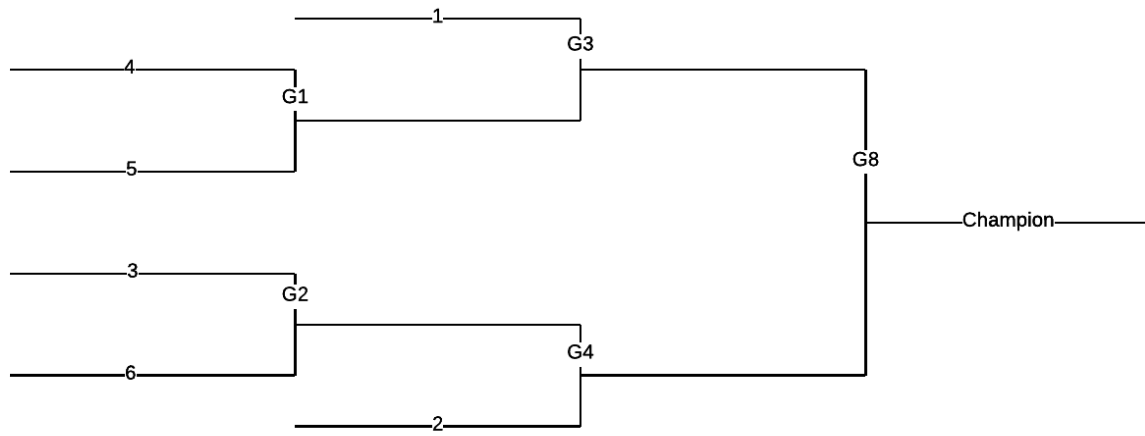
6 Team Round Robin

Seeding	Pool A	Pool B	
	1-4-6	2-3-5	
Pool A		Pool B	
Game 1	2 vs 3	Game 1	2 vs 3
Game 2	1 vs 3	Game 2	1 vs 3
Game 3	1 vs 2	Game 3	1 vs 2
	Total	Points	
Pool A		Pool B	
Team 1		Team 1	
Team 2		Team 2	
Team 3		Team 3	

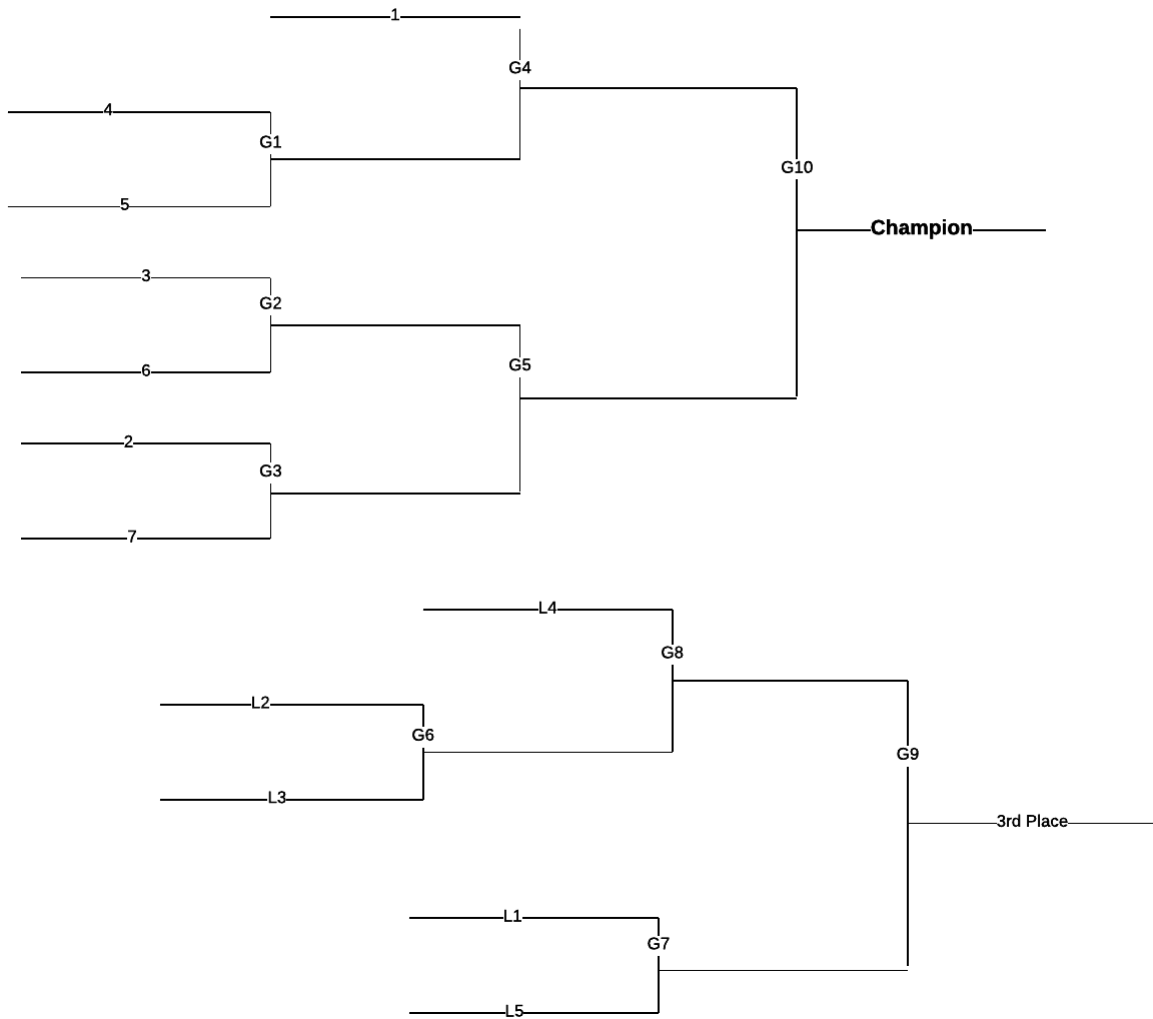
Championship Game

Pool A #1 vs Pool B #1

6 Team Consolation Bracket



7 Team Consolation Tournament



8 Team Consolation Bracket

