

CAMILLUS YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE ONE: NAME

Section One

The name of this organization shall be the Camillus Youth Hockey Association, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as the CYHA) and the address is:

CYHA
P.O. Box 644
Camillus, NY 13031

Section Two

CYHA shall be affiliated with USA Hockey and the New York State Amateur Hockey Association.

ARTICLE TWO: PURPOSE

Section one

The purpose of CYHA shall be:

- A. to teach the game of ice hockey to youth in Town of Camillus and/or the West Genesee Central School District.
- B. to provide the opportunity for youth to learn and play the game of ice hockey under established rules and regulations.
- C. to promote and improve amateur ice hockey in the Town of Camillus and/or the West Genesee Central School District.
- D. to develop and encourage sportsmanship and team play among participants.
- E. to instill a sense of honesty, loyalty, courage and respect.
- F. to advance the skill level of our players and coaches.

ARTICLE THREE: MEMBERSHIP

Section One

It is hereby understood that preferential participation shall be granted to residents of the Town of Camillus and/or residents of the West Genesee Central School District.



Section Two

CYHA shall have three (3) classes of membership which, for the purposes of this Article, are defined as follows:

<u>OFFICIAL:</u>	Which shall include, but are not limited to, Board Member, coach or assistant, referee, and scorekeeper.
<u>PARENT:</u>	Which shall include the parent or legal guardian of the participants as defined below.
<u>PARTICIPANT:</u>	Which shall mean the actual registered player (s) in any given CYHA division or event.

Every Official or Parent, as defined herein, shall be eligible to cast one vote in advance of the CYHA annual meeting, except those Participants, as defined herein (even though they may act as Officials) are not eligible to vote. Voting membership will be from player registration to player registration and shall automatically terminate upon failure to re-register or be re-appointed. Members are welcome to attend Board meetings and present items for discussion.

ARTICLE FOUR: CONDUCT

Section One

Association members shall be responsible for insuring that they, their spouses, their family members, their guests and player(s) conduct themselves and always behave in a mature and sportsmanlike manner during which players are participating in Association activities, and that coaches, players, and officials are at all times treated in a respectful and non-abusive manner. In the event that an Association member or their spouse, their family members, their guests or player(s) fail to conduct themselves in the proper manner as required by the Constitution, the Board of Directors shall have the authority and power to take appropriate disciplinary action, which action may include, but not be limited to, expulsion from the Association, suspension from the Association, the requirement that the offending party be precluded for a stated period from attending and/or participating in Association games, practice and other activities or such other and further discipline as the Board of Directors determines is appropriate and necessary for the situation. Except in emergency situations, such disciplinary action shall be taken only after all parties concerned shall have been given a reasonable opportunity to be heard before the Board. In situations deemed to be an emergency by the Board, temporary disciplinary action may be taken immediately by the Board, after which the Board shall endeavor to provide all parties concerned with the opportunity to be heard before further disciplinary action is taken.



ARTICLE FIVE: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section One

The administration and operation of affairs of the CYHA, and all matters incidental thereto, shall be vested in a Board of Directors comprised of thirteen (13) voting seats whose term of office shall be three (3) years, and such members can be re-elected. The Head Coach of the West Genesee High School Hockey Team shall hold an additional non-voting seat on the Board of Directors.

Section Two

The CYHA shall hold at least one voting session in advance of every annual meeting, at which Officials and Parents will elect by majority ballot four (4) members, or more if needed, to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall meet at least once a month throughout the year as determined by the CYHA President or a majority of the Board.

Section Three

Within thirty (30) days of the annual meeting, the Board of Directors shall meet to elect, by majority ballot, the following officers for a term of one (1) year: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Said officers to be elected from and by the Board of Directors. In the event where it is necessary for the Board to convene prior to the elections of a New Executive Board (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary) the "outgoing Executive Board" continues as elected until their replacements are duly elected.

Section Four

Seven members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting and a majority vote of those present shall govern, except where otherwise specifically provided. Each member of the Board of Directors must be present to vote and voting by proxy is not allowed, unless virtually present.

Section Five

Board of Directors vacancies outside of the annual meeting shall be filled by the person getting the next highest number of votes in the most recent election. In the event that that list of nominees is exhausted a member may be appointed by nomination of the CYHA President, followed by a majority vote by the Board of Directors and said additional Board Member shall serve the balance of the unexpired term of the vacated seat and shall be eligible for re-election upon the expiration of such seat.

Section Six

Roberts Rules of Order, latest edition, shall be recognized as authority, governing the proceedings of all meetings except where same conflict with the CYHA Constitution or current CYHA By-Laws.



Section Seven

All Board members shall sign a copy of the CYHA Board Members Code of Conduct. Discipline of a Board Member shall be the prerogative of the Board of Directors and shall include, but is not limited to, removal from the board for conduct unbecoming a member and/or failure to attend fifty percent of regular meetings in one year. For the purpose of this Section, meeting shall mean any meeting called by the President where Board Members are duly notified. Removal of a Board Member for cause must be by a 2/3 majority vote of the Board.

ARTICLE SIX: EXECUTIVE BOARD - OFFICERS

Section One

The Executive Board will be comprised of the CYHA President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers are authorized to disburse funds. All checks require the signature of any two (2) of these four (4) officers.

Section Two

The CYHA President shall be elected by a majority ballot from and by the Board of Directors. The term of office for President shall be one (1) year and he/she may be re-elected.

The duties of the office of President shall include, but are not limited to, Chief Executive Officer of the Association, Chairman of the Board of Directors, call and preside over all meetings and set agenda for same, sign contracts on behalf of CYHA, as well as recommend and appoint special committee and officials for any purpose deemed necessary by the Board of Directors. He/she shall have the authority to disburse funds and sign any and all contracts or other documents as may be required.

Section Three

The CYHA Vice-President shall be elected by a majority ballot from and by the Board of Directors. The term of office for Vice-President shall be one (1) year and he/she may be re-elected.

The duties of the Vice-President shall include, but are not limited to, President Pro Tem in the absence of the CYHA President

Section Four

The CYHA Secretary shall be elected by a majority ballot from and by the Board of Directors. The term of office for Secretary shall be one (1) year and he/she may be re-elected.

The duties of the office of Secretary shall include, but are not limited to, keeping an accurate and current record of the proceedings of the Association. The Secretary shall act as Vice President Pro Tem in the absence of the CYHA Vice President.



Section Five

The CYHA Treasurer shall be elected by a majority ballot by and from the Board of Directors. The term of the office for Treasurer shall be one (1) year and he/she may be re-elected.

The duties of the office of Treasurer shall include, but are not limited to, preparing an annual financial report suitable for audit, and developing and submitting an operational budgeted by July 1 for approval of the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall act as Secretary Pro Tem in the absence of the CYHA Secretary.

ARTICLE SEVEN-COMMITTEES

Section One

The CYHA shall have, but is not limited to, three standing committees: Discipline, Audit, and Nomination and Election.

The Discipline Committee shall consist of the elected officials of the Executive Board (President, Vice-President, etc.) and at least one other Board Member as appointed by the President. The Discipline Committee shall have final authority in all matters of discipline as may be referred to them.

The Audit Committee shall comprise those members as appointed by the President. The duties of the Audit Committee shall include, but are not limited to, the review and reporting of any and all financial matters as directed by the President.

The Nomination and Election Committee shall comprise those members as appointed by the President. The duties of the Nomination and Election Committee shall include the direction of all facets of the annual election to the Board of Directors and include all matters that are incidental thereto. Any member appointed to the Nomination and Election Committee shall have at least one year remaining in his/her term of office and shall be eligible for re-election at the annual meeting or which this committee is appointed for.

ARTICLE EIGHT: DIVISIONS

Section One

Registration permitting, there shall be eight (8) Divisions; Tyke Division, Mite Division, Squirt Division, Pee Wee Division, Bantam Division, Midget Division, Girls and the Travel Division in the CYHA Hockey Program. These Divisions will be administered by the Board of Directors. The President of the CYHA, the Travel Director and the Division Directors are responsible for the harmonious operation of the Divisions.



ARTICLE NINE: SCHEDULER/SNACK BAR

Section One

A Scheduler and Snack Bar Manager shall be chosen by a (2/3) vote of the entire Board of Directors. These positions are not mutually exclusive of a board position; however, they can be one in the same. The terms of these positions shall be one (1) year, and he/she may be re-appointed. The rate and form of payment shall be chosen by the Board of Directors every season.

ARTICLE TEN: CONSTITUTION OR BY-LAW CHANGES

Section One

Amendments to the Constitution or By-Laws shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors at a regular monthly meeting. Said amendments may be read and discussed by the members present and voted on for approval. A copy of any proposed amendments to the constitution shall be sent to all Board Members at least two weeks in advance of the next Board meeting. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire Board of Directors shall be required to pass an amendment. Proposed amendments may be discussed during the course of a regular business meeting but may not be voted on at that same meeting unless the board has been provided advance notice of the proposed changes prior to the board meeting as described above. Any amendments to the constitution that are proposed without providing advance notice to the board shall be tabled after discussion until the next regular meeting of the board.

ARTICLE ELEVEN: FINANCES

Section One

The Board of Directors shall determine all matters pertaining to the finances of the CYHA. It shall be a general policy to place all income in a common CYHA treasury. The Board of Directors shall direct expenditure of such funds fairly, so that there is no preferential treatment over any individual or team. No assets shall inure to the benefit of any member. The Board of Directors shall retain the right to provide scholarships to CYHA youth.

ARTICLE TWELVE: LIABILITY

Section One

The CYHA hereby consents and declares that each Board Member and members of all committees, and all elected or appointed officials in any capacity shall be deemed to have assumed office or assignment on the express understanding agreement, and that each one of them and his heirs, executors and administrators, estate and effects respectively shall, from time to time, and at all times be indemnified and saved harmless, out of the funds of the CYHA and against all liabilities, judgments, costs, charges and expenses, whatsoever which such member sustains or incurs in or about any action, suit or proceeding which is brought, commenced or prosecuted against him for and in respect of any act, deed, matter or thing whatsoever made, done or permitted by him in or about the execution of the duties of his office and also from and against all other costs, charges and expenses which he sustains or incurs in or about or in relation to the affairs thereof, except such costs, charges or expenses are occasioned by his own willful neglect or default.



ARTICLE THIRTEEN – NONPROFIT STATUS

Section One

CYHA shall be incorporated under the laws of New York State as a voluntary not for profit organization exempt from Federal tax by Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

Section Two

The fiscal year of CYHA shall begin July 1 and end June 30 of the following year.

Section Three

To clarify and define Section 1 of the Certificate of Incorporation, and the scope of purpose set forth in Section 1.

(a) of the Certificate, it is resolved that:

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its Members, Board of Directors, Officers, or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in the furtherance of the purposes set forth in Section 1. (a) of the Certificate of Incorporation. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate or intervene in (including the publishing redistribution of statements) and political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities no permitted to be carried on (a) by a Corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a Corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).



Section Four

To provide for modification in the Certificate of Incorporation for the distribution of assets upon dissolution to others than stockholders or members, it is resolved that:

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation in such a manner or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable or educational purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United State Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN: LIQUIDATION OF CYHA ASSETS

Section One

In the event that CYHA should cease to function, any and all assets remaining after all creditors are paid shall be donated to any charitable hockey association(s) within the greater Camillus area pending Board of Directors approval. If no such association(s) exists in the greater Camillus area, the Board of Directors may donate the assets to any charitable association(s) in the area, to be determined at such a time.

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