

Delta-Greely Youth Hockey and Figure Skating Association
2026-2027 By-Laws



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DSA Mission Statement

DSA's goals and objectives are to provide Delta-Greely residents with wholesome winter fun, a safe place for recreational skating, and a healthy, nurturing environment that keeps kids mentally and physically engaged all winter long. We aim to further the skills and abilities of both hockey players and figure skaters, increase participation in our programs, and continue to improve upon what has already been established.

Introduction to DSA

Welcome to the Delta-Greely Youth Hockey and Figure Skating Association (DSA)! This handbook is designed to help familiarize you with our local programs. DSA is a non-profit organization run entirely by volunteers with certain operations—like Zamboni service and game officials—sometimes contracted out. While the facility is owned by the City of Delta Junction, DSA is responsible for maintaining the building in good condition during the skating season.

DSA History

The Delta-Greely Youth Hockey and Figure Skating Association (DSA) has deep roots in the community thanks to its founding father, Ron Liewer. Liewer moved to Delta Junction in 1978 to teach 5th grade and discovered that a preliminary hockey team and association were already in place. The first team (1978-1979) consisted of **9-10 year old** players who practiced on a flooded tennis court. At that time there was no rink in Delta so they had to travel to play games.

Liewer's dedication and hard work led to the creation of Delta's first outdoor rink in 1979, followed by a second rink in 1981. These early rinks were "hot-mopped" by Liewer and other volunteers. With money raised by DSA and the support of local residents, including countless hours of volunteer labor from Liewer himself, the covered arena was opened in 1993. Since then the facility has been gradually improved evolving into the arena we enjoy today.

DSA Zero Tolerance Policy

USA Hockey has a Zero Tolerance Policy towards players, coaches, officials, team officials and administrators, parents/spectators, and other individuals to maintain a sportsmanlike and educational atmosphere before, during, and after all USA Hockey sanctioned events. This policy addresses acts performed at any time before, during, or after a game, scrimmage, or practice. Conduct inside and outside the arena or while traveling with the team is covered by this rule.

The game will be stopped by on-ice officials when the parents/spectators display inappropriate and disruptive behavior that interferes with other spectators or the game. The on-ice officials will identify violators to the coaches for the purpose of removing parents/spectators from the spectator's viewing and game area. Once removed, play will resume. Lost time will not be replaced, and violators may be subject to further disciplinary action by the local governing body. This inappropriate and disruptive behavior shall include:

- Use of obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time.
- Taunting of players, coaches, officials, or other spectators by means of baiting, ridiculing, threats of physical violence, or physical violence.
- Throwing of any object in the spectators' viewing area, player's bench, penalty box, or on-ice surface, directly in any manner as to create a safety hazard.

Parents will be held responsible for their actions as well as the actions of their children while attending or participating in any DSA sponsored event.

ALASKA STATE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION (ASHA) ADOPTED POLICIES

DSA, as an affiliate association of ASHA, shall abide by and act in accord with the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, Playing Rules and decisions of the Board of Directors of ASHA, and such document and decisions shall take precedence over and supersede similar governing documents and/or decisions of DSA. Further, DSA (i) shall assist ASHA in the administration and enforcement of the provisions of the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, Playing Rules and decisions of the Board of Directors of ASHA, within and upon its member and/or within its jurisdiction and (ii) agrees to be guided by the following core values of ASHA and of USA Hockey:

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.

Respect for the individual: Treat all others as you expect to be treated.

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

Pursuit of excellence at the individual, team and organizational levels: 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.

Enjoyment: It is important for the hockey experience to be fun, satisfying and rewarding for all participants.

Loyalty: We aspire to teach loyalty to the ideals and fellow members of the sport of hockey.

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

DSA, as an affiliate association of ASHA, shall identify and hold harmless ASHA, the Board of Directors of ASHA and each member thereof, committees of ASHA and each member thereof, and all other elected, appointed, employed or volunteer representative of ASHA from any and all claims, liability, judgments, cost, attorney's fees, charges and expenses whatsoever, arising from the acts and omissions of the DSA, except to the extent (i) that ASHA or its aforescribed representatives caused such claims, liability, judgments, cost, attorney's 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, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations,

Playing Rules or decisions of the Board of Directors of its aforementioned 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 by law.

SECTION 1: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Officers:		
President	BJ Sloan	503-956-9618
Vice President	Jacob White	907-750-8270
Secretary	Amy Cummings	907-978-3326
Treasurer	Jennifer Copeland	907-922-3127
Registrar	Austine Martin	231-622-2077
Webmaster	Rhandie Grapengeter	907-616-1325
Scheduler	Ana White	907-750-1959
Member @ Large	Laura White	907-505-0475
Member @ Large	Rebekah Jepsen	907-803-0035
Division Coaches:		
6U	TBD	
8U	TBD	
10U	TBD	
12U	TBD	
14U	TBD	
16U	TBD	

Standing Committees:		
Coaching Director	TBD	
Concession Coordinator	TBD	
Fundraising	TBD	
Discipline Committee	TBD	
Equipment Manager	TBD	

SECTION 2: MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS

A DSA member is a parent or guardian who has registered a child as a participant in the association and any person serving in a recognized volunteer position or coaching position.

The Board meets monthly at 5:30 pm at the Liewer-Olmstead Arena, usually the 3rd Wednesday of the month. The board meetings are open to all members and follow Roberts Rules of Order. If a member wishes to speak on a topic, they must be added to the agenda. Please notify the DSA Secretary. Votes will be cast via crossbar, phone/text or e-mail on matters that need to be decided upon between meetings. These topics and the decided vote will be added to the Board minutes.

SECTION 3: DIVISIONS AND REGISTRATION FEES

Date of Birth	Age Category 18 years	Age Division	Fees
2008	18 Years	Midget 18-U	\$465
2009	17 years	Midget 18-U	\$465
2010	16 years	Midget 18-U	\$465
2011	15 years	Midget 18-U	\$465
2012	14 years	Bantam 14-U	\$465
2013	13 years	Bantam 14-U	\$465
2014	12 years	Pee Wee 12-U	\$465
2015	11 years	Pee Wee 12-U	\$465

2016	10 years	Squirt 10-U	\$465
2017	9 years	Squirt 10-U	\$465
2018	8 years	Mite 8-U	\$350
2019	7 years	Mite 8-U	\$350
2020	6 years	Atom 6-U	Free
2021	5 years	Atom 6-U	Free
2022	4 years	Atom 6-U	Free

Registration fees will be set annually by the Board of Directors, prior to August of the current season and shall be based on anticipated costs. Registration fees will remain the same throughout the year. The fees must be paid in full at the time of registration.

Registration refunds must be submitted to the Board prior to the first ice practice.

Note: DSA will only sponsor a local 18U team so long as the number and quality of players do not take away from the High School Hockey program.

SECTION 4: GENERAL INFORMATION

Health:

Any player with a health condition must inform their Coach prior to the start of the season.

Insurance:

Delta-Greely Youth Hockey and Figure Skating Association (DSA) players are covered by a secondary insurance group through USA Hockey affiliation. This policy is to assist when all other insurance policies have been exhausted. Only injuries sustained during DSA participation may be considered. Report any injury to the team Coach immediately. Any questions you might have should be addressed to the Registrar. Claim forms are available from the Registrar.

Birth Certificates:

Each New player must have a birth certificate on file with the Registrar at the time of

registration.

Volunteer Organization:

DSA is operated by volunteers. All parents are encouraged to get involved by volunteering for events, assisting with fundraising efforts, and helping out at the rink.

News:

Each team is responsible for getting their news to the local media. This is a good place to share how our youth skaters are doing in their tournaments and games.

SECTION 5: GENERAL HOCKEY INFORMATION

Building Access:

Keys are available to Head Coaches to access the building padlocks and the furnace room between the home and visitor locker rooms.

Equipment:

The Association has team First-Aid kits, team skate sharpeners and some goalie equipment. All the above supplies must be turned in at the end of the skating season. If any equipment is not returned, the borrower will be billed for the cost of replacement.

Safety Rules:

- No player will be permitted on the ice during practices or games without ALL required equipment. A bench minor penalty could be assessed against a non-compliant player. Players will be asked to leave the ice and can return once they have the required gear.
- There will be no skating on the main hockey rink between periods during DSA League/Tournament/Travel games by other than players of the competing teams. There will be no puck shooting on the main rink between periods by players or referees.
- The little rink is for the 6U use; however, older skaters can use this ice between games and before practices. Parent supervision is needed any time there are skaters on this rink. No skater will do slap shots or checking on the little rink.

Locker Room Attendance:

League officials, Referees, Coaches, medical personnel, SafeSport Certified individuals, and players are the only individuals authorized in the locker rooms during games and tournaments. Parents, guardians and all others must receive the Coach's permission to enter the locker room. DSA will follow USA Hockey and ASHA policies.

Score Booth, Team Bench and Penalty Box Attendance:

Only the scorekeeper and timekeeper are allowed in the scorekeeper's box. No more than four

officials are allowed in the players' bench area during a game (except as noted by USA Hockey). This applies to inside and outside games. No one under 18 and under will be allowed in the box or bench without a helmet.

Code of Conduct:

Players and Coaches are expected to observe principles of good sportsmanship before, during and after games and practices. If any Coach, Division Director, Board Member, Association member or player violates any of the rules, they will be subject to disciplinary action. See Attachments on Code of Conduct for Coach, Player and Spectator.

NOTE: A majority of the Board of Directors is authorized to make temporary or permanent waivers to these rules for special cases where time and/or circumstances do not allow full rule procedures to be followed.

SECTION 6: HOUSE LEAGUE GUIDELINES

- Delta-Greely Youth Hockey and Figure Skating Association (DSA) operate a House League Hockey and Figure Skating program to give any local youth the opportunity to play ice hockey and figure skate.
- The House League objectives are to create the most productive learning and recreational environment possible to promote the development of skills and ability in the sports. Good sportsmanship and fair playing opportunity is stressed.
- A Board of Directors will be voted in each April by the Association members. One vote per family with a skater registered in the programs. The Board shall meet at least once quarterly, the meetings are open forum and the meetings will be governed by Roberts Rules of Order. Motions will be made and voted on accordingly. A quorum will consist of a majority of Board members.
- Practice schedules are set by the Board with Coach input and the League game schedule is established by the Scheduler who coordinates dates and times with the other teams. Games other than the normal scheduled games must be arranged between the Head Coaches and Scheduler and ice time secured with the Zamboni Operator.
- Ice Time: For additional ice use outside scheduled practices and games, correspond with the Scheduler and Zamboni Operator. The Scheduler will post a calendar which will show what teams have pick-up games or if any private parties have the ice. DSA hockey teams have priority on all ice times. In the event there are not enough registered skaters in any one division to field a team, the Board will address practice schedules and team assignments prior to the start of the season.
- Tournaments: There are several House League tournaments for 8U age groups and above. The State Championship Tournament hosts House for 10U and above. ASHA has strict guidelines that must be met to be able to participate. It is the Coaches' responsibility to keep the team credentials in order and current to meet ASHA and USA Hockey regulations. The Registrar may assist.

- Tournament participation will depend on monies available in the team budgets and the parent's commitment to travel.
- The association commits to covering the costs of two house tournaments and one state tournament each season. Any additional tournaments will need to be paid for by the team.
- Referees and Linesman: The Interior Alaska Hockey Officials Association (IAHOA) schedules referees for all regular season games. Two referees shall be appointed to officiate at each game, 10U-12U. With DSA approval, the referee association may schedule a referee and two linesmen for 14U and older. If referees are needed for non-scheduled games, the Coach or his designee is responsible for contacting the local Chief referee.
- Anyone interested in becoming a referee may attend a local clinic at their own expense and they must pass a written exam. Clinics are usually held after the ice is in.

SECTION 7: PLAYER AND PARENT GUIDELINES

- All member players with DSA will abide by the training, practice and game rules set forth by the Association and the USA Hockey Official Playing Rules.
- All players will be registered with paid fees through USA Hockey and DSA before they are allowed on the ice for practices or games. To be eligible to be on DSA's 1-T roster in any division, the skater has to be registered with DSA and paid all DSA registration fees.
- A player shall be on the ice during his/her scheduled ice time only with the supervision of a coach and/or the assistants.
- All players will abide by the rules and schedules set by his/her coach. • All players will report to practice and games at the designated time set by the coach.
- All players will properly wear all the required gear.
- All players will notify their coach if they are unable to make a scheduled practice or game. Keep in mind that practices prepare you for games so attendance is important.
- Any player with loaned equipment will lay out the gear to dry after each use (practice and games) and ensure the gear is returned at the end of the season in good condition with the exception of normal wear and tear.
- All players and members will be respectful of the skating facility and take pride in helping keep it neat and clean.
- All players and members traveling to other communities to participate in league or tournament games will be respectful of other players, families and their facilities. As players of DSA, you represent our organization so behave accordingly.
- All players will follow the player's code of conduct. Any player in violation of these rules will be subject to disciplinary action by the coach and/or the DSA Board of

Directors.

- Parents are expected to do whatever is necessary to: Cooperate fully with the Coach, see that their skater is on time for all practices and games (the younger skaters may need assistance with dressing and lacing skates), see that the player has ALL their equipment and that it fits properly and in good condition and help maintain practice time.
- If a team meeting is called by the Coach or the Team Manager, each player should have a parent or guardian in attendance.
- Good hockey players are smart hockey players and so, school comes first. It is up to the parents/household to make sure their player maintains good grades.
- Playing Up -The player who wishes to play-up a maximum of two levels on a permanent basis shall be independently evaluated on skill and ability. If the player meets the criteria for playing up at the higher level, the parent(s) need to sign a waiver agreeing to their player playing up. The Coach who is to receive this player at the higher level of hockey needs to approve the move. Upon disagreement the board will have final approval.
- Parent concerns: The Coach runs the team. He/She is a volunteer with the responsibility of teaching your player this complex game. His/her decisions concerning a skater's position, which line the players are on and all other team matters are final. If a parent has concerns, take your concerns to the Coach, Assistant Coach or the Team Manager so the matter can be resolved. If the parent is not satisfied with the resolution or the matter is not resolved, the concerns should be taken to the Head of Coaches, which is the Vice President of the Board.
- Parents are encouraged to attend Board meetings that are generally held at the Liewer-Olmstead Arena.
- Parents are asked to complete a Coach Evaluation form at the end of the season.

HOW TO HELP WITH THE PROGRAM:

Players and parents are asked to support the program with their volunteer time to fundraisers such as hosting Sunday Skate, working the concession during both Youth and High School home games, Cleaning locker rooms and concession area, organizing the Dinner/Auction Gala, help with raffle ticket sales, assisting with a Skate-a-Thon and/or Tournaments.

The support you give your child is vital to their success. Hockey, like all other sports, will build character that will take your skater into adulthood. Hockey in particular, is very complex, so it takes time to develop the skills to skate, stop, stick handle, shoot, etc.. As a parent, be understanding and supportive of the Coaches and Referees and above all,

be patient.

SECTION 8: COACHING GUIDELINES

- All Head Coaches are chosen by the DSA Board. Coaching applications are requested to be turned in to the DSA Board by August 31st each year, and chosen by September 15th. • All Coaching staff must be registered through USA Hockey, be certified to the appropriate level for the age group through the USA Hockey Coaching Clinics and submit a background check and safesport certificate according to USA Hockey requirements prior to the start of the current season. DSA will reimburse one head coach and one assistant coach for the costs of their registration, clinics and background checks if requested.
- All divisions, the Head Coach organizes their team.
- The Head Coach selects their Assistant Coaches, Team Parent and Team Manager. • The Head Coach shall make players aware of all policies, guidelines and any disciplinary measures set forth by themselves and the Association.
- The Head Coach shall give fair playing time to all players (consistent with their position) during practices, scrimmages and regular season games.
- The Coaching staff shall cooperate with all game officials before, during and after games. The Coaches are also responsible for all the team member's actions before, during and after the games at home and away. When traveling, all players shall be under the supervision of the coach and/or parents.
- The Coaching staff is required to document any injuries. Injuries necessitating a visit to a doctor may be reported to the Registrar.
- Each team is responsible for making sure the locker room is left clean. • The Coaching staff shall adhere to the Coaches' Code of Conduct during all practices and games which includes but not limited to no use of alcohol, drugs or chewing tobacco products, no profane language and no verbal or physical abuse to players. The Coaching staff shall strictly adhere to the Zero Tolerance Policy.
- The Head Coach shall meet with their parents at the start of the season to inform them of what is planned for the team and what is expected of them.
- The Coaching staff shall run all practices and games to ASHA, USA Hockey and • DSA rules and regulations.
- The Coaching staff shall collect team equipment at the last game of the season; jerseys and socks, First Aid kits, pucks, goalie gear and any other Association owned supplies.

SECTION 9: DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Guidelines and Procedures

The Disciplinary Committee will be composed of five members; the 6U Coach, the 8U Coach, the 10U Coach, the 12U Coach and 14U Coach. At least two of whom will be neutral parties with no children playing on either team involved in the discrepancy.

The Vice President and a member of the Referee Association will serve as non-voting

advisory members. The Chairman will be appointed by the President of the Board. Three members of the Committee are required to constitute a quorum. The Committee Chairman may request a special meeting at any time as deemed necessary. Voting will be by verbal yea/nay. A majority is required for a formal decision.

Infractions involving players and coaches will be heard and ruled upon. The Committee will meet to review and act upon any disciplinary action since the last meeting. Actions taken by the Disciplinary Committee will stand unless appealed to the State Disciplinary Committee within 7 days from verbal notification. The Chairman of the Committee is responsible for seeing that all data involving an action taken by the committee is collected, recorded and sent to the DSA Secretary and the State Disciplinary Committee in a timely manner.

Hearings:

A game misconduct will require a hearing only if requested by the Vice President, the Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee or the party involved. Hearing requests must be made to either the Vice President or the Chairman of the Committee within 48 hours of the infraction. A gross misconduct will require a hearing. Any individuals involved in the infraction will be requested to attend the hearing. Other parties wishing to speak for or against the incident must receive permission from the Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee or the Vice President.

SECTION 10: HOUSE TEAM RULES

1. **Registration** - ALL players must be signed up on-line with USA Hockey at www.usahockey.com. At the DSA registration, the Registrar will need a copy of the confirmation page from the on-line registration, a copy of the player's birth certificate and receive the association fees for the applicable age group. No player will be allowed on the ice or receive their jersey until their registrations are complete.
2. **Coach requirements** -All coaches involved with on Ice activities, practices, and scrimmages are required to wear a HECC approved hockey helmet, with the exception of needing to go on the ice to check an injured player during a game. The chin strap must be buckled at all times. Compliance rests on DSA Board. Failure to comply may result in up to 30 day suspension by the DSA Disciplinary Committee. All coaches on the bench or ice shall be certified in accordance with the USA Hockey and Pacific District Coaching Certification Requirements.
3. **Team Assignment/Late Signups** - Players signing up for hockey after initial team formation will be assigned to a team on a space available basis by the Registrar.
4. **Refund** – No registration fees will be refunded after the first practice and or Game.
5. **Team and Player Eligibility** -No ASHA team may play any other team that is not also

an ASHA member or in good standing with ASHA. No team may allow a player to participate in ASHA sanctioned games who are not also ASHA members or in good standing.

6. Team Transfer - After the start of the first game, no transfers will be made between house teams within a division unless approved by the player's parents, the Coaches of the teams affected and the DSA Board.
7. Player Attendance - Player attendance at all practices, games and tournaments is mandatory unless excused by the Coach. For the parents who will not be traveling to away games and tournaments, inform your player's Coaches. Coaches are encouraged to have player/parent contracts stating their team requirements and will provide a copy to the DSA Board prior to parent meetings.
8. Length of Games/Stoppage of Clock - All Division games will be played in accordance with current ASHA guidelines. All games will have a designated length of time and will not be allowed to run over this time. If necessary, the referee will announce the shortened third period to accommodate this time limit. If for any reason a game must be terminated, USA Hockey rules will apply. (i.e.: two periods constitute a legal game). The above times apply to DSA House and House tournament games.
9. Line Changes - Line changes will be at the direction of the Coach or his/her appointed assistant. It is DSA's intentions that all players receive fair playing time to promote player development throughout the season.
10. Make-Up Games - Coaches will be notified by the Scheduler of the date set for a makeup game.
11. Protested Game a) A protest shall be considered only when based on the violation of interpretation of a playing rule or use of an ineligible player. No protest shall be considered on a decision involving
12. 1 official's judgment. h) The protesting Coach shall notify the referee through the Team Captain that he is officially protesting the game prior to leaving the ice. The protesting Coach must state on the score sheet that he is protesting the game. The referee and the scorekeeper must also state in writing on the score sheet that the game was played under protest. c) The protest must be submitted in Writing by the Coach or designated Assistant Coach to the DSA Director Within 24 hours. Cl) during the regular season, after reviewing the protest, the Director will forward his recommendations to the President. The President reviews his decision and the protesting Coach is given the opportunity to appeal prior to the President's final decision. e) During the House. Tournaments, the decision of the Director concerning protests will be final. There

will be **NOAPPEAL**.

13. **Sunday practice** - No Coach will hold a mandatory Sunday practice for a House team.

SECTION 11: TEAM SELECTION

It shall be the object of House Team selection that all teams are developed so as to provide an environment for growth, encouragement and challenge. To this end, we will seek to develop the team characteristics of purpose, commitment and the concepts of cooperation and fair play. DSA follows USA Hockey guidelines for all divisions.

6U and 8U DIVISIONS

1. **Team assignment** -Players in these two divisions will be assigned to teams by the Coaches/Registrar. As much as possible, assignment will be made on an area basis.
2. **Team Size** -Teams will be made up of no less than eight (8) players at the beginning of the season and will be split when the number of players reaches twenty (20). This split up at the discretion of the Coach until the number of players reaches twenty two (22). At this time, the split will be mandatory due to the difficulty of handling this group size and the lack of individual attention the players will get.
3. **Reassignment** - Any 6U player may be reassigned to the 8U Division provided the following criteria are met: a) the player's ability and the rate of improvement will be maximized by the move. b) The 6U and 8U Coaches approve of the move. c)  The parents' consent to the move.

10U-18U DIVISIONS

1. **Team Assignment**-Players in these divisions will be assigned to teams by the Coaches/Registrar. At the Coaches' discretion, they may exchange players within their division until the first game. Players interested in playing at a higher division/level, see Parent and Player Guidelines. In the event there is enough registered players to field two teams in the same division the teams will be split into a "B" (Tier IV) and an "A" (Tier III) level. Players will be assigned by skill at the discretion of the Coaches.
2. **Team Size** -Teams shall have no less than eight (8) players and no more than eighteen (18) on their roster at the commencement of the season. If, as determined by the Board, a team drops to less than a minimum number of players, it may be disbanded and the players will be dispersed by the Registrar.

SECTION 12: TOURNAMENTS

DIVISIONAL TOURNAMENTS

- **Invitational** -Member associations hosting a tournament in the 8U class and above

must submit to the DSA Registrar a Tournament Sanctioning Form (USA Hockey Form 1-T) a set of Tournament Rules that abide by the existing ASHA rules and the tournament fee 60 days prior to the start of the event.

- Time Between Games – All youth teams must have at least a 2 ½ hour break between the end of a first game and the start of their next game.

STATE TOURNAMENT

- Player Eligibility Teams eligible to participate in the House State Tournament must have a minimum of 10 games. Individual players on any team must have participated in at least five (5) season games No player may play on more than one team at a State Tournament in a given season, unless previously approved.
- Team Placement – The DSA Board with coaches input will determine what Tier/Level each team will be placed into prior to the December 1st deadline.
- Gametimes-All teams will play 3-12 minute stop clock periods.
- Game Divisions - Recreational team seeding are determined by random draw.
- Tiebreaker Rules-see the Affiliate Handbook on play-off game Tiebreaker Rules.

SECTION 13: HOUSE TEAM FINANCES

- The player registration fee, team sponsorships, donations and DSA fundraisers make up the bulk of the house program finances.
- Any money raised by the teams must be deposited into the DSA account and an invoice or receipt must be turned in to the treasurer for reimbursement out of team funds.

HOW MONIES ARE SPENT

- Donations, sponsorships and team fundraising monies are to be used for the following items first (per Alaska Statutes for non-profit corporations): tournament entry fees, game and practice ice time.
- Monies not spent by the end of the season from each team fund will be added to the Associations Treasury Account.
- If fundraising monies does not cover everything, families may have to take care of their own player's expenses.
- Players will not be reimbursed from team funds they do not participate in.

SECTION 14: PROBLEM RESOLUTION

Any parent or player with concerns should see if the matter can be resolved through the Head Coach first. If the matter is not resolved at the team level, the parent or player should bring their concern(s) to the Head of Coaches, the Vice President of the Board. If the matter is still

not resolved, the matter will be brought to the entire Board's attention for a resolution.

SECTION 15: MEMBER APPROVAL

Any changes to the DSA Bylaws must be approved by a majority vote of the general membership of the DSA.

DELTA-GREELY YOUTH HOCKEY AND FIGURE SKATING ASSOCIATION BY LAWS

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Delta-Greely Youth Hockey and Figure Skating Association. A shortened name Delta Skating Association (DSA) will stand for the same organization.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to provide an amateur hockey and figure skating program for the registered DSA members.

ARTICLE III: OBJECTIVES

- Manage and maintain in good condition the Liewer-Olmstead Arena (owned by the City of Delta Junction) for all community and association skaters.
- Provide certified Coaches who shall build on player's skills and ability through participation in games and practices.
- Provide specialized equipment and tournaments to further develop the player's confidence and agility in the game of hockey. Provide instructors to further develop the figure skater's skills.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Member: A member is defined as any parent or guardian who has registered a child as a participant in the Association and any person serving in a recognized volunteer position or coaching position.

Registration and Membership Fees: Fees will be established annually by the Board of Directors. The USA Hockey on-line registration fee provides a secondary insurance and membership with the Amateur Hockey Association of the United States (USA Hockey).

Voting: A registered member with DSA permits one vote per family during Board elections which are held in April of each season. The first Board meeting following Board elections, newly elected board members will take office.

Membership (ASHA): All registered members of DSA, as a condition of membership in good standing with DSA, shall also be required to be “Registered Members” in good standing of ASHA and USA Hockey.

ARTICLE V: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Government (ASHA): The government and authority of DSA shall be vested in a Board of Directors composed of at least three representatives, as determined by DSA, selected through an annual democratic process. A majority of the Board must always be composed of representatives selected by such election process. The Officers of DSA, selected by the registered team of the Board of Directors, shall include at least a president, vice president, and a secretary-treasurer. It is recommended that the terms of the officers be staggered.

Board Members: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Member at Large (2), Scheduler and webmaster.

- The Vice President is Head of Coaches therefore the Vice President is the representative for all the hockey coaches.
- Meetings: The Board of Directors shall meet at least once a month throughout the skating season.
- Board meetings are open to the general membership and public.
- The Board meetings shall be announced on the Liewer-Olmstead sign, weather permitting. Emergency meetings may be called by the President as needed without notice.
- The Board may go into executive session for the purpose of discussing sensitive issues such as disciplinary matters.
- All meetings will be conducted under Roberts Rules of Order.
- A simple majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.
- There shall be no proxy voting.

ARTICLE VI: BOARD OF DIRECTORS POWERS

- Guide the Association members in its efforts to improve the skater's skills and their appreciation of the game as a participant sport and to help mold a socially acceptable competitive spirit in each skater.
- All expenditures for operations must be approved. The Board shall not be liable for any unauthorized expenditures. Any person(s) making unauthorized purchases may not be reimbursed. One signature is required on the Association checks.
- Insure equitable distribution of Association funds and ice time among all teams. • Remove by two-thirds majority vote any officer who does not fulfill his/her duties. • Appoint a volunteer to temporarily fill vacancies on the Board until the next scheduled elections.
- Appoint all committee and chair persons.
- Have immediate access to all books and records of the Association. • The Board shall

develop written policies regarding coaches, player and spectator conduct.

- All Head Coaches will be selected by the Board following a review of the prior season Coach Evaluation forms for returning Coaches and any new Coach Application.

ARTICLE VII: BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESPONSIBILITIES:

- President: S/he shall preside at all the general membership meetings, call and preside over special meetings, coordinate the efforts of all officers and members, serve as an advisory member of all committees and receive a copy of all committee meeting minutes. S/he shall maintain liaison with the local School, government agencies, and youth organizations, assure required facility maintenance is completed. S/he also can appropriate funds on an as need basis to a team not to exceed \$1000.00.
- Vice President: S/he shall preside over the general membership meetings –when the President is absent. The Vice President is also Head of Coaches. Monitor (with Registrar) that all coaches, association leadership and volunteers are completing their SafeSport Training, background screening requirements and all USA Hockey coaching obligations.
- Secretary: S/he shall schedule and issue notice of board meetings. The secretary shall attend and record minutes of the meetings and provide an agenda for current meetings. The Secretary shall be responsible for all general correspondence and maintain records except those of a finance, registration or insurance nature. Track and order all rink maintenance supplies, i.e.: pucks, skate trainers, first aid kits etc....
- Treasurer: S/he shall attend general membership meetings. The treasurer shall maintain all financial records, verify all approved expenditures and provide a financial report at the meetings. The treasurer shall complete the annual tax returns after accounting year, prior to taxes due, with or without a CPA.
- Registrar: S/he shall ensure all the players have completed and signed all the necessary forms for both DSA and ASHA. S/he shall work closely with the Coaches so all players are on the team rosters and the correct forms are completed for tournaments. S/he will provide the Coaches with forms to report any injuries. S/he will provide all the Coaches with the current Official Player Rules and ASHA Affiliate handbook. Serve as House Council and ASHA Representative.
- Scheduler: Schedule all league games on home and away ice, update coaches and DSA Board of game and scrimmage schedules. Maintain rink schedule for all events. May delegate to Chief Official to schedule referees for all games and assure payments are made. Work with coaches to schedule ice in Fairbanks.
- Member at Large: S/he is to coordinate volunteers to clean up the rink and coordinate/oversee the fundraising committee. Contact individuals and businesses to obtain sponsorship money for teams and general sponsorship funds for the association.
- Webmaster - The Webmaster is responsible for the design and management of the Association's web site and distribution of information to the Association members. Create and administer pages on the website via the online site administration tools

provided by the website host; manage website administrator accounts and privileges; work with the registrar and treasurer to facilitate online registration; distribution of association news announcements and emails; and posting of evaluation results and coaching assignments in a timely fashion.

ARTICLE VIII: STANDING COMMITTEES

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ARTICLE IX: OFFICER ELECTION

- Officers of the Board of Directors shall be elected by a majority vote of the membership. All officers shall be members in good standing of the Association. In the event that there are two or more candidates for an office and no candidate receives a majority vote, a run-off vote shall be held between the two candidates. The outgoing President shall be responsible for the installation of the incoming officers.
- The Board of Directors is elected before the start of the skating season, The President, Treasurer and Secretary will be elected in even years, the Vice President, Registrar and Scheduler will be elected in Odd years with the Members at Large and Webmaster being elected annually.
- No member shall hold more than one office.
- In the event the Vice President is a Head Coach, they will not chair their own disciplinary committee.
- If a board member resigns before the end of their term, the board may elect a replacement to fill the position until the next election season, regardless of whether the original term has concluded or not. If the election to fill the position occurs in the middle of a two-year term, the newly elected official will only serve the remaining year of the term to ensure the board stays on track with regular elections.

Position	Term Length	Year
President	2 years	Even
Vice President	2 years	Odd
Secretary	2 years	Even
Treasurer	2 years	Even
Registrar	2 years	Odd
Scheduler	2 years	Odd
Webmaster	1 year	every
Member at Large	1 year	every
Member at Large	1 year	every

ARTICLE X: FISCAL POLICY

The accounting year shall commence on September 1 and end August 31st of the following year. The treasurer shall prepare a financial report and the records to include general funds, savings accounts, etc. for the Board to review.

Insurance (ASHA): DSA agrees to purchase, acquire or provide and maintain in full force and effect at all times, directors and officers liability insurance if such insurance is no longer

available through USA Hockey and to name ASHA and USA Hockey as an additional insured thereunder. DSA further agrees to provide ASHA with proof of this coverage on an annual basis if and when said insurance is no longer available through USA Hockey.

501(c)(3) Status (ASHA): DSA 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 ASHA in the event that ASHA and DSA deems it advisable for DSA to be included in a group exemption letter.

ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS



The Delta-Greely Youth Hockey and Figure Skating Bylaws will be open for review annually prior to the start of the skating season. DSA members will have 14 days to submit and suggested changes to the Board. Once the Board makes changes to the by-laws, association members have one 12-day review period prior to a Board vote. By-law amendments will go into effect immediately upon approval.

Publication of Constitution and By-Laws (ASHA): DSA shall annually distribute to its members and to ASHA copies of its constitution, by-laws, and other governing documents and all amendments thereto. Copies shall also be available upon request.

ARTICLE XII: PROTECTION FROM ABUSE

Abuse (ASHA): DSA prohibits all sexual and physical abuse and supports the criteria dealing with these issues as established by USA Hockey (subject to any contrary requirements contained in state or local law applicable to DSA).

ARTICLE XIII: DISSOLUTION

In the event that the Delta-Greely Youth Hockey and Figure Skating Association should dissolve, any and all purchases (i.e.: team equipment, propane grill, Bunn coffee maker, skates, First Aid Kits, etc.) made by the Association will stay at the Liewer-Olmstead Arena and become the property of the City of Delta Junction.

Upon dissolution, any remaining net proceeds from gaming activity under AS 05.15 will be distributed to one or more existing permittees, other than a multiple-beneficiary permittee, in accordance with 15 AAC 160.020(a)(5).

Signed:

Date: