

ATHENS YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Proposed Bylaw Amendments

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The following amendments are proposed for Board of Directors consideration and member review. Per Article II of the AYHA Bylaws, these amendments are published for a minimum three-week member review period. A two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors is required for adoption.

CHANGE 1 — Article VIII, Section 1(b)(i) — Travel Leagues, Description

~~each season, the Association shall provide the opportunity for 10U, 12U, and 14U to participate in a travel league within the Buckeye Travel Hockey League (BTHL); the 8U team has the option to participate in the BTHL 8U Division to play in jamborees depending on whether there is sufficient interest and commitment from current year 8U Association families to form a travel team. To provide a competitive environment and maximize player development, creation of a travel team in each of these age divisions shall be prioritized over a zero-travel or practice-only team.~~

Each season, the Association shall provide the opportunity for 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U, and High School age divisions to participate in a USA Hockey sanctioned travel league as approved by the Board of Directors, provided that participation in any age division shall be contingent upon sufficient interest and commitment from current year Association families to form a travel team. To provide a competitive environment and maximize player development, creation of a travel team in each of these age divisions shall be prioritized over a zero-travel or practice-only team, with the exception of 8U.

The Association may establish a 16U travel team at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

CHANGE 2 — Article VIII, Section 1(b)(ii) — Travel Leagues, Rostering Two Teams

~~in the event there are more than twenty (20) players registered for an age division, the Association may, at the approval of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors and the rules of the BTHL, establish a second travel team, subject to the rules and requirements of the BTHL and recommendations and requirements of the Association Handbook. If there are twenty or fewer registered players for an age division, the Association may, at the approval of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors and rules of the BTHL, establish a second travel team as well.~~

in the event there are more than twenty (20) players registered for an age division, the Association may, at the approval of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors and the rules of the applicable travel league, establish a second travel team, subject to the rules and requirements of the applicable travel league and recommendations and requirements of the Association Handbook. If there are twenty or fewer registered players for an age division, the Association may, at the approval of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors and rules of the applicable travel league, establish a second travel team as well.

CHANGE 3 — Article VIII, Section 1(b)(iii) — Travel Leagues, Requirement

~~at the direction of the Executive Committee of the Board, the Association's BTHL League Representative shall be responsible for submitting all applications and other information as necessary to the BTHL. The Association's BTHL League Representative, and the Association President, Vice President, and Registrar as necessary, shall be the sole points of contact with the BTHL; no other Board Members, coaches, coordinators, or team managers shall contact the BTHL independently. Team managers may submit scoresheets to the BTHL as necessary.~~

at the direction of the Executive Committee of the Board, the Association's League Representative(s) shall be responsible for submitting all applications and other information as necessary to the applicable travel league.

CHANGE 4 — Article VIII, Section 1(b)(iv) — Travel Leagues, Record Keeping

~~applications to the BTHL for each age division shall be maintained per Article VII, Section 2 of these bylaws.~~

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CHANGE 5 — Article IV, Section 1(e) — League Representatives

~~A League Representative for the BTHL and a League Representative for the OSHL shall be appointed by the Board of Directors by the beginning of May, and each league representative shall serve as a voting member of the Board of Directors. This position shall only have one vote per individual representative, even if they represent more than one league. To ensure as broad representation on the Board of Directors as possible, head coaches, assistant coaches, team managers, and other voting members of the Board of Directors shall not be eligible to be a league representative.~~

A League Representative for each USA Hockey sanctioned travel league in which the Association participates, and a League Representative for the OSHL, shall be appointed by the Board of Directors by the beginning of May, and each league representative shall serve as a voting member of the Board of Directors. This position shall only have one vote per individual representative, even if they represent more than one league. To ensure as broad representation on the Board of Directors as possible, head coaches, assistant coaches, team managers, and other voting members of the Board of Directors shall not be eligible to be a league representative.

CHANGE 6 — Article V, Section 2(e) — Terms of Office, League Representatives

~~All appointed BTHL and OSHL League representatives shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees as soon as possible after May 1 to ensure the Association has representation in the Leagues, and they shall serve to April 30 of the following year.~~

All appointed League Representatives for each USA Hockey sanctioned travel league in which the Association participates, and for the OSHL, shall be appointed by the Board of Directors as soon as possible after May 1 to ensure the Association has representation in the applicable leagues, and they shall serve to April 30 of the following year.

CHANGE 7 — Article IX, Sections 4(b), 4(c), 4(d) — Double Rostering Provisions

~~All references to "BTHL" throughout Sections 4(b), 4(c), and 4(d).~~

All references to "BTHL" replaced with "the applicable travel league" throughout Sections 4(b), 4(c), and 4(d).

CHANGE 8 — Article VIII, Section 1(c)(iii) — Zero-Travel Leagues, Games

~~Games: Due to the absence of an 8U age division within the BTHL as well as the wide spectrum of player abilities within this age division, establishing a full roster for a travel team with guaranteed games is typically not feasible. However, within the 6U/8U zero travel age division, the head coach and team manager may schedule home and away tournaments, jamborees, or individual games with other 6U/8U teams, subject to the requirements and recommendations set forth in the AYHA Handbook. The Association shall not be responsible for paying fees for tournaments or games, except for the Marazon Tournament and the Newark Invitational.~~

Games: 6U and 8U teams participating in the Marazon Tournament shall have those relevant fees waived by the Association.

CHANGE 9 — Article VIII, Section 1(e) — Marazon & 10U Tournaments

~~i) Description: the Marazon Memorial 8U Tournament and the 10U Tournament are Association sponsored events each year. ii) Requirement: the Executive Committee shall inform the 6U/8U and 10U team head coaches and team managers of their respective requirements to coordinate and execute the successful implementation of Marazon Memorial Tournament and the 10U Tournament. Implementation of the tournaments is a requirement of accepting of a position as head coach and team manager for each team and subject to the tournament requirements and recommendations set forth in the Association Handbook.~~

i) Description: The Marazon Memorial 8U Tournament is a mandatory Association sponsored event each year, provided there are sufficient resources and facilities available.

ii) Requirement: The Executive Committee shall inform the 6U/8U head coach and team manager of their respective requirements to coordinate and execute the successful implementation of the Marazon Memorial 8U Tournament.

iii) Additional Tournaments: The Board of Directors may authorize Association sponsored tournaments at any age division at its discretion, provided there is sufficient participant interest and organizational resources to support the tournament. Implementation details shall be set forth in the Association Handbook.

CHANGE 10 — Article VIII, Section 1(f)(ii) — Referee Training, Requirement

~~Requirement: the Referee Scheduler shall work with USA Hockey's regional officiating staff to schedule an Officiating Classroom Seminar at the earliest rink availability at Bird Ice Arena to ensure there are sufficient local officials of various levels to referee games for all age divisions. Guidance and recommendations for training new and experienced officials are set forth in the Association Handbook.~~

Requirement: the Referee Scheduler shall work with USA Hockey's regional officiating staff to schedule an Officiating Classroom Seminar at Bird Ice Arena as needed to ensure there are sufficient local officials of various levels to referee games for all age divisions. Guidance and recommendations for training new and experienced officials are set forth in the Association Handbook.

Summary of Intent

These amendments collectively replace specific references to the Buckeye Travel Hockey League (BTHL) with league-neutral language authorizing participation in any USA Hockey sanctioned travel league as approved by the Board of Directors. OSHL references for the high school program remain unchanged. The amendments also: add High School to the list of divisions expected to field a travel team; add discretionary authority to establish a 16U travel team; clarify that the 8U prioritization standard differs from other age divisions; remove reference to the defunct Newark Invitational; simplify the 6U/8U tournament fee waiver language; retain the Marazon Memorial 8U Tournament as a mandatory event subject to resource and facility availability; remove the mandatory 10U Tournament requirement; authorize the Board to sponsor tournaments at any age division at its discretion; streamline the league representative contact requirement; and replace the rigid referee training scheduling requirement with an as-needed standard. No structural governance changes are made.

Questions or feedback may be directed to the Board of Directors at www.athenshockey.com during the member review period.