

CHC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2025, 7:00 pm Zoom only

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Directors present: All except: Elite, West Hartford

Board Officers present: President, Dawn Bryson; Secretary, Stephanie Secreto; Treasurer, Michael Federico

Other CHC Officials (non-voting) present: Girls Player Development, Ed Rodham; Registrar, Mary Turner; District Commissioner, Stefanie Mount; Referee in Chief, Kevin Redding; Website Admin, Mike McCullough; New England District, Sarah Fraser; Chuck Wilkerson; 12U Director, Sarah Waddle; Tournament Director, Matt Dutton; Grow the Game Director, Dave Fritz; Coaching Director, Mark Knapp; Goaltender Development, Matthew Allatin.

ACCEPT THE MINUTES A motion was made to accept the December meeting minutes, seconded, all in favor. The December meeting minutes are accepted.

REPORTS

President: Dawn Bryson – Discussed USA Hockey Winter meeting. It is a rule change year. The pdf of the new rules for 2025-2029 was emailed to all. USA Hockey raised their fees; the pdf of the new membership registration fees will be sent to all with the January minutes.

Vice President: Vacant

Secretary: Stephanie Secreto – Please sign in zoom chat to be recorded as present at the meeting. Discussed the procedure for submitting proposals. The procedure is posted on the CHC website. Proposed amendments must be submitted to the Secretary at least 10 days prior to a regularly scheduled CHC Board of Directors meeting. The Secretary shall submit the proposal to the Standing Rules Committee for review.

Treasurer: Michael Federico – Financial report: Currently still collecting development camp deposits. Tournament deposits are slow to come in. Only collected \$56k year to date, which is roughly half. Please communicate back to your board and treasurers that it is \$500 per declared team, 8u to 14u. There are still a lot of programs that have not yet submitted their deposits. Any questions please reach out to Mike. Mike mentioned that since Try Hockey for Free Day is Feb 22nd that it would be a great idea to have the kids wear their jerseys to school that Friday to promote interest.

Tournament Committee: Matt Dutton- There are approximately 500-600 games. Working with Dave, Sarah, Kevin and Mike F. to update the spreadsheets and keep it all organized so the players have a great experience. We have a few more ice slots to put into the spreadsheet and send to Kevin. CT is hosting the 15, 16 and 18 T1 Regionals during our CHC end of year Tournaments. You will get very young officials, especially at the 12u level, be mindful. Please be patient with the rankings as Albert is recovering. The tournament dates are finalized. The season ends on Feb 9th, the rankings should be completed shortly after that, then the brackets can be put together. Then the pdf file will get sent to presidents and reps for distribution to their families. All organizations that have sent bids in to host have been notified already. The original matrix was sent out in November.

Referee in Chief: Kevin Redding – Regarding the end of year tournaments, Matt Dutton is sending schedules to Kevin, and he tracks the number of games per day. Discussed that on March 8 and March 15 the state tournaments have over 60 games per day. CT is hosting the NED T1 regionals during this time as well. There are a lot of games these weekends and officials are assigned accordingly from NED Finals to State Championships, to Divisional, to non-tournament games. Officials will be stretched thin and there will be younger officials at the non-tournament games. All adults must take this into account and treat all officials respectfully. Host organizations need to have personnel that are trained on iPad gamesheets to assist. Please make sure all players have their neck laceration protectors and mouth guards as they are a requirement.

Disabled Hockey: Vacant

Webmaster: Mike McCullough- Regarding tournament play the plan is to use gamesheets and those results will be posted on CHC crossbar website. Mike F secured 13 iPads; Tournament hosts should supplement out a few more iPads to facilitate. It would be best to have two iPads per facility. CHC can supply 1 per tournament.

New England District/Team Connecticut: Sarah Fraser – Finishing up with CT tryouts with one age group left (2011s) in April. That registration is open on the website. An email has been sent through USA Hockey to all born in that birthyear with a CT zip code. Camp notifications are not out yet but are expected in the next few weeks. Playing rules changes pdf was emailed out to everyone. Sarah serves as chair of Playing Rules Committee for USA Hockey for the last few years. Some notable changes are: Off-sides and Icing rule change to youth 15o and above and girls 16u and above only. Neck Laceration Protectors will require HECC certification (BNQ certified for the next two seasons will be allowed). Cameras and microphones were added to list of prohibited devices by a player (results in misconduct). Goalies that accidentally shoot puck out of playing area will no longer receive mandatory minor penalty

Women's & Girls' Hockey: Ed Rodham – All the Girl's Tournament dates are posted on the CHC website. The first version of the guidebook was published. Finalized the 12u and 14uT1 schedules as those standings can't change by the end of the year. The 16u and 19u T1 will have a combined state and regional tournament in March. The 12u and 14u T2 are still in progress and the standings are subject to change. Tournaments will start on Feb 14th with 12uT2 through March 3rd when 14uT2 finishes. T3 dates are posted on CGHL.

Growth Coordinator: Dave Fritz – February 22nd is Try Hockey for Free day. Please reach out to Dave for information regarding this and possibly getting some USA Hockey swag for your programs. This coincides with Stadium Series Hockey and Four Nations Cup. This is a great way to get more kids on the ice. Shout out to Matt Allatin for a great job getting more goalies on the ice. They are working with Wonderland for another goalie training session in March. Mite event medals will be distributed soon, reach out to Dave with any concerns. Ipad training for gamesheet will be provided. A link will be sent out. Standings are being finalized now. Wonderland, East Haven, and Northford will have sportdeck installed for deck hockey this summer. This is a great way to bring in new players. Dave would like to set up a Tryout Committee to make sure any ambiguity is lost and there is buy-in from all organizations.

Goaltending Development: Try goalie event February 16 at 6:30pm at Newington. Registered with USA Hockey and link was sent out to all organizations. This first clinic is sold out (8u and instructional levels). Looking at a possible second event.

Marketing: – vacant

Coaching Education Program: Mark Knapp – Mike M. discussed items from USA Hockey winter meeting. New legislation for the 25/26 season for coaching is the addition of a 6u/8u module, any new coach that will be coaching just mites can take this module, it is good for 4 years. It is half the time and half the price. Existing mite coaches can continue to coach just mites with expired cep. If they advance beyond 8u they will need to take module 1. If you are a split season coach, you now need to be certified by 12/31 with proper cep level. We can't impose the 10/31 deadline. If a coach is redlined in the current year for not having the proper CEP this year, they will continue to be redlined the following year until they get their proper CEP completed. This includes all temp card holders. T1 13 only is now an official age classification. Twenty-two player rosters expanded to include T1 Youth 15o, 16u, 18u and Girls 19u. Vertical integration (T1) moved from pilot to rule expanded to girls 16 and 19u. T1 rosters must be submitted no later than October 15th. No new T1 teams for 2025/2026 and 2026/2027.

Registrar: Mary Turner – Shout out to Matt and Dave on their efforts to increase goalie numbers with development clinics and events. We have a problem with a goalie shortage and hope this helps to improve the situation. We had 79 coaches redlined this year and 7 temp cards approved. This number is too large, especially since we start in August telling coaches to obtain their CEPs. If a player is not on a roster, they cannot play. It doesn't matter if the teams are all T4, they are not interchangeable. There will be a book credentialing session on Tuesday, Feb 4th 5:30-9:30 pm at West Haven Italian American Club for Youth 14T1, 13o, Girls T1 19u, 16u, 14u, and 14T2. First come, first served. Reach out to Mary with any questions.

District Commissioners: Stefanie Mount – Programs have a responsibility to manage their players and parents. Hold your parents accountable, they all signed code of conduct. Per USA Hockey annual guide, T1 ID skates are illegal. The parents need to be aware of this.

Eligibility Committee: Mike F. - If you see an ODL (Outstanding Debtors List) issue brewing please address now. Names need to be provided to Mike F. by March 1st. Please be sure to communicate this back to your Presidents and Treasures to review receivables.

Safe Sport: No report.

Player Safety Coordinator: Mitch Beck- Report read by Stephanie S.- Regarding the concussion protocol cards and posters, most programs have yet to pick these up. All organizations please reach out to Mitch via CoachMitchBeck@gmail.com with the number of head coaches you have and the number of posters you would need for your rink. Materials can be picked up in Monroe by anyone in your organization.

OLD BUSINESS: Michael Serricchio/Riverhawks Proposal. Continued discussion regarding tryouts being held 1 day after end of State Tournaments for the 25/26 season. It was brought up that this should only apply to u10 and u12 levels as well as which level State Tournament end date this would refer to. A few organizations brought up having tryouts in August, which allows for mid-summer skating camps and physical growth. Continued discussion brought up the possibility of a Tryout Committee being formed to address all concerns. All CHC reps please bring this proposal information back to your organizations.

NEW BUSINESS: Anthony Guisto requested appeal of 48-hour rule after Nationals due to school vacation the next week, which would limit the number of days for tryouts. A. Guisto to send email to board. Brandon Johnson and Anthony Guisto discussed and forwarded a proposal to the Rules Committee regarding a U16/U18 below T2 State Tournament Division.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: At 8:40 pm, with no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn, seconded, all in favor.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 25, 2025, zoom only 7:00pm

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These are the rules regarding meeting attendance & good standing:

Article III Meetings

1. Each member program shall be represented at CHC Board Meetings by its designated representative, or in his absence, by an officer of the program, or by such representative designated in writing for that meeting. Duly represented member programs in Good Standing shall have the privilege to propose amendments to the Constitution, By-Laws, Policies and Rules, and vote on matters raised to the Board of Directors.

2. Regular Meetings will be held on the 4th Tuesday of each month, at 7:30 PM at the West Haven Italian American Club, Chase Lane, West Haven, Connecticut, unless otherwise decided by the Board of Directors.

3. The Annual Meeting shall be held in April, place and date to be determined by the Board of Directors.

4. Each member program shall be represented, as stipulated in paragraph (1) above, in at least 75% of all regularly scheduled monthly meetings. Should a member program fail to attend the minimum number of meetings, then a \$50 fine shall be added to that program's annual membership registration costs and such program shall not be considered to be in Good Standing. A member program may regain its status of Good Standing if subsequent to its loss of Good Standing, **it has attended three (3) consecutive regularly scheduled monthly meetings** or such sanction is lifted by petition to and majority vote of the Board of Directors, subject to the condition that if said member program has lost it status of Good Standing twice during the then-current season, the sanction can only be lifted by petition to and majority vote of the Board of Directors.

** Teams highlighted in RED are not currently in Good Standing, and teams highlighted in YELLOW are one absence away from being Not In Good Standing												11 Consecutive Meetings	Attendance
	2/27/2024	3/26/2024	4/23/2024	5/28/2024	6/25/2024	8/27/2024	9/24/2024	10/22/2024	11/26/2024	12/17/2024	1/28/2025	Total Absences	Percentage
Avon		A	A			A						3	72.73%
Central		A	A									2	81.82%
CT Chiefs	A	A			A	A						4	63.64%
CT Clippers (Whalers)				A								1	90.91%
CT Gamechange	A	Voted in Good Standing										0	100.00%
CT Hat Tricks												0	100.00%
CT Jr. Huskies							A	A				2	81.82%
CT Jr. Rangers		A		A		A						3	72.73%
CT Polar Bears		A										1	90.91%
CT Riverhawks		A	A		A	A				Good Standing		0	100.00%
Danbury Jr. Hat Tricks (Jr Whalers)												0	100.00%
Darien												0	100.00%
East Haven	A		A					A				3	72.73%
Echo						A						1	90.91%
Elite	A	A	Voted back in good standing	A	A				A	A	A	5	54.55%
Enfield	A									A		2	81.82%
Greater New Haven					A		A					2	81.82%
Greenwich Cardinals	A	A	A			A		A	A			6	45.45%
Greenwich Skating Club			A			A						2	81.82%
Hamden		A										1	90.91%
Hartford Jr. Wolfpack												0	100.00%
Mid Fairfield					A	A						2	81.82%
New Canaan		A	A	A			A	A				5	54.55%
Northern CT Hockey												1	90.91%
Northwestern	A			A								2	81.82%
Norwich HC										A		1	90.91%
Pawling	A		A	A			Good Standing					0	100.00%
Putnam												0	100.00%
Ridgefield	A	A				A	A		Voted in Good Standing			0	100.00%
Salisbury	A		A			A			Voted in Good Standing	A		1	90.91%
Shoreline Sharks			A									1	90.91%
Simsbury						A						1	90.91%
South Windsor												0	100.00%
Southeastern												0	100.00%
Southern		A										1	90.91%
Stamford		A				A						2	81.82%

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2025-26 MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FEES

(Registration opens on April 1, 2025)

Players by Birth Year* Fee

2006 & Older	\$52
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2007-2012	\$79
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2013-2016	\$69
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2017-2018	\$56
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2019 & Younger	\$17
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Coaches

All Levels	\$52
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Officials

Level 1	\$55
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Level 2, 3, 4	\$110
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Affiliated, non-skating	\$45
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Volunteers/Administrators

No Fee

*Age as of Dec. 31, 2025