

LINCOLN LAND HIGH SCHOOL PREP HOCKEY LEAGUE (LLPHL)

ARTICLE I. NAME AND AFFILIATION

The name of this corporation shall be **Lincoln Land High School Prep Hockey League** ("LLPHL"). LLPHL shall be affiliated with **AHAI** and **USA Hockey**.

ARTICLE II. OFFICES

2.1 Principal Office The principal office of LLPHL shall be in the State of Illinois. LLPHL may have such other offices, either within or outside Illinois, as the business of the corporation may require.

2.2 Registered Office The registered office required by the General Not-For-Profit Corporation Act may, but need not, be identical with the principal office. The Board of Directors may change the registered office address from time to time.

ARTICLE III. PURPOSES

3.1 Develop, encourage, and regulate high school ice hockey in Illinois for the benefit of students and schools, making the sport available at the lowest possible cost. **3.2** Encourage sportsmanship and playing proficiency among all high school players. **3.3** Obtain future recognition of hockey as a sanctioned high school sport. **3.4** Encourage academic and athletic excellence. **3.5** Affiliate with and register all teams with USA Hockey. **3.6** Conduct high school hockey tournaments and sanction teams for participation. **3.7** Secure financial assistance and receive gifts/donations for league purposes. **3.8** Perform all acts necessary or desirable to further these purposes.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERS

4.1 Annual Meeting Held each year, no later than June 30, for transaction of league business.

4.2 Membership Members consist of all amateur high school varsity ice hockey teams (AHAI) as defined in LLPHL Rules and Regulations and USA Hockey By-Laws, plus any additional teams placed under LLPHL jurisdiction.

4.3 Special Meetings May be called by the President or a majority of the Board of Directors.

4.4 Place of Meeting The President may designate any location within Illinois.

4.5 Notice of Meetings Written notice stating place, day, time, and agenda must be delivered at least seven (7) days prior. Mailed notice is deemed delivered when deposited in U.S. mail.

4.6 Quorum 50% of eligible voting member clubs constitutes a quorum. If less than 50% are present, a majority of those present may adjourn. If a quorum is present, a majority vote of represented teams constitutes action.

4.7 Voting Votes are cast by the official designated spokesperson unless another representative is designated in writing. No proxy voting. Votes may be by voice or written ballot. All votes are public record and recorded by the Secretary.

4.8 Voting Disputes Any dispute regarding vote validity or results shall be decided by the Board of Directors. A majority vote of the Board (with quorum) is binding.

ARTICLE V. DIRECTORS

5.1 General Powers The Board manages the business and affairs of LLPHL.

5.2 Specific Powers The Board may develop, implement, and enforce rules, policies, procedures, incentives, and penalties. The Board may appoint Directors Emeriti (non-voting).

5.3 Number, Tenure, Vacancies The Board shall not exceed nine (9) elected Directors, excluding Ex-Officio members.

5.4 Officers Officers include:

- President
- Vice President(s)
- Treasurer
- League Scheduler
- Secretary/ Registrar
- Alumni-At-Large
- Head Of Officials
- Rules & Discipline Chairman

5.4.1 President

Chief executive officer; presides over meetings; supervises affairs; signs authorized documents; represents LLPHL at meetings; serves as spokesperson; appoints committee chairs; ex-officio on all committees.

5.4.2 Vice President(s)

Acts in absence or inability of President. If multiple Vice Presidents exist, order of designation or election determines succession.

5.4.3 Treasurer

Responsible for funds, receipts, deposits, and financial records. Provides annual financial report (balance sheet and income statement). Performs duties assigned by President or Board.

5.4.4 Secretary / Registrar

Keeps minutes; ensures notices are properly given; maintains records; keeps contact registry; performs duties assigned by President or Board.

5.4.5 League Scheduler

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Works with programs to provide league schedule; resolves scheduling conflicts.

5.4.6 Alumni-At-Large

Former team representative with no child currently in the league.

5.4.7 Head of Officials

Must be an IHOA-certified official. Coordinates officials for games and communicates on-ice issues.

5.6 Nomination Procedure Nominations may be made from the floor or by a nominating committee. Must occur no later than April.

5.7 Election Held at annual meeting. Directors may succeed themselves. May be elected from inside or outside member teams. Other officers appointed by President and approved by Board. Australian ballot system used. Absentee ballots available upon written request.

5.8 Removal Directors may be removed by 2/3 Board vote or 3/4 member team vote.

5.9 Vacancies Filled by majority Board vote for remainder of term.

5.10 Regular Meetings Held before or after the annual meeting. Additional meetings may be scheduled by Board resolution.

5.11 Notice Notice may be delivered personally, by mail, telegram, telephone, or electronic mail. Attendance constitutes waiver of notice.

5.12 Voting Each director has one vote. No proxy voting.

5.13 Quorum Majority of Directors constitutes quorum.

5.14 Manner of Acting Majority vote of Directors present (with quorum) constitutes action.

5.15 Other Duties Board hears appeals, resolves disputes, and handles matters defined in bylaws or Rules & Regulations.

5.16 Parliamentary Procedure Roberts Rules of Order govern meetings unless modified by bylaws.

5.17 Exoneration from Personal Liability Full indemnification provided except in cases of willful neglect or default.

ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES

6.1 Standing Committees President appoints Rules Committee, Disciplinary Committee, and others as needed.

6.1.1 Rules & Disciplinary Committee

Jurisdiction over hearings, appeals, infractions, and competitive matters. Majority constitutes quorum.

6.1.2 Authority

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May suspend, place on probation, or impose sanctions. Decisions final unless appealed per Rules & Regulations.

6.1.3 Responsibilities

Reviews playing rules, LLPHL Rules & Regulations, and proposed changes; makes recommendations to Board. Majority constitutes quorum.

ARTICLE VII. FINANCES

7.1 Contracts Board may authorize officers or agents to execute contracts.

7.2 Loans No loans may be contracted without Board resolution.

7.3 Checks, Drafts, etc. Must be signed by authorized officers or agents.

7.4 Deposits Funds deposited in insured depositories selected by Board.

ARTICLE VIII. WAIVER OF NOTICE

Written waiver signed by entitled persons is equivalent to notice.

ARTICLE IX. RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES

9.1 Resolution Handled by Board under USA Hockey bylaws regarding jurisdiction and arbitration.

9.2 Civil or Injunctive Action Any member filing civil action against USA Hockey or LLPHL is immediately suspended/disqualified.

ARTICLE X. FORMAT FOR CHANGING BYLAWS

10.1 Proposals No proposals accepted after season begins. Must be submitted in writing to President and Secretary. Considered at next Board meeting.

10.2 Meetings Amendments may be considered at regular or special meetings. Notice must include proposed amendment.

10.3 Action Majority vote of Directors present (with quorum) approves or rejects amendments.

ARTICLE XI. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

11.1 High School Player Requirements Players must be amateurs, full-time students (grades 9–12), under age 20 on Dec. 31, not exceeding eight consecutive semesters, enrolled and attending the designated school.

11.1.2 Transferring Students

- 30-day wait if student did **not** try out or play for previous school's team.
- 1-year wait if student **did** try out or play for previous school's team. Applies to public and private transfers.

11.1.3 Home School / Online Students

Must provide proof of enrollment in accredited program and proof of residency within public-school boundaries. Private schools do not have boundaries. Eligibility requires full load of classes for four consecutive years. Must notify High School Committee Chair and provide documentation.

11.2 Players not attending high school or in their fifth year are ineligible. **11.3** Junior hockey players are ineligible. AAA Tier 1 players may not play JV. **11.4** Players owing past monies may not participate until resolved. **11.5 Suspensions / Academics**

- **11.5.1** School suspension = no LLPHL participation.
- **11.5.2** Must take required number of classes.
- **11.5.3** Must inform club of suspensions; failure results in R&D review.
- **11.5.4** Parents must ensure academic performance; players withheld if not meeting expectations.

ARTICLE XII. TEAM RULES AND ASSIGNMENTS

12.1 Teams/players must be properly registered with USA Hockey and AHAI. Rosters must be completed before first league game. **12.2** Coaches must meet USA Hockey and AHAI certification requirements. **12.3** No cutting of players; all eligible players must be invited. **12.4** Clubs with only enough players for one team must play Varsity unless granted exception. **12.5** Players must play for the affiliated club of their school. **12.6** Homeschool players play for their public-school boundary team.

12.7 Cross-Roster Varsity Rules

12.7.1 Players must come from same school/program. **12.7.2** Players may play up on Varsity. **12.7.3** Max 15 cross-roster players per club. **12.7.4** Non-cross-rostered players are frozen to Varsity or JV. **12.7.5** JV team not eligible for State Varsity Invitational. **12.7.6** JV players may join Varsity for state tournament. **12.7.7** To be postseason-eligible, players must play 50% of Varsity regular-season games.

ARTICLE XIII. GAME ADMISSION FEES

13.1 Home team sets admission cost; fee not required. **13.2** Fee may not exceed \$5 per person. **13.3** Home team keeps all collected money.

ARTICLE XIV. ASSIGNMENT OF HIGH SCHOOLS

Decatur

- Macon
- Christian
- Moultrie
- Shelby

Pekin

- Pekin Community HS
- Tremont HS
- Dee-Mack
- Midwest Central
- Illini Bluffs
- Delavan

Suburban

- Bureau
- Fulton
- Henry
- Knox
- Partial Marshall (west of Illinois River)
- Peoria
- Stark County HS
- Peoria Notre Dame

East River

- La Salle
- Partial Marshall (east of Illinois River)
- Mason
- Putnam
- Partial Tazewell (East Peoria, Morton, Washington)
- Partial Woodford (west of I-39)

MCYHA

- DeWitt
- Livingston
- Logan
- McLean
- Partial Woodford (east of I-39)
- Beecher
- Bishop Mac
- Bradley Bourbonnais
- Clifton

Glenwood

- Williamsville
- Riverton
- Tri-City
- Auburn
- Nokomis
- North Mac
- Pawnee
- Athens
- Glenwood
- New Berlin
- Waverly
- PORTA
- Jacksonville
- Lincolnwood
- North Green
- Winchester
- Tripoia

Sacred Heart

- Springfield High
- Lanphier
- Southeast
- Lutheran
- SHG
- Rochester
- Pleasant Plains
- Routt

Champaign

- Danville HS
- Villa Grove HS
- Bismarck HS
- Westville HS
- St. Joe HS
- Champaign Central HS
- Champaign Centennial HS
- Mahomet-Seymour HS
- Monticello HS
- Unity HS
- St. Thomas More