

MAHSHL By-Laws

Mid America Amateur Hockey, operating as the Mid America High School Hockey League (MAHSHL), shall be recognized as the official designation for this organization, a Not-For-Profit Corporation established within the State of Missouri.

The Corporation shall maintain offices at locations determined by the Board of Directors.

The objectives for which the Corporation is established include, but are not restricted to, the following:

- A. To institute and sustain a structured program for high school-aged youth within the sport of ice hockey.
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- B. To elevate the standards of play and conduct within ice hockey competitions at the high school level.
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- C. To cultivate sportsmanship and enhance playing proficiency among high school-aged participants in the sport of ice hockey.
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- D. To pursue these objectives in a manner that renders ice hockey competition enjoyable, a continuous educational opportunity, and encourages the expansion of healthy competition at the high school level.
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- E. To establish a league framework for varsity and junior varsity competitions among scholastic institutions, from which a league champion shall be declared.
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- F. To formulate a competitive ice hockey program that aligns with the principles and ideals of the Missouri High School Athletic Association, with the aim of future recognition as a sanctioned varsity sport.
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- G. To execute all actions deemed necessary or desirable to advance these purposes and the development of ice hockey.

Membership shall be conferred upon institutions that satisfy the following qualifications:

- Membership is extended to any high school, or combination thereof, that submits an application and receives approval from the Board of Directors.
- Members are obligated to remit an annual fee, as determined by the Board of Directors, and to adhere to the league's by-laws and the decisions rendered by the Board of Directors.
- Members in good standing are eligible for competition within the league and tournament structure, which determines the champion.
- The Board of Directors shall be responsible for managing the property and affairs of MAHSHL, endowed with comprehensive authority to supervise, control, direct, and manage its affairs, subject only to limitations imposed by law, the Articles of Incorporation, or the Bylaws. The Board shall formulate policies, execute lawful actions, and exercise its powers and franchises, ensuring that all income and property are utilized exclusively for not-for-profit objectives. A substantial portion of MAHSHL's activities shall not include propaganda or attempts to influence legislation, nor shall it

participate in political campaigning. No net earnings or assets shall accrue to the benefit of any Member, director, officer, contributor, or private individual.

- The Board of Directors shall consist of six members, each of whom shall serve until the subsequent annual meeting. Thirty days prior to the annual meeting, the incumbent directors shall appoint six new directors, who must be Team Representatives. Three directors shall be selected from Members located within the Kansas City Metropolitan Statistical Area, and three from outside this area. Members shall formally approve the appointed directors at the annual meeting. This process shall continue until a Board is duly approved. Members may formally designate new Team Representatives in writing.
- The Board shall meet at least annually, following the annual meeting of Members.
- The Board of Directors is empowered to:
 - a. Elect necessary officers.
 - b. Employ or appoint personnel.
 - c. Appoint personnel for supervising ice hockey play.
 - d. Adopt rules for play.
 - e. Conduct, coordinate, and prescribe competition format.
 - f. Impose sanctions for rule violations.
 - g. Manage financial affairs and assess membership.
 - h. Determine policy and administer operations.

Directors excessively absent or prejudicial to MAHSHL may face removal by a two-thirds vote after a hearing.

The Executive Committee, selected by the Board, shall consist of elected officers. Officers' terms begin upon appointment and end at the next annual meeting. Geographical distribution is desired, limiting one officer per Member.

Officers include a President, Vice-Presidents, and a Secretary-Treasurer. The Board may appoint a Commissioner and Referee-in-Chief.

The Executive Committee operates on behalf of MAHSHL in the interim between Board meetings.

Officers are vested with specific responsibilities:

- a. President: Serves as the chief executive officer, overseeing affairs, presiding at meetings, executing contracts, and representing MAHSHL.
- b. Vice President(s): Acts in the President's absence and supervises committees.
- c. Secretary: Maintains minutes, manages official notices, records, and documents.
- d. Treasurer: Manages funds and securities, receives payments, and deposits monies.

The Executive Committee adjudicates disputes and appeals concerning league operations. Officers may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors, and any resultant vacancies shall be filled by the Board.

Official action necessitates a majority of a quorum. The Board quorum is defined as one more than half of its members; the Executive Committee quorum is similarly defined as one more than half of its members.

By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Board, provided that ten days' prior written notice is issued to each director.

Officers, directors, employees, or agents are entitled to indemnification for liabilities incurred in the performance of their duties on behalf of MAHSHL.

A protest concerning a game official's ruling may be lodged by the team coach or representative through an endorsement on the score sheet, which must be signed and dated. The Commissioner will issue a written response within five days, forwarding said response to the Team Representatives and the league President. This response may be appealed to the Executive Committee via email, and they shall provide a reply within ten days.