

**Casper Amateur Hockey Club
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday June 24, 2025
EMP Office, Casper Wy**

Call to Order @ 6:32

Members Present: Samm Lemp, Kera Bullard, Travis St John, Calvin George, Gene Duquette, Jess Howard, Brad Cannon, Jamie Frick, Mike Barager, Tiffaney Malson

Absent: Angela Diaz, Brad Reinhart, Mike Blanda

Employees: Jami Warner, Austin Lee

Motion: Approval of May minutes: Gene Duquette made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, and Brad Cannon seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

Officer Reports:

President Report- Travis St John- 2nd sheet of ice- made progress. Total cost 15million, hopefully a little less. We are sticking to our limit of 10 mil and the city needs to come up with in kind donations for 1.8mil. The city is contributing 3.2million. Not require us to put the max of seating, parking for 200 seats in the beginning. Samson is working to update numbers with engineers. Life expectancy for the current ice rink is 5 years. Travis has told them that we should not be responsible for that update. HTG is working on updating drawings that will give us a new fly through and pictures for the new facility. Contract for the architect work- 200K most that we spend going forward with the contract. Making a motion for the signing of the new agreement for HTG- \$568,000 to be paid with donor money and not savings. Brad Cannon makes the motion to accept the contract and for it to be shared with the group, Kera seconds motion for the contract. Motion passed and was approved unanimously.

Treasurer/Finance Report- Kera Bullard- financials sent by email: Will attach report to minutes, both April and May

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MOTION: Treasures report for April- Gene Duquette made motion to accept report, Tiffaney Malson seconded the motion. Motion passed and was approved.

Treasurers report for May- Jess Howard made a motion to approve the financials, Gene D seconded the motion. Motion passed and was approved. \$7842.47- book is reflecting that double check.

Finance report- 5 to 7 players that are not a travel team and they were invited to play in the home tournaments and shared in the credits but not the expenses. We need a guideline in place for this in the future. These players should pay a pro-rated amount moving forward. **Refer to the policy League and teams- I starred in the section.**

When using a club debit card, please make sure to provide a club tax exempt form. HS state- all players got a credit to their accounts- seniors credit will just sit there unless they have siblings to roll over to. 12 seniors this year, 2 of them have younger siblings. 10 seniors that will still have a credit. Current policy is that the credits would roll into our scholarship account.

\$1,297.93 total credits for the seniors. What do we do with the larger credits? Travis thinks we just need to cut checks back to these families.

Executive Director Report- Jami Warner- Worked with Austin on summer skills- ways to get more kids involved. Each week reducing the rates by \$20. Goalie sessions- Austin kept 3 of the 6. Working with Angela on the accounts, trying to get everything to match. Kera, Jami and Angela are reaching out to families. Worked with Chad on the Mile High Mites program. The city provides 10 grants to children that want to attend the mile high mites program. Angela and Jami are still working with Mike on the coaching credits. Working with Billie for the ref in chief next season. New person with the ref'r system and they are working with them to get this going. Sports engine bought crossbar. Getting things ready for registration. We will open up registration July 11th this year, 2025- 2026.

Coaching Committee- Mike Barager- He did not want to open an application until after the deadline. Travis wants to move forward with the current applicants and follow up with them individually

Coach applications for 2025-2026 Season:

Mike Davenport- 6u-8u- Mike Barager makes motions, Brad C seconds motion for the 2025-2026 season, motion passes.

10u- none at this time: Eric Marvel, Shane Zeidler- possible recruits.

12u- Justin Orr-Mike Barager makes motions, Brad C seconds motion for the 2025-2026 season, motion passes.

14u- Allen Holmes-Mike Barager makes motions, Brad C seconds motion for the 2025-2026 season, motion passes.

HS- Austin Lee-Mike Barager makes motions, Brad C seconds motion for the 2025-2026 season, motion passes.

Girls- Aubrey Richardson-Mike Barager makes motions, Brad C seconds motion for the 2025-2026 season, motion passes.

Douglas girls have to register with the Oilers moving forward. Jami stated that we could pay for the girls ice time in Douglas, if that is the problem with them registering with the Oilers.

Austin- May and June

May was slow- Golf tournament, working with Jami for Summer Skills

June- summer skills started. 4weeks with 10u and 12u and 3weeks for 14u. 30kids registered in total for summer. Kept HS goalie sessions, cancelled 10u and 12u goalie sessions. Meeting with huddle on 6/24/2025- Austin will be putting in to buy the autonomous camera which will cost \$900 per camera. It will livestream through huddle, records the game and automatically uploads the game. \$1300 per team with 7 accounts.

Mike Barager makes motion to buy the new tracking camera from huddle and Calvin George second motion, motion approved.

Austin submitted an application for the head coach position. Summer Skillz will be off for the next 2 weeks for July 4th and parade day. August 21st summer skills will end. Austin has not had any more luck with the Rocky Mountain Hockey Federation. They have 2 showcase tournaments and Austin thinks there is an opportunity that we could get in with them for the showcase weekends.

Discipline Committee- Jamie Frick- None

Bylaw/Policy- Samm Lemp- None

Club Operations- Tiffaney Malson

6/2/2025

Casper Parade Day- July 8th

Theme: Cowboy Beachin

Application and money already sent in

Calvin- Truck and Trailer - park at Mike Blanda's shop (1850 South Loop ave)

Stock Tanks- water guns- have kids bring them that day

Decorations- Jami will order the items we need. Hand out otter pops or candy and where we should store them. Do we have the banner in storage? Calvin will see if someone would donate sand. Umbrella or some sort of shade.

When to decorate- July 6th and 7th starting at 3pm on Sunday

Kids participation- Jami can send out email soon. Email to include making hockey sticks into horses. Email has been sent out

Make open house flyers to hand out.

Do we need a banner?

Participation sign up- do we have people that have signed up

Golf Tournament- Mike Blanda suggested partnering with API

Highway cleanup- do we still need to do it and if so can we organize it differently

What are we committed to doing for the highway cleanup- Jami will find out

Calvin will take over the community outreach. Try finding events that are easy to plan for and organize.

Why event for the next meeting

Unfinished Business-

New Business-

Referee Mentor- Referee mentor- Joe C asked if he could be our new referee mentor.

How much does he charge? Jamie Frick thinks that this falls under Billie's job

description. We can ask Billie about it and see if he wants Joe's help. Joe C caused

issues with our ref's last year and Jamie F is comfortable with this idea. Jami will defer to Billie as our ref in chief and then ask him to have a discussion with us

Fundraising with the 2025 Duck Derby- Nic Whipps- asked if we would like to sell the tickets and get a percentage of the tickets we have sold. Travis feels like we already fundraised enough. It is tough to participate in this since the season is over and we do not have access to the kids this time.

Eric and Adam Maiers reached out to Mike Barager and recommended Jim Bechtel for hall of fame, he passed away in 2021. They asked if we could do something for him during his wife's memorial- which has already happened. Mike can ask them to resubmit a nomination, he will reach back out to them

Clay Wilson- Discuss shortening 8u season by a couple of weeks

Requirement for the A team as a requirement.

Will table this until the next meeting

Proposals for the WAHA/WAHL 2025 board meeting- I attached the results of the board meeting. I also highlighted how we voted on each proposal.

Proposal #1 (Submitted by Joe Calanchini) *Did Not Pass*

Regulation (Heading, Title & Numbers)

WAHL Rules and Regs VII

Reference (sub-section); Paragraph/Line #'s

ii Competitive Levels

Current Wording

ii. Competitive levels will be formed if the quality of teams at an age group classification permits

Specific Wording of Proposal

Competitive levels will be formed for state tournament based on recorded standings and differentials

Intent of Proposal

Help to prevent teams declaring lower skill divisions to win state championships.

NO

Proposal #2 (Submitted by Joe Calanchini) *Did Not Pass*

Regulation (Heading, Title & Numbers)

WAHL VII Competition

Reference (sub-section); Paragraph/Line #'s

V a

Current Wording

At the 10U, 12U and 14U age divisions any local program shall field an A or B team, or both. Where an adequate number and talent pool of players within a local program's age division exists (recommended minimum of 24 players), local programs shall roster a minimum of two (2) teams. The local association may choose based on the talent level of the teams to declare 2 A teams, 2 B teams or an A and a B team. It is recommended each team have twelve (12) unique players (players may be counted on only one roster for the purposes of team calculation).

Where an adequate number and talent pool of players within a local programs age division does NOT exist to support a competitive A team, the local program shall field a single B team. Additional teams may be formed by local programs as needed.

Specific Wording of Proposal

At the 10u, 12u and 14u age divisions any local program shall field 1 or more teams. Where an adequate number and talent pool of players within a local program's age division exists (recommended minimum of 24 players), local programs shall roster a minimum of two (2) teams. A or B divisions will be decided after the regular season and before the state tournament.

Intent of Proposal

Help to even playing field for all teams

NO

Proposal #3 (Submitted by Joe Calanchini) *Did Not Pass*

Regulation (Heading, Title & Numbers)

VII Competition

Reference (sub-section); Paragraph/Line #'s

VIII Declaration a

Current Wording

a. Team declarations must be received in writing (2) weeks before the scheduling meeting. The declarations are sent to the WAHL Scheduler.

Specific Wording of Proposal

Team declarations and rosters including players stats from the previous season must be received in writing (2) weeks before the scheduling meeting. The declarations are sent to the WAHL Scheduler and appropriate Age Director. Any roster with 5 or more players on A or higher travel teams will be placed in A division.

Intent of Proposal

Help to place teams in proper division.

NO

Proposal #4 (Submitted by Joe Calanchini) Passed

Regulation (Heading, Title & Numbers)

WAHL Standings

Reference (sub-section); Paragraph/Line #'s

b WAHL Playoff and State Championship iv k

Current Wording

k. For the WAHL 14U, 16U 18U, and 19U Girls' playoffs, consolation, and championship games, a four (4) man officiating team is required.

Specific Wording of Proposal

For the WAHL 16U, 18U, and 19U Girls' playoffs, consolation, and championship games, a four (4) man officiating team is required. For the WAHL 14U championship games, a four (4) man officiating team is required.

Intent of Proposal

Lower cost for hosting association

NO

Proposal #5 (Submitted by Joe Calanchini) Did Not Pass

Regulation (Heading, Title & Numbers)

XVI XVI. ADDITIONAL SUSPENSIONS, MAJOR PENALTY SUSPENSIONS, AND MATCH PENALTY SUSPENSIONS

Reference (sub-section); Paragraph/Line #'s

e Additional Coach or Player Suspension

Current Wording

Any coach or player who receives a game misconduct under USA Hockey rule 601 d, abuse of an official, will receive an additional 2 game suspension in addition to USA Hockey mandatory suspension.

Specific Wording of Proposal

Any coach or player who receives a game misconduct under USA Hockey rule 601 d, abuse of an official, will receive an additional 2 game suspension in addition to USA Hockey mandatory suspension.

Intent of Proposal

Prevent abuse of new and experienced officials and help to grow our officials' numbers.

NO

Proposal #6 (Submitted by Joe Calanchini) Passed

Regulation (Heading, Title & Numbers)

VII Competition

Reference (sub-section); Paragraph/Line #'s

iv

Current Wording

iv. It is the responsibility of each Age Director to maintain the competitive integrity of each level within his/her age classification. The Age Director shall decide if reassignment of a team to a higher or lower level will establish competitive balance. The Age Director's decision is final.

Specific Wording of Proposal

iv. It is the responsibility of each Age Director to maintain the competitive integrity of each level within his/her age classification. The Age Director shall establish a competitive division balance before the state tournament based on standings and/or differential. The Age Director's decision is final.

Intent of Proposal

Create the most competitive state tournaments possible

YES

Proposal #7 (Submitted by Barrie Matthews) Fine of \$2500 passed, not eligible for state Failed

Regulation (Heading, Title & Numbers)

XVIII FAILURE TO APPEAR/FORFEITURE

Reference (sub-section); Paragraph/Line #'s

b/c

Current Wording

With the exception of the 10U age division, the offending team or local program who failed to appear shall pay a one-thousand dollar (\$1000) fine for ice time and referees fees for the failure to appear at game(s) in addition to the forfeit of game(s) Payment of the fine is required within thirty (30) days after the failure to appear.

Specific Wording of Proposal

With the exception of the 10U age division, the offending team or local program who failed to appear shall pay a two-thousand five hundred dollars (\$2500) (OR MORE) fine for ice time and referees fees for the failure to appear at game(s) in addition to the forfeit of game(s) Payment of the fine is required within thirty (30) days after the failure to appear.

Intent of Proposal

\$1,000 dollars is nothing for a team of 20 hockey players. That is \$50 dollars per player, the gas to travel would be more than that. The planning and preparation of the teams hosting games far exceeds \$1,000. The economic impact removed from the community is tens of thousands of dollars in hotels and business to local proprietors. We are allowing teams to simply pay rather than travel. I also believe the team should be ineligible for the state tournament EVEN if they pay the fine. The travel is reciprocal every year and the team you are playing normally traveled to your community the year prior.

YES- as long as it is enforced- where does the money go?

Proposal #8 (Submitted by Paul Brunner) Passed**Regulation (Heading, Title & Numbers)**

XVII League Scheduling

Reference (sub-section); Paragraph/Line #'s

f.

Current Wording

The WAHL Scheduling Meeting will be held on the last Saturday of September for the upcoming season. WAHL Championship weekends will be set by August 1st and the bids for state submitted by December 15. State bids will be awarded at the schedulers meeting.

Specific Wording of Proposal

The WAHL Scheduling Meeting will be held on the last Saturday of September for the upcoming season. WAHL Championship weekends will be set by August 1st and the bids for state submitted by time of team declarations. State bids will be awarded at the WAHL Scheduling Meeting.

YES

Intent of Proposal

Removing Dec 15th date for deadline on submittals off state. This is too late into the season and creates significant scheduling issues. Many rinks have already sold their ice to for state dates by this time and this rule has cause significant difficulty allowing associations to host state.

Proposal #9 (Submitted by Paul Brunner) Failed**Regulation (Heading, Title & Numbers)**

n/a

Reference (sub-section); Paragraph/Line #'s

n/a

Current Wording

n/a

New proposal**Specific Wording of Proposal**

State Entry fee: Each player attending a state tournament shall pay an entrance fee of \$5. This will be paid at the beginning of the tournament, to the treasurer of the hosting association. The entrance will be paid before any games are played for the team they are playing with. This fee is intended to assist the hosting association cover costs of hosting the state tournament. This fee will not be allowed to increase.

Intent of Proposal

Intent to help local associations cover costs for hosting staging. Hosting state should not cost associations to go into the red, but should have costs covered and accrue some profit. I do not intend for associations to significantly profit, however I hope this will help draw more associations to want to apply to host state

NO

Proposal #10 (Submitted by Paul Brunner – This will not be voted on, as this is a WAHA policy, not a WAHL issue. We will entertain a short discussion period for feedback.) will be reviewed by committee

Regulation (Heading, Title & Numbers)

Player Development

Reference (sub-section); Paragraph/Line #'s

Page 8 of the annual guide

Current Wording

At the conclusion of the camp, some players may be chosen to advance to a Northern Plains Player Development Camp.

Specific Wording of Proposal

At the conclusion of the camp, some players may be chosen to advance to a Northern Plains Player Development Camp. Players must be in attendance of the development camp to be considered for Northern Plains Development Camp.

Intent of Proposal

I have had a significant amount of people complain to me that players were given Northern Plains camp positions and they were not even in attendance at the development camp. I was in attendance at Girls camp and witnessed this myself. Girls camp in particular, multiple girls were sent to Northern Plains that had no reason for not being at camp other than they had other activities they were attending. To be considered for Northern Plains a player should be at the development camp or a lot of people are starting to say why should they even come to development camp and hope for a spot at Northern Plains if it's just given away to someone who didn't even come. There can be NO variation from this or the Team WY development program will even further see low numbers in attendance.

YES

Proposal #11 (Submitted by Nick Marty) Failed

Regulation (Heading, Title & Numbers)

VII. Competition

Reference (sub-section); Paragraph/Line #'s

a,v

Current Wording

The local association may choose based on based on the talent level of the teams to declare 2 A teams, 2 B teams, or an A and a B team.

Specific Wording of Proposal

At the 10u, 12u, and 14u age divisions, the local association may choose based on the talent level of the teams to declare 2 A teams, 2 B teams, or an A and a B team. For the HS level, the first team declared by an association shall compete in the Varsity Division. Where an association is able to field a second team, that team shall be declared a JV, or B team. JV teams shall play a majority of their regular season schedule in the JV division, playing at least four games against other JV teams. Where an organization fields only one HS level team, that team shall play a majority of their schedule against other Varsity division teams, and shall compete at the Varsity State Tournament.

Intent of Proposal

The intent of this rule is to, where possible, match younger lower level teams with each other, allowing a more closely matched level of play to encourage development at the JV level. I. The final standings for the 2024-2025 season, the five true JV teams, being the five teams that were the organizations second HS team, were also the five lowest in the standings. These players will benefit more by playing each other

than from playing teams that would have been competitive at the Varsity level. There is also a large gap physically and intellectually between an 18 year old senior, playing full contact hockey against a 15 year old freshman. In many larger population areas, this is solved by having a 16u division, in addition to an 18u or Varsity HS division. While this is not avoidable in an association that fields only one HS team, this rule would reduce those mismatches where possible. The younger players will benefit from a more consistent and closer level of competition, reducing blowout scores and keeping younger players more engaged and less likely to be injured by older players, and retaining more of those younger players who may otherwise become discouraged and stop playing.

In short, the first HS level team in any organization shall declare as Varsity. Where an organization has enough players to declare two HS rosters, the first team shall declare Varsity, and that organization's second team shall declare JV. JV teams shall play each other for a majority of their regular season schedule. For the purposes of the State Tournament, only true JV teams (declared as an organization's second HS team) shall play in the JV division. For organizations rostering only one HS team, that team shall compete in the Varsity State Tournament.

NO

Proposal #12 (Submitted by Justin Hesser) Passed

Regulation (Heading, Title & Numbers)

V. Rules and Regulations Changes

Reference (sub-section); Paragraph/Line #'s

Entire Section

Current Wording

- a. Rule changes may be ratified every three years at the Annual WAHA meeting. The next rules meeting will be April 2022.
- b. All changes are to be sent to the President of every local program and all governing bodies, including all WAHL participants, fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the annual meeting.
- c. Ratified changes shall be effective September 1st of the following hockey season.
- d. All changes shall be dated and signed by the WAHA Secretary and the WAHL Commissioner.
- e. Original signed WAHL documentation will be held by the WAHA Secretary.

Specific Wording of Proposal

V. Rules and Regulations Changes

a. Establishment of Ad Hoc Rule Committee

- i. The WAHL Commissioner shall establish an ad hoc rule committee (the "Committee") to evaluate and propose rule changes as needed to ensure safety, fairness, and growth of hockey within the WAHL. The Committee may propose rule changes to the WAHA/WAHL Board at any board meeting, provided the Committee determines a change is appropriate based on safety, fairness, growth, or the mission of WAHA and WAHL. Except for rule changes proposed by the Committee no rule changes shall be allowed or proposed except for during the triennial rule change process as set forth in subsection (b).
- ii. The Committee shall consist of at least five individuals and up to seven individuals composed of the following:
 - (a) At least two local association presidents;
 - (b) At least two WAHL age directors; and
 - (c) At least one other WAHL officer (e.g. Commissioner, Vice Commissioner, Ref-in-Chief, etc).

iii. The Committee shall only be required to meet to discuss interim rule changes when needed, and meetings may be in person or virtual.

b. Triennial Rule Changes

i. Any local association through its president, WAHL officers, and WAHL age directors may propose rule changes during the triennial rule change process that occurs every three years at the WAHA/WAHL annual meeting.

ii. Proposed rule changes during the triennial rule change process shall be submitted at least 14 days prior to the date of the annual meeting.

iii. Any rule changes adopted through the triennial rule change process shall be effective September 1 of the following hockey season.

Intent of Proposal

Purpose: The purpose of this rule is to establish a formal process whereby rules can be changed outside of the triennial rule change process. It requires the Commissioner to establish a committee that can review rules and propose changes during the interim. Any interim rules would still need to be approved by the entire WAHL/WAHA board.

NO

Proposal #13 (Submitted by Justin Hesser) Failed

Regulation (Heading, Title & Numbers)

XIX then IV. WAHL Standings subsection m XVII. League Scheduling subsection f

Reference (sub-section); Paragraph/Line #'s

Multiple: XIX then IV. WAHL Standings subsection m XVII. League Scheduling subsection f

Current Wording

m.) Local programs wishing to host the playoffs and WAHL Championship will be required to provide a bid to host the event. Bids should be provided to the WAHL Commissioner. The WAHL Commissioner will communicate the deadline and the State Bid form will be available on www.wyohockey.com far in advance of the deadline.

f.) The WAHL Scheduling Meeting will be held on the last Saturday of September for the upcoming season. WAHL Championship weekends will be set by August 1st and the bids for state submitted by December 15. State bids will be awarded at the schedulers meeting.

Specific Wording of Proposal

Delete IV. Section m and the last two sentences of section 5 and create a new section for State Tournament Location Rotation Policy

A. The WAHL Commission and each age director shall compose a committee that determines the location of state tournaments (the "WAHL Tournament Committee").

B. On or before September 15, 2025, each local association shall submit a bid to the WAHL Tournament Committee that includes the following information:

i. Whether it desires to host a state tournament in 2026 and

ii. Whether it desires to host state tournaments in future years and to be considered part of a rotation

C. At least 30 days prior to the September 15, 2025 deadline, the WAHL Tournament Committee shall provide a list of factors it will consider in determining host locations and rotation.

D. Following submission of bids, the WAHL Tournament Committee shall establish a rotating schedule for state tournament locations, prioritizing geographic diversity across Wyoming to balance travel demands for participating teams while ensuring fairness to those associations willing to host tournaments.

E. The WAHL Tournament Committee shall have discretion to determine the rotation and in so doing shall not be required to treat the proposed or interested sites equally, but instead shall determine the rotation based on factors it deems important.

F. The WAHL Tournament Committee and age directors shall announce the dates of the state tournaments no later than the annual meeting the year prior to the state tournament.

G. Modifications to rotation: After the rotation is set by the WAHL Tournament Committee, the rotation shall only be modified in the following circumstances:

i. If any location determines it is unable to host its scheduled state tournament it shall notify the WAHL Tournament Committee on or before September 15 of the year before the tournament and the WAHL Tournament Committee shall seek bids from local associations to host that state tournament.

ii. If a location withdraws from two state tournaments within a five year period the WAHL Tournament Committee shall consider whether to remove the site location from the rotation.

iii. If a site location is not part of the rotation and desires to be added in the future it shall submit a bid to the WAHL Tournament Committee and the WAHL Tournament Committee may modify the rotation, provided the modification occurs at least one year prior to scheduled state tournaments.

iv. If the WAHL Tournament Committee determines the rotation for any tournament to change, the WAHL Tournament Committee may modify the rotation as long as (a) the local associations impacted receive notice and the ability to provide feedback on the proposed modification, and (b) any modification occurs at least one year prior to the scheduled state tournaments.

Intent of Proposal

The purpose of this rule is to set a rotation for statement tournaments. It is my understanding that one of the primary factors considered in setting state tournaments is where the tournament was in prior years. If this is the case, then establishing a set rotation will eliminate unnecessary work. A rotation also ensures each host location has sufficient time to plan for the tournament. Rather than set a rotation in the rule itself (a task that all local associations could likely debate for hours without any agreement), this rule allows the committee an opportunity to determine locations for 2026 state and then build a rotation based off that. The intent of this rule is to be fair to all associations, not equal, if certain locations deserve a state tournament every year, while other locations deserve to only host two out of three years etc., then this rule allows for that determination to be made. While I am new to WAHA/WAHL, the current system is not transparent, creates unnecessary work, and leaves everyone hustling to prepare for tournaments. Room blocks, sponsors, and virtually everything could be prepared well in advance and all of our tournaments would improve. Please note that current structure of the rules references state tournaments in a few locations and that is also confusing, this proposes creating a new section related to state tournaments.

NO

Proposal #14 (Submitted by Justin Hesser) N/A withdrawn, not a rule a housekeeping issue

Regulation (Heading, Title & Numbers)

Throughout

Reference (sub-section); Paragraph/Line #'s

Throughout

Current Wording

Any outdated language or confusing section references.

Specific Wording of Proposal

Administrative clean up of rules, correct outdated references (e.g. Pointstreak) etc.

Intent of Proposal

Not sure if this is necessary, but submitting to create a placeholder in the event its determined it needs to be voted upon.

YES

Proposal #15 (Submitted by Justin Hesser) Passed

Regulation (Heading, Title & Numbers)

XIX Gameplay subsection j

Reference (sub-section); Paragraph/Line #'s

XIX Gameplay subsection j

Current Wording

All 10U division shall be played on half sheet ice.

Specific Wording of Proposal

Option 1: Remove provision entirely.

Option 2: Change language to say "All 10U division shall be played on full sheet ice."

Intent of Proposal

The purpose of this rule is to return 10U division play to full ice games.

YES

Proposal #16 (Submitted by Jason Percifield) Failed

Regulation (Heading, Title & Numbers)

XVII. League Scheduling

WAHL Scheduling Proposal for A-Level

Divisions (5-Team Brackets)

Objective: To reduce excessive opponent repetition, streamline scheduling, and improve the overall experience for players and families by transitioning from the current model to a consolidated "Festival Weekend & quot; format.

Current WAHL Scheduling Structure (5-Team Divisions)

- Total Games: 20 WAHL games per team

- Division Size: 5 teams

Game Breakdown:

- Each team plays two (2) opponents six times:
- One team: 4 at home, 2 away
- One team: 2 at home, 4 away
- The remaining two (2) opponents are played four times:
- 2 at home, 2 away

Travel & Home Weekends:

- 5 Home Weekends:
- 4 weekends with standard 2-game series
- 1 weekend hosting a 4-game series
- Travel Weekends:
- 4 weekends with standard 2-game series
- 1 weekend with a 4-game series on the road

Result:

- Every team travels 5 times per season
- Each team plays two opponents six times, which leads to matchup fatigue and limits variety
- Scheduling is handled through individual association coordination, which can be inconsistent and difficult

Proposed Festival Weekend Model

- Total Games: 16 WAHL games per team

- Weekend Format:

- 5 total festival weekends
- Each weekend hosted by a different association
- All 5 teams gather at one location
- 1 team plays 4 games; the other 4 teams play 3 per weekend (the 4 games only happen once per team per season)

Hosting Structure:

- Each of the 5 associations hosts one festival per season
- Hosting rotates every time

Travel Efficiency:

- Each team travels 4 times per season and hosts 1 time

Side-by-Side Comparison

Feature	Current Model	Festival Model
Total Games	20	16
Travel Weekends	5	4 (1 host weekend)
Matchup Frequency	6x vs 2 teams, 4x vs 2 teams	4x vs each team
Scheduling Complexity	High – handled by each association	Low – centrally scheduled
Home Ice Requirements	5 weekends annually	Host once per season
Opponent Variety	Low – high repetition	High – evenly balanced

Why the Festival Model Makes Sense

- Reduces Redundancy: No more playing the same team six times
- Streamlines Scheduling: Eliminates back-and-forth negotiations and makes planning easier for schedulers and families
- Improves the Player Experience: Festival weekends have energy, visibility, and event-style feel

- • Travel Smart: Hosting teams get a break with only four road trips per season
- • Fair and Predictable: Everyone hosts once per year—equity is built in over time

Recommendation

We propose piloting the Festival Weekend format for the 2025-2026 season in all WAHL A-level divisions that have 4-6 teams (e.g., 12U A, 14U A, and High School A). After the season, WAHL can evaluate the results, solicit feedback, and decide on wider adoption.

*Modification could be test running with 14U & High School A-level vs entire association to start.

This isn't just a change in scheduling—it's an investment in a better, more balanced experience for everyone involved. Let's raise the bar for what WAHL hockey can look like.

No- unless it can be 20 games

Proposal #17 (Submitted by Justin Hesser) Failed

Regulation (Heading, Title & Numbers)

XIX. GAME PLAY

Reference (sub-section); Paragraph/Line #'s

j.

Current Wording

All 10U division shall be played on half sheet ice.

Specific Wording of Proposal

Full Ice-10U A

1/2 Ice-10U B

Intent of Proposal

Development of B players as well as bringing associations back into WAHL with 'A' teams

NO

Proposal #18 (Submitted by Laramie Davies) Passed

Regulation (Heading, Title & Numbers)

All State Awards

Reference (sub-section); Paragraph/Line #'s

IV. WAHL STANDINGS

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Current Wording

The 18U and 19U Girls State Tournament Weekends will include an All-State Hockey Team selection process. Each All-State team will consist of 6 forwards, 4 defense, and 2 goaltenders. Local associations will provide All-State nominees to the respective age director 2 weeks prior to the state tournament. The nominees will include 3 forwards, 2 defense and 1 goaltender. An electronic ballot (link) will be created including all nominees, their season stats and coaches notes will be provided to the head coach of each team. Each Coach Will Vote For 3 forwards, 2 defense and one goaltender, not on the coaches team. Results will be sent to the AD and Commissioner. The top vote getters will fill the All-State team. In case of a tie, PPG will be used for skaters, and Save % will be used for goaltenders. If all openings are not filled, the top PPG nominee(s) in said division will fill skater spots and top Save % in said division will fill goaltender spots. The awards will be purchased by WAHL.

Specific Wording of Proposal

All-State Awards & Individual League Honors

Proposed Rule Update – Wyoming Amateur Hockey League (WAHL)

I. Selection Committee Members

The following individuals will serve as the official voting body for All-State Nominations and the League's Top Individual Awards:

- WAHL Player Development Director
- WAHL Referee-in-Chief
- WAHL High School Age Director
- WAHA President
- WAHL Commissioner

Conflict of Interest Clause:

Any committee member with a direct conflict of interest (e.g., a child or immediate relative being nominated for an award) will be recused from voting on that specific award. Their position will be removed from the committee for that vote only, ensuring an impartial process.

II. Individual League Awards (Combined A & B Divisions)

These league-wide honors recognize outstanding individual performance across both divisions. The awards will be selected by the voting committee listed above.

1. Goaltender of the Year

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must have played in at least 50% of scheduled league games.
- Primary statistical evaluation includes:
 - Lowest Goals Against Average (GAA)
 - Highest Save Percentage (SV%)
 - Number of Shutouts

Tie-Breaker Protocol:

In cases of statistical ties or close comparisons, Goals Against Average will be the primary deciding metric over Save Percentage.

2. Defenseman of the Year

Eligibility Criteria:

- Most points scored among defensemen.
- Players cannot have more penalty minutes than points scored.

Disciplinary Consideration:

- Misconduct and Unsportsmanlike Conduct penalties will be reviewed and could be exempted at the discretion of the committee.
- Repeated misconduct or unsportsmanlike penalties will negatively impact candidacy.

3. Forward of the Year

Eligibility Criteria:

- Most points scored among forwards.
- Same disciplinary review standards apply as for defensemen:

- More penalty minutes than points are generally disqualifying unless due to a single misconduct penalty that may be exempted by the committee.
- Repeating offenses will weigh negatively in the selection process.

4. Mr. Wyoming

Overview:

- Awarded to the top overall player in the Wyoming Amateur Hockey League. Open only to **Senior-class athletes**. This honor may be awarded to a forward, defenseman, or goaltender.

Nomination Process:

- Three players will be nominated by the committee.
- Nominations may represent any position (e.g., 3 forwards, 2 defensemen + 1 goalie, etc.).

Eligibility Criteria:

- Goaltenders must meet the 50% minimum games played requirement.
- All players will be evaluated on:
 - Overall skill and leadership
 - Points or stats (position dependent)
 - Penalty discipline (same review criteria as above)
 - Academic standing (GPA will be considered)
 - Letter of Recommendation from coach or administrator

III. All-State Teams – 1st and 2nd Team Recognition

These teams recognize high performance at each position and are selected per division (A or B) unless divisions are combined.

Selection Process:

Head Coaches from each team will submit nominations:

- 3 Forwards
- 2 Defensemen
- 1 Goaltender

****The selection committee will review nominations and vote to determine All-State teams.**

Team Composition:

- Each All-State Team will consist of:
 - 3 Forwards
 - 2 Defensemen
 - 1 Goaltender

Division-Based Award Structure:

- If 4 or fewer teams exist in a division (A or B), only a 1st Team All-State will be named.
- If 5 or more teams exist in a division, both 1st Team and 2nd Team All-State selections will be awarded.
- If the A and B Divisions are merged into a single division, both 1st and 2nd All-State teams will be named for the combined division.

Eligibility Notes:

Players from **Freshman through Senior year are eligible.**

Age or class standing will not influence voting.

The awards will be purchased by WAHL.

Intent of Proposal

Remove the bias of coaches nominating AND voting. Increase the scrutiny to be quality young men by a panel of a committee, and not just stat based.

NO

Proposal #19 (Submitted by Robbi Farrow – This isn't a WAHL rule submission, rather seven WAHA proposals, but given the potential impact the proposals could have for each individual association, WAHA feels these proposals should be voted on in the same way the WAHL rule submissions are.) This will be discussed at our next board meeting

Proposals to WAHA Annual Guide to bring Wyoming policies and practices in alignment with USA Hockey. Proposed wording is in red and if to be omitted, ~~striketrough~~.

Proposal I: NO

Rationale: Add statement recognizing Team Wyoming tryouts to be completed before considering other tryout options.

TEAM WYOMING

Team Tryouts: Except for Team Wyoming teams, no Team shall conduct tryouts or player selection until after May 1 of each year.

Proposal II. YES

Rationale: Volunteers must complete Safe Sport and Background screening; eliminate reference to out of town teams, add member before programs as this is USAH Annual Guide terminology. Add item 6 to formalize process.

Player, Coach, **Volunteer** and Team Registration Requirements

USA Hockey and WAHA require all players, coaches, and **volunteers** to be properly registered before the player, coach or volunteer is eligible to participate with on-ice activities, including practices before any games are played including tournament games, exhibition games ~~with out of town teams~~ and WAHL games. Teams, coaches, and local **member** programs who violate these mandates are subject to suspensions, fines and removal from all WAHA and USA Hockey sanctioned activities.

6. Submit a transfer request for approval when moving to Wyoming affirming player is in good standing with previous affiliate and member association.

Proposal III: YES

Rationale: confirm yellow highlighted section is most current language – referred to WAHA CIC. Update language in item 5., as Safe Sport no longer issues a certificate of completion, and the individual receives an email from USAH indicating completion.

1. All USA Hockey coaches will possess a USA Hockey Coaching Education Program card with valid certification stickers (if certification was received prior to September 1, 2011), or a printout from the USA Hockey online certification list (if certification was received after September 1, 2011).

5. Complete the USAH SafeSport training and submit a ~~copy of the SafeSport certificate~~ confirmation of completion email issued by USAH.

Proposal IV: Team Managers YES

Rational: Remove unnecessary language at end of opening sentence. Update Safe Sport language as stated in Proposal III., above. Add language as a designated Locker Room Monitor is a required roster designee.

A Team Manager must complete the requirements and submit the following documents to the local program Registrar prior to any program activity. ~~where the Team Manager has any personal contact with any underage (under 18) players:~~

2. Complete the USAH SafeSport training and submit ~~a copy of the SafeSport certificate~~ confirmation of completion email issued by USAH.
4. The designated Locker Room Monitor (s).

Proposal V: Local Registrars YES

Rationale: Add language as WAHA and all member program boards must have an approved USAH roster; set consistent timelines for roster submissions.

Local Registrars

Rosters shall be submitted for approval at least two weeks prior to first game.

Board Rosters

WAHA and each Member Program affiliate will submit to the Affiliate Registrar a Board Roster. Each board member must complete online registration with USAH as a Volunteer if they are not already a player, coach or manager. At the beginning of the season, each local registrar shall create a "team" through USAH Portal. The team type selected is "Board" and members are listed as "staff". All Board members must pass background screening and Safe Sport. The following positions shall be included: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer (Secretary/Treasurer), Safe Sport Rep, CIC, RIC. All others shall be listed as Director. Board rosters must be completed by Sept.15 of each year.

Local associations are encouraged to submit a volunteer roster when they have designated persons to serve as scorekeepers, box, etc.

Local rosters may be submitted for approval once the Board roster has been approved and will not be approved beforehand.

Proposal VI: Local Tournaments YES

Rationale: update language to include USAH approved in Tournament definition

- Definition of a Tournament: Ice hockey competition, other than normally scheduled league or exhibition games, where three or more legally registered **and USAH approved** teams compete within a specified time frame for the purpose of declaring a champion.

Proposal VII: NO

Rationale: Clarify language pertaining to roster classifications. **USAH language requires the association rostering members to be in the majority.** Proposed language provides clarity for the protection of the member program as well as providing opportunity for play. Many member associations have policies that do not permit their players to participate on more than one team at any level or out of state.

It is at the discretion of each member program if they chose to collect a fee for non-member players.

There is a recommendation to consider this as each program assumes responsibility for all players on roster.

Effective 8/1/25 and past teams will not be grandfathered. Every effort is made to support existing teams.

Rostering of Teams

In accordance with USA Hockey requirements for affiliates, the Wyoming Amateur Hockey Association (“WAHA”) requires all team rosters to be approved by the Affiliate Registrar. Teams may be rostered in accordance with the following procedures.

1. Team Wyoming

Team Wyoming teams are rostered as independent teams directly by the Affiliate Registrar and are not affiliated with a local association.

- a. Team Wyoming teams are the only teams recognized by WAHA as National Tournament Bound teams.
- b. No other teams shall be considered NTB.

2. Member Program Teams.

- a. Each Member Program that competes in WAHL shall submit the roster for each team to the local and then Affiliate Registrar for approval, in accordance with the rules for the league.
- b. WAHL Teams shall include WAHL in the team’s name. This roster may also service as a travel roster for the member program.
- c. Teams competing in the Colorado Recreational Hockey League are recognized as recreational teams and must comply with CHRL rules and policies. Teams are rostered as House/Rec.

3. Invitational Tournament Teams

- a. Member Programs may roster teams for travel or invitational tournament play. The roster should be composed of players from the local Member Program.
 - b. In keeping with USAH roster member language, the majority of the players must be from the local member program submitting the roster.
 - c. Should the team wish to roster a player approved on a different team roster, the local manager/coach must:
 - i.) obtain and submit written permission from the player’s current association and affirmation that the player is in good standing and thereby released for play utilizing WAHA template no less than 3 weeks before tournament date.
 - ii.) affirm there are no policy conflicts for player that will negatively impact their play and return to home member association.
 - iii.) submit that dates for requested tournament as roster will be time limited.
- All three items must be satisfied before the roster will be approved.

4. Independent teams

If a local member program either refuses to approve an invitational tournament team or if such a team does not have a majority of players from one local member program, then such team may petition the WAHA Executive Committee for approval, subject to the following requirements.

- a. The majority of the players must reside in the state of Wyoming in accordance with current USAH rules.
- b. WAHA may elect to impose a fee up to \$1000 for the team
- c. The team must comply with the criteria outlined in 3. b. I, ii, and iii) above.
- d. WAHA Executive Committee maintains the right to consider and approve such teams, provide oversight, and roster an independent team. WAHA will convey approval of the

team to the State Registrar, and the State Registrar may still ensure all USAH rostering rules are satisfied and impose additional requirements.

- e. The proposer assumes responsibility for assuring that no player will be in violation of his/her home/state rules and policies for playing outside of their Affiliate and association.
- f. Team must be approved each year and roster limited to specified tournaments.

MOTION: Travis St John made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Brad Cannon seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30pm