

Inline Hockey Association of Arizona By-Laws

Article One - Name

The name of the Association shall be the "Inline Hockey Association of Arizona" and may be referred to as "IHA AZ".

Article Two - Purpose

The purpose of the IHA AZ shall be:

- A. To foster, promote and improve amateur inline hockey in the state of Arizona.
- B. To foster good sportsmanship, to promote good citizenship and good fellowship through the sport of amateur inline hockey.
- C. To conduct and supervise inline hockey tournaments in the state of Arizona, in accordance with the rules and guidelines of USA Roller Sports.
- D. To associate with other hockey programs.
- E. To do any and all desirable acts on the furtherance of the foregoing purpose.

Article Three - Non Profit Association

This shall be a nonprofit Association and provides that:

- A. It shall have no capital stock.
- B. It shall not be conducted for profit.
- C. All assets are pledged to charitable purposes.
- D. Recipient of funds due to dissolution of the IHA AZ shall be all the remaining non-profit roller hockey travel programs that is or has been a participant in the IHA AZ.

Article Four – Affiliation

- A. The Inline Hockey Association of Arizona is sanctioned by the Amateur Athletic Union.
- B. The IHA AZ as an affiliate of AAU.

Article Five - Membership

Members of the IHA AZ board are adult persons, 18 years or older and shall include:

- A. Members of the Executive Board.
- B. Appointees of the Executive Board.
- C. Any other individual who wants to become a member may apply in writing to the Board for a one-year membership. The Executive Board will consider and vote on the application.

Each member of the Association shall have one vote.

An individual's membership in the association will begin at the time that their hockey program qualifies when their teams accumulate 12 team participation points for 2 consecutive seasons.

Article Six – Government

- A. IHA AZ shall be managed by the Executive Board, hereinafter known as the Board. The Board shall have general management and control of the business and affairs of the league and shall exercise all of

the powers that may be exercised or performed by non-profit organizations under the statutes of the Amateur Athletic Union and these By-laws.

- B. The Board of the Association shall consist of no less than four elected and/or appointed officers (herein referred to as the Officers). All members of the Board shall serve one-year terms. Board members may be elected or appointed to any number of consecutive terms.
- C. No member of the Executive Board shall be compensated in any way. All elected positions of the Board are completely voluntary.
- D. Members of Board are required to declare a conflict of interest in matters where their vote could potentially result in their own personal benefit – financially or other wise. Members shall not vote in such instances.
- E. The Executive Board shall elect from among its members the following:
 - a. President
 - b. Vice-President
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Treasurer
- F. Powers and Duties of the Board
 - 1. The President shall:
 - a. preside at all meetings held by the Board.
 - b. uphold and enforce the Bylaws and rules of the association.
 - c. act as an ex-officio member of all committees established by the association.
 - d. enter into any and all legally binding contracts, agreements and other relationships, acting on behalf of the association and at the direction of the Board.
 - 2. The Vice-President shall:**
 - A. preside at all meetings of the Board in the absence of the Board President.
 - B. in the event of disability to the Board President, assume the duties of the President's office, until such time the President is able to resume the duties of the office or until a new President is elected in accordance with the provisions of the By-laws.
 - C. report all rule and guideline changes (except playing rules within USA Roller Sports/AAU) to the membership. Such report shall be given at the first membership meeting after August 15th and thereafter, as changes occur.
 - 3. the Secretary shall:**
 - A. make and keep a true record (minutes) of all proceedings of all membership meetings and provide copies to all members on a timely basis.
 - B. make and keep a true record (minutes) of all proceedings of all Board meetings and provide copies to all Board members on a timely basis.
 - C. give notice of all meetings as directed by the Board.
 - D. conduct all official correspondence as directed by the Board.
 - E. report to the Board any and all correspondence and other information received.
 - F. maintain an accurate and up-to-date file of all correspondence.
 - G. provide the membership with up-to-date copies of the By-laws and Rules of the Association to all members and other interested parties.

- H. supply the membership with copies of any approved revision to the By-laws or Rules within thirty days of such approval.

4. the Treasurer shall:

- A. collect all funds due the league and disburse all payments to meet its obligations, as authorized by the Board
- B. maintain and /or supervise the maintenance of suitable accounting records covering the Association's receipts, with corresponding records of expenditures and a list of all funds and other assets.
- C. deposit funds in his/her charge in depositories approved by the Board. Whenever possible, the service of local businesses will be utilized.
- D. close the books of the Association and prepare a comprehensive financial statement at the end of each year.
- E. have the specific approval of the Board for any disbursement.

5. At-Large-Members shall:

- A. serve on and perform various duties as assigned by the Board.
- G. The Board shall have the power to elect or appoint (by a simple majority vote) assistants to the general board members of the IHAZ and such other officers, agents and servants as it may from time to time deem necessary who shall perform such duties as may from time to time be imposed or required by the Board of Directors or as may be prescribed from time to time by the By-laws for a term of one year beginning in August of each year.

H. Election of the Officers:

The procedure for the election of the officers shall be as follows:

- a. Candidates shall be nominated via email or conventional mail directed to the Secretary prior to the "election meeting" or from the floor during the "election meeting". The call for nominations shall be announced no later than one month before the "election meeting".
- b. Nominations shall be closed immediately before the election of officers.
- c. Successful candidates will be voted into office by a simple majority of eligible voting board members present at the "election meeting".
- d. Eligible voters shall be as described in Article Five - Membership.
- e. One ballot shall be prepared for all offices listing all nominated candidates for each office. The candidate receiving the most votes for any office, providing that the total votes received constitutes a simple majority of the total votes cast, shall be the winner of that office.
- f. Votes shall be cast by secret ballot, except in cases where only one candidate has been nominated for a given office. Such candidate shall be placed in office by acclamation.
- g. Incoming officers shall assume their respective offices on the fifteenth day of August.
- h. In the case of any condition that would preclude the completion of the term of office by any elected officer, the membership shall hold nominations and an election to fill that office for the remainder of the term. The nomination and election process shall be conducted in its entirety at the next membership meeting.
- i. Each voting member must be present to vote and is entitled to one vote only.
- j. Members of the Executive Board may be removed from office for just cause by a simple majority vote of the Executive Board.

Article Seven - Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Association shall end on the 31st day of August in each year, unless otherwise voted by the Executive Board.

Article Eight – Indemnity

- A. No definitive text.

Article Nine – Meetings of the IHAAZ

- A. General board meetings shall be held in accordance with a schedule to be determined by the Executive Board.
- B. The Schedule shall include a minimum of the following meetings and dates:
- C. Pre-season meetings (August & September)
- D. Annual membership meeting (August).
- E. Election of Officers (August).
- F. New Officers take office prior to the first meeting of the season.
- G. End of season meetings (May)
- H. Conduct evaluations of the completed season.
- I. Elect officers for following year (August).
- J. Dates of such meetings shall be published ten days prior to the meeting.
- K. Additional membership meetings may be called by the Board at any time, except that notice of such additional meetings shall be provided to the membership no less than seventy-two hours in advance of their start.
- L. Meetings shall be conducted and governed by standard rules of parliamentary procedure (Roberts Rules of Order).
- M. IHAAZ open session meetings are open to any participant who is a member of the IHAAZ.
- N. IHAAZ executive session meetings are open only to executive board members.
- O. The IHAAZ executive board reserves the right to invite any individual to their executive session meetings.

Article Ten – Meetings of the Executive Board

- A. Special Meetings may be called by the Board in accordance with the notice requirements set forth herein.
- B. At least 72 hours notice shall be given all Executive Board members for special meetings
- C. The Board shall develop schedule of regular meetings for the entire term of the Executive Board no later than June 1 and notify the entire Association the date, time and place of such regularly scheduled meetings.
- D. Meetings shall be conducted and governed by standard rules of parliamentary procedure (Roberts Rules of Order).

Article Eleven – Voting

- A. Executive Board
At all Executive Board meetings, each Board member shall have one vote on all matters that come before the Board. In matters which require only a simple majority, the Board President shall vote only in the event of a tie. In all other matters which require more than a simple majority of those voting, the Board President shall have a vote.

Article Twelve – Miscellaneous

A. Non-discrimination Policy

The IHAZ does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, age, national origin, religion or disability.

B. Contractual Authority

The Board may authorize any officer to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any contract or other instrument in the name of and on behalf of the IHAZ, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances. Unless authorized to do so by these By-laws or the by the Executive Board, no officer or agent shall have any power or authority to bind the IHAZ by any contract or engagement, or to pledge its credit, or to render it liable pecuniarily for any purpose or in any amount. Funds and deposits.

B1 Funds and Deposits

All funds of the IHAZ not otherwise employed shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the IHAZ in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as the Executive Board may from time to time designate.

C. Capitalization

The capital for the league shall be derived from:

- 1) Team sponsor fees, which shall be established annually by the Executive Board and which shall entitle sponsors to display approved advertising on team uniforms.
- 2) Non-mandatory fundraisers, for which there shall be no individual requirement for participation. Participation shall be on a voluntary basis.
Tournament proceeds.
- 3) Non related investments and/or income including, but not limited to, outside investments, general donations, Corporate donations and civic donations.

Article Thirteen – Amendments

Any part of the By-laws of the league may be amended in accordance with the following procedures:

- A. Board members of the IHAZ wishing to submit an amendment should do so in writing to the Secretary who will bring it before the Executive Board for evaluation and the formulation of a recommendation to the board.
- B. All amendment proposals shall then be presented to the membership at a regularly scheduled or special membership meeting. Presentation shall be made in writing by the Secretary with copies for each member present, and shall include the recommendations of the Board. Open discussion shall take place at this presentations meeting, with further discussion if needed, and a vote for passage and denial to take place at the next membership meeting.
- C. Passage of any amendment to the By-laws shall require a majority of the qualified voting members present at the board meeting.
- D. Board members wishing to comment on any amendment proposal, during the time between the membership meetings, may do so in writing to the Secretary.
- E. All amendments proposals shall include a proposal effective date which shall be part of the consideration. Amendments approved by the membership shall take effect at the time specified in the amendment proposal.

Adopted: August 14th, 2016

President: Nick Boyarsky
Vice-President: David Lieb
Secretary: Jeanine Hannon
Treasurer: Dean Koressel