

**By Laws of the Decatur Youth Hockey Association, Inc. High School Team**

**Article 1: Name, Status and Affiliation**

- 1.1 The name of this organization is the Decatur Youth Hockey Association, Inc. High School Team and may be referred to as DYHA-HS. DYHA-HS shall be affiliated with DYHA, thereby associated with USA Hockey, Inc. and the American Hockey Association of Illinois (AHA I).

**Article 2: Purpose**

- 2.1 The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are:
  - 2.1.1 To promote, train, teach and develop the sport of organized ice hockey among the students' high schools falling within the district as approved by DYHA's board of directors and AHA I.
  - 2.1.2 To develop the physical, mental, emotional and social well-being of the youth who participate in programs developed by DYHA including the development of personal character traits of aggressiveness, self-esteem, self-discipline, perseverance, respect for authority, cooperative relationships with others, and sportsmanship.
  - 2.1.3 To associate with other ice hockey organizations.
  - 2.1.4 To affiliate with USA Hockey and the Amateur Hockey Association of Illinois or their respective successors.
  - 2.1.5 To do any and all acts desirable in the furtherance of the foregoing purposes.

2.3 DYHA is organized and shall be operated exclusively for the teaching of ice hockey skills and rules to youth and the application thereof through participation in competitive play and is organized and shall be operated as an exempt organization within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provisions of future laws).

### **Article 3: Membership**

3.1 There will be one class of members. Upon payment of dues each biological or adoptive parent of a qualified high school player shall be deemed a member. If a player does not have any parents, but instead has a legal guardian, that legal guardian shall be the member.

3.2 Each member as defined above shall be entitled to vote at any election in which the membership is called upon to cast a vote if they are in good standing. Good standing is defined as being current in their dues and not subject to any disciplinary ruling. The DYHA Treasurer shall announce before the annual meeting begins who is not entitled to vote for failure to pay dues. Each member as defined above will be entitled to one vote regardless of the number of children in their family participating as players.

3.3 In addition to the voting members in paragraph 2.2 the board may each year in its September meeting authorize the admission as members individuals who apply, have demonstrated an interest in hockey, have no felony convictions, and agree to submit to a background check similar to coaches. If admitted these special members shall have all of the privileges and duties of other members for one year.

3.4 Membership is on an annual basis from the day of USA Hockey registration in one calendar year to the day before the registration in the next calendar year, except for members admitted per paragraph 3.3.

3.5 Membership in DYHA or DYHA-HS is not transferrable or assignable.

#### **Article 4: Membership Meetings**

4.1 There shall be an annual meeting of the membership during the month of May for the purposes of electing directors and transacting such other business as may be properly placed before the membership at that meeting. 10 days' notice of the meeting time, date, and place shall be given to the membership. This meeting shall be held directly after the annual meeting of DYHA general membership.

4.2 Special meetings may be called after reasonable attempt to notify the members by the President or majority of the High School Board of Directors. Notice may be electronic. Special meetings must be held only after 10 days' notice and may not be used to amend these bylaws.

4.3 The High School Board of Directors shall designate the date and time for any meeting for the members. The High School Board of Directors shall designate any place in Decatur, Illinois or within a reasonable radius of Decatur, Illinois for any annual or special meeting of the members. Notice of the meeting shall be by electronic means.

4.4 There is no quorum required for the annual meeting and no member shall vote by proxy at any meeting. Roberts Rules of Order shall act as guidelines for the conducting of these meetings but the final determination of any procedure shall be made by the president.

4.5 Voting for any election shall be by written ballot. A majority of the votes cast is required to elect a board member.

#### **Article 5: Board of Directors**

5.1 The business and affairs of DYHA-HS shall be managed by the High School Board of Directors. The DYHA Board specifically reserves to itself the final selection of coaches for each year's play and the leagues in which the teams shall play. Only the DYHA Board of Directors may amend the General Operating Procedures.

5.2 The members of the High School Board of Directors shall serve for a term of one year or until replaced. Members of the High School Board of Directors may succeed themselves in office.

5.3 Each member of the High School Board of Directors shall be permitted one vote and such vote shall be by voice vote recorded by the secretary. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted.

5.4 Regular meetings of the High School Board of Directors shall be held at least once each calendar quarter, but may be set more frequently as the request of the President or a majority of the High School Board of Directors.

5.5 Notice of meetings shall be given by mail, telephone or e-mail to each board member. Any board member may waive notice of any meeting. The attendance of a board member at any meeting shall constitute waiver of such notice of such meeting.

5.6 A minimum of three (3) elected board members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the High School Board of Directors.

5.7 The High School Board of Directors shall hear and rule on appeals from any of the members and shall resolve any and all disputes within DYHA-HS.

5.8 Roberts Rules of Order shall act as guidelines for the conducting of these meetings but the final determination of any procedure shall be made by the president.

5.9 The President shall submit to the Board a draft of the Fee Structure Schedule to the Board by July 1 of each year. During the month of July, the Board shall approve the fee schedule. Should the Board fail to approve a fee schedule for the upcoming season, then the last one in effect shall control until a new one is approved.

5.10 Any board member may be removed by a vote of 2/3 vote of board members for any reason. Any board member who fails to attend 3 or more board meetings shall automatically be considered for removal at the next regular board meeting.

## **Article 6: Officers**

6.1 The board of directors shall consist of the president, the vice president, the hockey director, the secretary, and the treasurer of the current DYHA board. From each high school affiliated with DYHA, there shall be at least one representative who shall serve on the High School Board of Directors. In addition, the high school Varsity and Junior Varsity (if applicable) head coaches shall serve on the High School Board of Directors.

6.2 A vacancy in any elected or appointed office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise may be filled in same manner as 5.3 of the DYHA Bylaws.

## **Article 7 – Duties and Powers of Officers**

7.1 The current DYHA President shall be the chief executive officer of DYHA-HS and shall, in general, supervise and control all of the business and affairs of DYHA-HS subject to the specific delegation of authority in these bylaws. He shall preside at all the meetings of the High School Board of Directors and the voting members. He may sign, with the Secretary or any other proper officers of DYHA authorized by the Board of Directors, any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts or other instruments which the Board of Directors has authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and executing thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Board of Directors or by these By-Laws or by statutes to some other officer or agent of DYHA; and in general shall perform all duties instant to the office of President and such other duties that may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time-to-time. The President shall represent DYHA-HS in any local, state or national meetings, as well as any meetings with affiliated organizations where his presence is desirable, as well as the authorized spokesman to the media for DYHA-HS. The President shall at the first meeting following the election of the officers, appoint a chairman for all the permanent committees named in these By-Laws, and shall serve as an ex-official member on all committees. The President shall be entitled to make motions and vote on all matters that come before the High School Board of Directors.

7.2 The current DYHA Vice President shall be the DYHA-HS vice president and shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President or in the event

of his inability or refusal to act. When so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to the same restrictions of the office of President.

7.3 The current DYHA Treasurer shall serve as the DYHA-HS Treasurer and shall have the following duties: charge and custody of and shall be responsible for all funds and securities of DYHA and DYHA-HS; receive and give receipts for all monies due and payable to DYHA and DYHA-HS from any source whatsoever; deposit such monies in the name of DYHA and DYHA-HS in the bank selected by the Board; provide to the Board of Directors a monthly report giving a full and complete financial report of DYHA and DYHA-HS. The Treasurer shall be bonded at the expense of the Board. The treasurer shall notify the Hockey Director on the day after each installment payment is due for membership fees of those players who are not current in their payments.

7.4 The current DYHA Secretary shall serve as the DYHA-HS Secretary and shall have the following duties: keep the minutes of the High School Board of Directors meetings and any membership meetings; see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these By-Laws or as required by law; and generally, be the official custodian of DYHA-HS records;

7.5 DYHA-HS hereby consents and declares that each officer, member of the Board of Directors, chairmen and members of all committees and all elected or appointed officials in any capacity shall be deemed to have assumed office or assignment on the expressed understanding, agreement and condition that each one of them and his/her heirs, executors and administrators, estates and effects, respectively, shall from time-to-time and at all times be indemnified and saved harmless out of the funds of the DYHA-HS from and against all liabilities, judgments, costs, charges and expenses whatsoever which member sustains or incurs in or about any prosecuted against him/her in or about the execution of the duties of his/her office and also from and against all other costs, charges and expenses which he/she sustains or incurs in or about in relation to the affairs thereof, except such costs, charges or expenses as are occasioned by his/her own willful neglect or default.

## **Article 8: Finances**

8.1 The fiscal year of DYHA-HS shall begin the first day of May in each year and end the last day of April in the following year.

8.2 The president shall sign all contracts. The High School Board of Directors may authorize any other officer or officers, agent or agents, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of or on behalf of DYHA-HS and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances. The treasurer shall sign all checks but any check greater than \$500 must be signed by the treasurer and the president, or the vice president if the president is unavailable.

8.3 No loan shall be contracted on behalf of DYHA-HS and no evidence of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by a resolution of the High School Board of Directors by a 2/3 vote. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

8.4 The High School Board of Directors may accept on behalf of DYHA-HS any contribution, gift, bequest, or device for the tax exempt purposes and objectives of DYHA-HS, or for any specific purpose of DYHA-HS. Such funds so received shall be distributed or spent by DYHA-HS in a manner which is in the best opinion of the High School Board of Directors for the benefit of the overall good of the sport of ice hockey in the Decatur area.

8.5 DYHA-HS shall keep proper and complete books and records of account. All books and records of DYHA-HS, including minutes and financial records, may be inspected by any member of the High School Board of Directors or any member of DYHA-HS upon reasonable notice but not less the 3 days nor more than 10.

## **Article 9: Discipline**

9.1 Disciplinary matters involving players, coaches, officials, administrators or spectators shall be handled as set forth in the General Operating Policies of DYHA. When a disciplinary matter has been decided by the disciplinary committee, the decision shall be given in writing along with a notice of the right to appeal the High School Board of Directors who decision shall be final and not further reviewable.

9.2 In the event that the conduct of any player, coach, official, administrator or spectator at a high school game shall be such that the interest of DYHA or DYHA-HS, its members and sport of ice hockey in general shall give rise to a need by DYHA or DYHA-HS to conduct an investigation on its own initiative, the High School Board of Directors shall have the right to initiate its own investigation and conduct a hearing including issuing a mandatory request for attendance to the necessary parties at such hearing and render a decision immediately suspending and/or disqualifying such person from membership in DYHA or DYHA-HS.

### **Article 10: Amendments**

10.1 The power to alter, amend or repeal the bylaws shall be vested solely with the membership. Amendment of these Bylaws may only take place at the annual meeting and any changes must be approved by 2/3 of the members in good standing then present. No special meeting may be called to amend these bylaws.