

# **CONNECTICUT HOCKEY CONFERENCE**



## **CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS**

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## Constitution

### **Article I**                      **Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Connecticut Hockey Conference, Inc. (CHC) incorporated under the Connecticut statutes as a non-profit corporation.

### **Article II**                      **Objective**

The objective of CHC shall be to promote and develop the game of hockey, encourage sportsmanship among all players and participants and provide the governance of the game in the State of Connecticut in accordance with the goals and objectives of USA Hockey.

### **Article III**                      **Headquarters**

The headquarters of CHC shall be considered as being the location of the President or the Secretary of CHC. All annual, regular, and special meetings shall be held in a location as decided by the Board of Directors, subject to the provisions of the By Laws.

### **Article IV**                      **Affiliation**

CHC shall be affiliated with USA Hockey, Inc. and shall operate as an integral unit of that Association.

Preeminence - CHC agrees to abide by and act in accordance with USA Hockey's Rules and Regulations, Bylaws, Playing Rules and decisions of the Board of Directors of USA Hockey and acknowledges that any such documents and decisions supersede all similar governing rules and regulations of CHC. CHC further agrees to assist USA Hockey in the administration of its rules and be guided by its core values.

Indemnity – CHC agrees to indemnify USA Hockey against claims arising from CHC's own acts or omissions except where USA Hockey caused these by its own negligence or default, or that such acts were the direct result of compliance with the articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, Playing Rules or decisions of the Board of Directors of USA Hockey.

Abuse Policies - CHC has adopted USA Hockey's policies, which prohibit sexual and physical abuse of any of its minor participants. CHC has also adopted USA Hockey's policy to disqualify from access to its minor participants all volunteers and others who refuse to consent to be screened or have a history of sexual or physical abuse. The member programs shall be guided by the language on abuse policies articulated in USA Hockey's Annual Guide and, as expanded, in its publication "Abuse and Screening Policies: Guidelines for Administrators".

### **Article V**                      **Membership**

Any Connecticut community-based amateur youth hockey program which is: 1) voluntary, 2) non-profit, 3) primarily instructional and 4) open, as these qualifications are specified in the Bylaws, shall be eligible for membership in the Connecticut Hockey Conference. New applications for membership shall be received and accepted as specified in the Bylaws. All member programs in good standing shall be afforded all the benefits and privileges granted to any other member program.

Effective June, 1990, by vote of the CHC Membership, Pawling Youth Hockey Association, located in Pawling, NY was granted membership in CHC, with all rights and privileges such membership affords.

### **Article VI**                      **Board of Directors**

The affairs of CHC shall be directed by a Board of Directors consisting of Board Members and Board Officers. A Board Member is the authorized representative from each of the youth hockey organizations that comprise its Membership and whereby such Board Member shall have been elected by the teams of the program, each team having one vote. The duly elected Board Members shall elect, in accordance with Article IV of the Bylaws, a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer as Board Officers; these elected Board Officers do not have to be elected from the class of Board Members, but in no event may a Board Officer also hold an executive position with a member program during their term in office.

Each Board Member from a member program in Good Standing shall be entitled to one (1) vote; the President shall cast the deciding vote in the event of a tie. A member program must have its representative present to be eligible to vote; proxies are not allowed. In addition to Board Members, all four elected Board Officers shall have voting privileges in CHC..

## **Bylaws**

### **Article I Board of Directors**

The regular management of CHC shall be vested in a Board of Directors, consisting of Board Members and Board Officers. The Board Officers shall, subject to any limitations stated herein, have the authority to do all things necessary for the orderly management of the CHC, including, but not limited to, establishing committees, signing contracts, hiring personnel, and establishing reasonable rules and regulations to implement the purpose of the CHC. It shall be incumbent upon the Board of Directors to enforce all Bylaws, rules and regulations of the CHC, the New England District and USA Hockey.

The duly elected Board of Directors shall transact the business of CHC. It shall have the power to enforce laws of the game and the rulings of USA Hockey. It shall have the power to fill any vacancy among its officers. It shall offer its advice and consent to the appointment by the President, of the Commissioner for each district and the Chairs of the Committees set out in Bylaw Article II, Section 2 herein. It shall offer its advice and consent to the recommendation by the President of candidates for the USA Hockey appointed positions of Referee-in-Chief, State Registrar, Coaching Director and Risk Manager. It shall have the power to settle all disputes and protests of appeals from the decisions of member programs when requested. Its decision shall be final unless appeal is made following the procedures stipulated by USA Hockey. It shall represent the CHC on all foreign matters and shall have the power to add such rules and regulations, which serve to improve the administrative efficiency of CHC.

#### **Section 1 The President**

The President shall preside at all meetings. He shall cast the deciding vote in the event of a tie vote at meetings.

He shall, subject to the advice and consent of the Board of Directors, appoint all officers and committees not required to be elected. The President shall serve ex-officio on all committees.

He shall, subject to the advice and consent of the Board of Directors, appoint the Commissioner for each district, and the Chairs of the committees set out in Bylaw Article II Section 2 herein. He shall, subject to the advice and consent of the Board of Directors, recommend to USA Hockey candidates for the position of the State Referee-in-Chief, the State Registrar, the Coaching Director and the Risk Manager when vacancies exist in these USA Hockey appointed offices. Said candidates are subject to the approval of, and appointment by, USA Hockey.

The President shall be authorized to sign checks. The President shall submit an annual report to the Board of Directors at its Annual Meeting.

The term of office of the President shall be two (2) years, commencing in 2006. The President shall be limited to three consecutive terms in office.

#### **Section 2 The Vice-President**

The Vice-President shall succeed to the powers of the President in his absence, and perform other duties as may be delegated to him by the President. The term of office of the Vice-President shall be one (1) year in 2006, and two years thereafter commencing with the election in 2007.

#### **Section 3 The Secretary**

The Secretary shall record all business transactions of CHC, attend to the correspondence, and keep records of CHC (excluding player-team registration) including the minutes of the meetings.

The Secretary shall deliver, by first-class mail or email, the minutes of all meetings within ten (10) days of the next meeting, to the Board of Directors and the President of each program. These minutes shall include a financial statement (supplied by the Treasurer), and the place, time, and date of the next

meeting of the Board of Directors of CHC. In case of challenge, the Secretary shall establish whether a member program is in good standing.

The term of office of the Secretary shall be one (1) year commencing in 2006, and two years thereafter commencing with the election in 2007.

#### **Section 4                    The Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall have charge of all monies of CHC and shall keep a detailed account of income and expenditures of CHC. He shall annually submit a written report to the Board of Directors of the financial condition of CHC, and report at other regular Board of Directors meetings. He shall supply the Secretary with copies of the statement for mailing with the minutes. He shall sign all checks of CHC. He shall be bonded as deemed necessary.

The term of office of the Treasurer shall be two (2) year commencing in 2006.

### **ARTICLE II                    APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

#### **Section I                    USA Hockey Appointed Officials**

USA Hockey/New England District shall appoint a referee-in-chief, state registrar, coaching director, and risk manager. The duties of these officials shall be as provided by USA Hockey/New England District and described in detail in the USA Hockey Annual Guide.

##### **A. The Referee-in-Chief**

1. The State Referee-in-Chief shall work in cooperation with the USA Hockey District Referee-in-Chief. He will appoint supervisors of officials in each district within the State and work through the referees' chapters in each district. He shall set conditions for examination and qualification, within USA Hockey rules and subject to the approval of the CHC Board of Directors, of referees in the State. He shall nominate officials for all State tournaments to the Tournament Committee and shall supervise the officials during the tournaments.
2. The Referee-in-Chief of Connecticut Hockey Conference is responsible for assigning referees to the tournaments. He will provide to the Tournament Committee Chairman by January 31, a list of certified referees who are eligible to work that year's tournaments. Prior to the tournaments, the Referee-in-Chief will confer with the Chairman of the Tournament Committee concerning this list. All tournament referees will conform to the requirements as set forward in the current USA Hockey guidebook, Rules and Regulations, Article VI.
3. The Referee-in-Chief will assign a Referee-in-Charge for each tournament. The Referee-in-Charge will be responsible for scheduling referees for the tournament games. The Referee-in-Charge of the tournament site will submit a written evaluation of the referees assigned to such tournament to the Referee-in-Chief at the end of each tournament.
4. The Referee-in-Chief will submit a report to the Treasurer denoting the numbers of games that each referee works during the tournaments and the amount due each referee. He will also submit a report to the President detailing any issues experienced by the Referee-in-Charge including but not be limited to the following: problems with any particular coach, assistant coach, manager or team; problems within any particular game; problems with any ice surface, goal nets, lighting, markings; and a final accounting of all referees assigned to the tournaments.
5. The Referee-in-Chief will be responsible for determining and conducting clinics in the State. He will be assisted by officials from the State referee organizations. The clinics will be held primarily to assist in upgrading the referees within State referee organizations. The Referee-in-Chief will charge the attending referees a reasonable fee unless facilities can be obtained for no fee, with the remaining cost paid by the Connecticut Hockey Conference. The Referee-in-Chief will hold one clinic during the month of November at a site central to the State.

## **B. The State Registrar**

The State Registrar shall work in cooperation with the USA Hockey District Registrar in registering all players, teams and programs in the State. Each season, prior to September 1, he shall outline to all member programs the conditions, methods, and fees for registration. He shall certify the eligibility for competition of all teams and players in the State.

Registration lists provided by member associations to CHC are considered confidential. Under no circumstances will CHC provide for sale or for distribution any list or list of names of members of CHC to any party, organization, or corporation.

## **C. Coaching Director**

The State Coaching Director shall work in cooperation with the USA Hockey District Coach-in-Chief. His duties and responsibilities shall be those as set forth by USA Hockey and the District and shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Scheduling, promotion, administration and organization of all coaching clinics conducted for the purpose of improving coaching techniques and uniformity. This shall include USA Hockey Coaching Certification Clinics within the state
2. Communicate USA Hockey coaching certification requirements to CHC Board of Directors and ensure compliance with USA Hockey and District coaching certification levels.

## **D. Risk Manager**

The State Risk Manager shall work in cooperation with the USA Hockey District Risk Manager. His duties and responsibilities shall be those as set forth by USA Hockey and the District and shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Develop a working knowledge of the liability, catastrophic and excess accident insurance programs within USA Hockey.
2. Serve as a resource of information, injury reporting, claims filing, risk identification, and correction for the CHC.

## **Section 2 CHC Appointed Officials**

### **A. District Commissioners**

The Commissioner in each district shall supervise the conditions of competition and be responsible for the enforcement of rules within his district. He shall have the power to suspend, for violation of USA Hockey or CHC playing rules, any player, coach, official or team in accordance with the provisions of USA Hockey By-law 10 and the Policies & Rules of CHC. He shall receive reports of penalties or suspensions from referees and other officials as specified to "proper authorities" by the USA Hockey rule book. He shall receive all complaints and disputes from games played in his district.

#### **Districts**

The State shall be divided into four districts, for purposes of administration. The district boundaries shall be set by the CHC Board of Directors and may be revised only as specified in the CHC Bylaw Article titled "Amendments." The Districts shall be:

- District 1: Fairfield County, except the town of Danbury.
- District 2: New Haven County,
- District 3: Hartford County except for the Towns of Avon and Simsbury, Tolland County, Windham County, and New London County.
- District 4: Litchfield County, Middlesex County, the town of Avon, Simsbury and Danbury, CT and Pawling, NY.

The member programs within a district may create a representative governing body to conduct hockey affairs within the district and to adopt and to apply rules not in conflict with USA Hockey or CHC rules. Members of such district bodies must be members of CHC. The district governing body will work closely with and be subject to the rulings of the District Commissioner.

If a Commissioner vacancy exists prior to the CHC annual meeting in April, the district body or, if none, the member programs within the district, may nominate to the CHC President the name of the District Commissioner for the next season who should reside within that district.

## **B. Committees**

The President shall appoint the following Committees:

- 1. Tournament Committee.** The composition of the Tournament Committee shall be determined according to CHC Rules and Policies. This Committee shall be headed by a Tournament Committee Chairman, such Chairman to be appointed by the President.

The Tournament Committee shall act together as the State Finals Committee and shall deal with all State, Regional and National competition programs. The Tournament Committee shall run the State Tournament within the regulations established by USA Hockey and NEAHA and the Board of Directors of CHC.

The Committee shall make a report at the next meeting following the conclusion of a tournament.

- 2. Festival Committee.** The Festival Committee shall organize and oversee all CHC activities in the support of the Yankee Conference Festival when such event is held in the State of Connecticut, including, but not limited to coach and team selections, establishment and administration of fees and budget, and the competitive conduct of CHC participants in the Festival. This committee shall be headed by a Festival Committee Chairman, such Chairman to be appointed by the President
- 3. Audit Committee,** which shall certify as to the correctness of the account of the Conference Treasurer.
- 4. Fundraising Committee** A special committee established for the purpose of raising money for youth hockey programs, clinics, colleges and prep school scholarships.
- 5. Executive Committee.** The Executive Committee shall serve as advisors to the President with recommendations on all pertinent issues. The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Registrar, Eligibility Chairman, Tournament Chairman and Girls/Women's Director. The Referee-in-Chief and the Coaching Director shall also advise on relevant issues.

During the course of the CHC year, April through March, a minimum of three (3) Executive meetings shall be held one each in the months September, November and January with the date, time and place to be determined by the President. At least 4 members of the Executive Committee must be present to constitute a quorum.

- 6. Eligibility Committee** The Eligibility Committee shall apply and interpret the eligibility sections of the Bylaws and to assist member programs in solving their personnel imbalances. The Committee will consist of the four District Commissioners, four other members (one from each district), and the State Registrar or his delegate.

## **Article III Meetings**

1. Each member program shall be represented at CHC Board Meetings by its designated representative, or in his absence, by an officer of the program, or by such representative designated in writing for that meeting. Duly represented member programs in Good Standing shall have the privilege to propose amendments to the Constitution, By-Laws, Polices and Rules, and vote on matters raised to the Board of Directors.
2. Regular Meetings will be held on the 4th Tuesday of each month, at 7:30 PM at the West Haven Italian American Club, Chase Lane, West Haven, Connecticut, unless otherwise decided by the Board of Directors.
3. The Annual Meeting shall be held in April, place and date to be determined by the Board of Directors.

4. Each member program shall be represented, as stipulated in paragraph (1) above, in at least 75% of all regularly scheduled monthly meetings. Should a member program fail to attend the minimum number of meetings, then a \$50 fine shall be added to that program's annual membership registration costs and such program shall not be considered to be in Good Standing. A member program may regain its status of Good Standing if subsequent to its loss of Good Standing, it has attended three (3) consecutive regularly scheduled monthly meetings or such sanction is lifted by petition to and majority vote of the Board of Directors, subject to the condition that if said member program has lost its status of Good Standing twice during the then-current season, the sanction can only be lifted by petition to and majority vote of the Board of Directors.
5. Smoking is prohibited at all CHC meetings.
6. Meetings may be called at the written request of three (3) members of the Board of Directors in good standing, or by the President as the occasion demands, with at least ten (10) days prior written notice of such sent by first class mail or e-mail to each member program.
7. At Board of Directors meetings and at the Annual Meetings, 25% of members in good standing shall constitute a quorum.
8. Any CHC Board Officer or Appointed Official, other than USA Hockey Appointed Officials; absenting himself from three (3) meetings without cause shall have his office declared vacant at the discretion of the Board of Directors who may appoint his successor. Any CHC Board Officer who is found to hold an executive position with a member program in contravention of Article VI of the Constitution shall immediately lose the privilege to vote on matters presented to the Board of Directors and may be removed from their CHC office by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
9. In case of doubt as to procedure or where not covered herein, the then-current edition of "Robert's Rules of Order, Revised Edition", shall govern.

#### **Article IV Election of Board Officers**

1. The President, prior to the Annual Meeting, shall appoint a Nominating Committee chaired, when possible, by the immediate past President. It will be the duty of the Nominating Committee to actively solicit from the Member Programs and their teams, and individuals, nominations of candidates for election to Board Officer positions. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to prevent nominations from the floor. The election shall take place at the Annual Meeting.
2. Following nominations, the Board Officers of CHC shall be elected separately by ballot of the Board of Directors and shall receive a majority of votes cast.
3. The duties and powers of the elected Board Officers shall begin at the conclusion of the election.

#### **Article V Membership Eligibility**

##### 1. General Conditions of Membership

A Member Program in CHC agrees to follow all by-laws, rules and regulations of CHC, the New England District (NED) and USA Hockey. Member Programs shall be required to attend applicable CHC meetings as set forth within Article III and this section. All Members shall maintain "Good Standing" with CHC at all times or face disciplinary action up to and including revocation of membership from CHC. As used throughout this Constitution and Bylaws, the term "Member Program" means collectively all of the classes of membership: Social Member, Allied Member and Full Member.

Each Member Program shall be open -in the sense that it will accept any youngster from the community it serves for full competitive participation regardless of sex, race, creed or color provided that the registration fees and/or any other such membership requirements specified are complied with, except that, (i) no Member Program depending upon municipal tax-based funding shall be required to accept non-residents as participants; and (ii) no Member Program shall be required to accept registrants whose registration may violate provisions of a league, conference or tournament in which that program usually participates.



The term "Good Standing" means: compliance at all times with all CHC, NED and USA Hockey policies, bylaws, and rules; attend all required CHC meetings as outlined in Article III. The effect of loss of Good Standing means loss of certain rights and privileges as specified in these Bylaws or upon the determination by the Executive Committee as applicable, including but not limited to: voting; participation in State, Regional and National Tournaments; inability to offer amendments to Bylaws, policies and rules; forfeiture of tournament fees.

## 2. Classes of Membership

There are three (3) classes of Membership in CHC: Social, Allied and Full; each must meet and maintain certain qualifications and restrictions as follows:

### A. Social Membership.

1. A Social Member is any individuals or association within CHC jurisdiction that wish to participate in the furtherance of CHC, NED and USA Hockey objectives.
2. Social Members shall not be eligible for participation in CHC leagues
3. Social Members shall not be eligible to vote, but are welcome to express their views to CHC.
4. Social Members deemed detrimental to the furtherance of CHC programs and the betterment of hockey within CHC may be removed from membership at CHC's sole discretion.

### B. Allied Membership.

1. Allied Members shall consist of organized associations/leagues within CHC that have been granted recognition by CHC but have not met or applied to meet the qualifications of a Full Member.
2. Allied Members shall only register/roster players and/or teams as approved in their original membership acceptance.
3. Allied Members shall be eligible for participation in CHC open leagues.
4. Allied Members shall be eligible to vote in general business matters presented at a CHC Monthly Meeting, but are not eligible to vote: (i) in the Election of Board Officers; (ii) in matters respecting the Application for Membership; or (iii) in matters respecting change of Membership Class.

### C. Full Membership

1. All Full Members shall be organized associations within CHC providing programs for Youth players 18 and younger and/or Girls U19 and younger and operating during CHC's typical hockey season (April through March). It is an express requirement that each Full Member establish at least one (1) team competing at each age group Mite, Squirt, Pee Wee and Bantam in addition to a Learn-to-Skate/Learn to Play Hockey program. An exception for any age group requirement may be granted by the Eligibility Committee.
2. All Full Members shall be eligible to vote on all CHC By-Laws and Board Officers and shall make up the CHC Board along with CHC's Board Officers.
3. Any Full Member considered to be "not in Good Standing" may be reclassified to Allied Member status by recommendation of the Executive Committee and affirmed by a vote of the Board of Directors.

4. Full Members shall only register/roster players and/or teams as approved in their original membership acceptance, and such members must roster all of their teams with USA Hockey.
5. All Full Members must strictly adhere to the USA Hockey's American Development Model and must be in full compliance with its requirements at all times.
6. Full Members must attend all CHC meetings as stipulated in Article III.

D. Application for Membership or Change in Membership Class

Prospective association/league must submit their request for membership to the CHC in writing to the CHC Secretary. The CHC Secretary shall respond to the applicant and based on the type of Membership applied for, establish the supporting materials that the applicant must provide or be ready to provide as necessary for CHC consideration. Upon submitting a complete application the request shall be reviewed by the appropriate CHC committees. The recommendation whether or not to approve the application is then brought to a vote to the Board of Directors. Applicants must receive two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the number of Full Members.

Prospective Members must meet the following minimum requirements for acceptance as a Full Member:

1. Must have been an Allied Member in Good Standing for at least one (1) season or in the case of a new applicant, must agree to a probationary period of one (1) year.
2. Provide a mission/description of program offerings, and whatever other information is deemed pertinent by the applicant.
3. Demonstrate the ability to establish at least one team competing at Mite, Squirt, Pee Wee and Bantam in addition to a Learn-to-Skate/Learn to Play Hockey program. An exception for any age group requirement may be granted by the Eligibility Committee. No team may consist of duplicative registrants within the existing Full Member associations.
4. All registered players must reside in or attend school in Connecticut or meet the Out of State exemptions as set forth in the Policies and Rules affecting tournament-bound teams.
5. If accepted, the new Full Member is considered to be on Probationary status for the first season, during which time failure to comply with the original criteria in which they were accepted under and/or violation of any by-laws, rules or regulations of CHC, NED or USA Hockey may result in reversion to a lower member status or denial of full membership status.

Qualifying data and documents in consideration of FULL Membership include but are not limited to:

1. Type of Organization (LLC, Corp; not for profit)
2. Duly incorporated in CT (or if a for-profit in another State, filing as doing business in CT)
3. Financial Solvency --- audited filings; or tax returns (reviewed by Finance Committee)
4. Description of Organization:
  - By-Laws of applicant that demonstrate how it conducts its affairs as a hockey organization;
  - Names of Board of Directors and essential personnel like Coaches;
  - Team composition [how does the applicant intend to field teams];
  - How does the applicant intend to satisfy CHC rules, and other initiatives such as 2+2 Challenge

## **Article VI                      Registration and Eligibility**

1. Each member program may organize teams for house league play within its own program in addition to tournament teams to play in State league or tournament competition between programs.
2. A member program may only include on any of its USA Hockey team rosters players who are eligible pursuant to CHC Bylaws and Policies & Rules for registration by the program. This applies to all levels of activities: clinics, house teams/leagues, tournament declared or non-tournament declared teams, special invitational tournament and all other teams. No program depending upon municipal tax-based funding shall be required to accept non-residents as participants. No program shall be required to accept registrants whose registration may violate provisions of a league, conference or tournament in which that program usually participates.
3. All players in CHC member programs must be registered with the Program Registrar prior to participating in on-ice activities. The Program Registrar must also submit player registration materials to State Registrar within seven (7) days of registering with said program.
4. Late sign-ups with the program, or players moving into a program area after the December meeting, may be added to that program's registration provided that a release has been obtained. The names of all late sign-ups must be submitted to the State Registrar within seven (7) days of the first game or practice session in which the new skater participates.
5. All tournament declared teams must be separately registered by a roster of not more than twenty (20) players for each team that are being submitted to the State Registrar in accordance with USA Hockey guidelines and these Bylaws. A team can roster a maximum of 20 players provided that the maximum number of skaters, excluding goaltenders, may not exceed 18. A team roster may comprise as many as 18 skaters and 1 or 2 goaltenders, or 17 skaters and 3 goaltenders. A program must be a Full Member in order to compete at the Tier 1, Tier 2 or Tier 3 levels.
6. All member program registration materials are due no later than the deadlines established by the State Registrar. If a program has not fully completed its registration process by the January meeting it will be subject to disqualification from State tournament play. Notwithstanding the above, the State Registrar must receive a properly documented team roster prior to the team playing its first game for such game to qualify for tournament standings.
7. Roster amendments are due no later than the December meeting. Rosters are frozen as of that date.
8. The State Tournament Registration fee shall be set by the Tournament Committee on an annual basis. Each tournament declared team must submit a deposit equal to fifty percent (50%) of the State Tournament fee (payable by check or money order) no later than the October meeting. The balance shall be due at the February Special Tournament meeting.
9. Any tournament declared team that has not submitted its roster to the State Registrar by November 1 of the current season will be fined \$50, plus an additional \$10 per game for every game that the team plays from November 1 to the date their roster is properly filed with the State Registrar. Furthermore, the State Registrar must receive rosters for all clinic, I.P., learn to skate, and house no later than Dec. 31 of the current season; member programs will be fined \$100 per team for such rosters that are not timely filed. In order to ensure timely payment of any fine imposed under this paragraph, a \$500 deposit will be collected from each member program at the October meeting. Fines levied against a member program will be taken from this deposit. Any remaining deposit will be credited to the member program's balance owing for State Tournament fees.

## **Article VII                      Compliance**

All CHC member programs, teams, and participants must abide by this Constitution and Bylaws and the CHC Policies & Rules.

## **Article VIII                      Amendments**

1. CHC member programs in Good Standing, Board Officers or Appointed Officials may propose amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws by submitting such amendments in writing (by first class mail or email) to the Secretary. The Secretary shall submit all proposals to the Standing Rules Committee, which is composed of the Eligibility Chairman, State Registrar and Secretary, for review.
2. The Standing Rules Committee presents proposed amendments to the Board of Directors at a Board of Director's meeting with recommendations.
3. In order to amend the Constitution and Bylaws, a proposed amendment must receive at least two-thirds (67%) of the votes cast by CHC member programs in Good Standing and Board Officers.

#### **Article IX                      Council of Honor**

1. The President may, at his discretion, appoint qualified individuals to a Council of Honor, which will replace and continue the functions formerly carried out by the Life Membership Committee and the Committee for the Connecticut Hockey Conference Hall of Honor. The Council shall serve in an advisory capacity only, having no power to approve, affirm, delay, question or suspend any action or decision taken by the Conference.
2. The Council of Honor shall select from its own number a Chairman, a Secretary, and a Treasurer who shall be different from the persons holding those offices in the Conference at the time of their appointment.
3. The Council shall conduct its own proceedings separate from the Conference, but its recommendations, nominations and other minutes shall be distributed each month to all member programs of the Conference so that those minutes calling for Conference action may be voted upon at the next monthly meeting of the Conference.
4. To qualify for membership on the Council, an individual must be:
  - a. A Life Member of the Conference, or
  - b. A past President or Vice President of the Conference, or
  - c. An elected honoree of the Connecticut Hockey Conference Hall of Honor.
5. The President of the Conference shall keep the size of the Council proportionate to that of the Conference by each December, accepting withdrawals from and/or making new appointments to the Council so that the number of Council members shall always balance (be equivalent to) the number of program members of the Conference in good standing.

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