

**BYLAWS OF THE
WARREN COUNTY INLINE HOCKEY LEAGUE
(Amended 2018)**

I. NAME

This organization shall be known as the Warren County Inline Hockey League, hereafter referred to as WCIHL. The WCIHL shall operate as a non-profit organization providing a supervised program to developing the skills of inline hockey to its members in a positive and team-oriented environment.

II. PURPOSE

- a) The WCIHL purpose is to help develop children in the skills of hockey while promoting fair play and good sportsmanship. We will do this by ensuring all children can have the opportunity to play in each and every game. The end state is to build confidence within the children and provide an opportunity for both children and parents to have a great time playing hockey.
- b) As an organization, all participants, coaches, parents and spectators shall abide by WCPRD Code of Ethics.
- c) This 501(c)(7) organization is a social or recreational club that is organized for pleasure, recreation, and other non-profitable purposes. A 501(c) organization is a nonprofit organization in the federal law of the United States according to 26 U.S.C. § 501 and is one of 29 types of nonprofit organizations exempt from some federal income taxes. Sections 503 through 505 set out the requirements for attaining such exemptions. Many states refer to Section 501(c) for definitions of organizations exempt from state taxation as well. 501(c) organizations can receive unlimited contributions from individuals, corporations, and unions.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Any individual, in good standing with Warren County Parks and Recreation, who has an interest in participation in inline hockey through the WCIHL and who pays the dues as required pursuant to the terms of these Bylaws shall be eligible for membership and play.

IV. OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

The government, conduct, operation, and maintenance of WCIHL shall be vested in the Board of Directors. consisting of not less than nine (9) and not more than thirteen (13) directors.

The Executive Board officers of the corporation shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to sign and execute WCIHL documents and instruments whereupon their signatures may be lawfully required. Other officers with such duties may be authorized and determined by the Executive Board. Board Member positions can include but are not limited to the following positions: Head of Referees, Head of Coaches, Equipment Manager, Sponsorships Manager, Rink Maintenance Manager. The job duties and responsibilities of these Board members will be determined by the Executive Board and are subject to change as the Executive Board sees fit. The terms of

office to be held by such officers shall begin July 1 and shall be for two (2) years. There will be a two (2) term maximum limit for each WCIHL Board position.

- a) The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation and shall, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, have general supervision, direction, and control of the business and affairs of the corporation. The President shall also have the general powers and duties of management usually vested in the office of President and shall have other power and duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors and by these bylaws. The President is responsible for liaising with WCPR and will be the point of contact for external and internal inquiries.
- b) Vice-President: In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice-President shall perform all duties of the President and when so acting shall have of the powers and be subject to all of the restrictions of the President. The Vice-President shall serve as chair on the Infractions Committee. The Vice-President is also responsible for all duties related to scorekeeping.
- c) The Secretary shall keep minutes of all of the meetings of the Board of Directors and Executive Board. He or she shall preserve in record books the full and correct minutes of the proceedings of all such meetings, and submit to each member of the Board, within seven (7) days, the minutes of each meeting. The Secretary shall maintain an accurate and continuing record of attendance of the Board of Directors at regular meetings. He or she shall be custodian of the Bylaws and minute books. The Secretary is responsible for the management of the website and registration. The Board of Directors may delegate other duties.
- d) The Treasurer shall keep or cause to be kept in books belonging to the WCIHL, complete and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements, resources, and liabilities, and shall be the only person to deposit all monies and funds and other valuable effects of the WCIHL, in the name of and to the credit of the corporation, in such depository or depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors. All deposits will be made by the Treasurer within one (1) week of receipt of the funds. The Treasurer shall also serve all notices required by law, these bylaws, or by resolution of the Board of Directors, and it shall be his or her duty to prepare and file with appropriate bodies office reports and documents required by law to be filed by non-profit corporations. He or she shall render to the President and to the Board of Directors at the meetings of the directors, or whenever otherwise requested, correct statements and reports showing the financial condition of the WCIHL. He or she shall be custodian of the corporate Articles of Incorporation.

V. COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

INFRACTIONS COMMITTEE

Infractions committee shall be appointed by and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors. The committee shall be composed of the Vice President, one adult member from each age division in good standing with WCPRD (terms of this position shall not exceed one (1) playing season), Head of Coaches, and Head of Referees. The Vice President shall preside over the committee and serve as its chairman. Members representing the age division shall be

selected by the Board of Directors. Infractions committee findings, rulings, and/or sanctions may be appealed to the Board of Directors within ten (10) days of the decision.

The Infractions Committee shall:

- a) Preside over all matters involving conduct and interpretation of rules of play.
- b) Issue reprimands, infractions, suspensions, and disciplinary conduct for the players and coaches, assistant coaches, referees, and like spectators to the Board of Directors as dictated by the Warren County Parks and Recreation Department code of ethics.
- c) Submit all reprimands, suspensions, and disciplinary conduct findings in writing to the Board of Directors.
- d) The Vice President will submit all incident reports and critical incident reports to the President who will submit the report to Warren County Parks and Recreation.
- e) If all matters to resolve the dispute fail, the final appeal will be made directly to the Director of the Warren County Parks and Recreation Department. The Director of WCPRD will in turn notify the WCPRD Appeal Committee if needed.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- a) The Nominating Committee shall be composed of three (3) Board Members appointed by the President of the WCIHL.
- b) The Nominating Committee must be formed at least two (2) months prior to elections.
- c) The Nominating Committee shall elect its own Chairman.
- d) The Nominating Committee shall nominate at least one (1) eligible person for each office to be filled and report its nominees at the June WCIHL Board meeting, at which time the Board Members may make additional nominations from the floor.
- e) Only those persons who have signified their consent to serve if elected and have passed a background check shall be nominated for or elected to such office.

VI. OFFICERS ELECTIONS AND TERMS

OFFICE TERMS

Each Board member shall serve for a two (2) year period and each Board member may succeed himself or herself. If vacancies occur, the unexpired portion of the term may be filled in by Board appointment. There will be a two (2) term maximum limit for each WCIHL Board position.

VOTING

Each member of the WCIHL Board shall have 1 vote with the exception of the President who will only vote in the event of a tie.

ELECTIONS

The Nomination Committee shall prepare a slate of candidates for election as officers and members and shall secure the consent of its nominees to serve if elected. This Committee shall present its nominations to the Board of Directors at the June election meeting. The

Nomination Committee shall use any and all members to draw its slate of candidates for WCIHL Board nominations. Once the nominations are complete and presented, the Board of Directors will recommend additional nominations from the floor to be considered. The Board will review each candidate and determine each candidate's eligibility as it sees fits. The Board of Directors will take a vote by ballot with each Board Member casting one (1) vote for each position. The candidates with the majority vote will be elected as officers.

BOARD EXPULSIONS AND VACANCIES

Any officer may be removed, with cause, by the affirmative majority Board in favor of removal at any special meeting called for that purpose, or at any regular meeting of the Board of Directors. In the event of a death, resignation, removal, or other inability to serve of any officer position, the Board shall elect a successor who shall serve until the expiration of the normal term of such officer or until his or her successor shall be elected.

VII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING POLICY

The Executive Board of Directors shall hold monthly meetings at times and places determined by the President of the Association. An agenda shall be distributed to the members 3 days in advance of any scheduled meeting. Any member wishing to have a specific item added to the meeting agenda, shall notify the Secretary of the item at least 3 days prior to the scheduled meeting. Additional meetings may be called by the President or by a majority of the Directors. If any meeting is cancelled it may be rescheduled, and a date and time will be posted and emailed to all Board of Directors (five) 5 days prior to the event.

Executive Directors of the Board are expected to attend all regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors. Elected Committee members may opt out of attending these meetings with notification to the President. Executive Board Members and Directors may be excused from attending at any regular or special meeting by the President for good cause. Any unexcused absence shall be noted in the minutes of the Board of Directors. The event of a Director missing three (3) unexcused, regularly scheduled meetings in a twelve (12) month time period will constitute as resignation of that Director.

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the deliberation of the Corporation. The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rule of Order Newly Revised shall govern the WCIHL in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not consistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the WCIHL may adopt. All meetings should include acknowledgment of absent board members, a greeting, motion to approve old minutes, Treasurer report, old business, new business, motions to approve any actions, questions and comments section, next meeting date, motion to adjourn.

The following members shall be allowed to vote at said meetings: The Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and board elected committee members. All voting members will have 1 vote for each motion to approve action items. A quorum of 51% of Board members is required to take a vote. A majority 51% vote is required for an affirmative vote. Votes may be requested via email in the event of an emergency between WCIHL Board meetings. In the event of an

email vote, all WCIHL Board members will be required to respond within 72 hours or their vote will default to an abstention.

VIII. FINANCIALS

The WCIHL Board of Directors must establish a seasonal budget and may establish registration fees, equipment rental fees, and other fees or charges for the participation in the league. No member of the board shall have authority or power to obligate the league financially other than the board acting with a quorum or by the joint action of the Treasurer and President. Sponsors may be solicited as determined by the board of directors. Purchases totaling over one hundred dollars (\$100), by the same Board member within a 24-hour period, must be authorized by two of the three following officers: President, Vice-President, or Treasurer. Purchases totaling over five hundred dollars (\$500), by the same Board member within a 24-hour period, must have Board approval. The President and Treasurer must both be listed as authorized users on the checking account. All checks written must include the signatures of both the President and the Treasurer. Any purchase made by a member of the WCIHL Board must be accompanied by a receipt and be submitted for reimbursement to the Treasurer within thirty (30) days. Any funds brought in to the WCIHL must be issued a receipt and all receipt slips and records should be kept for a minimum of 2 years. All sponsorship donations must be made in the form of a check written out to the Warren County Inline Hockey League. It is required that an accountant check the financial records of the league at the end of each season to ensure compliance with all local, state, and federal laws and to confirm 501(c) status is still valid.

IX. FISCAL YEAR

The WCIHL fiscal year term will begin on July 1 and end of June 30 of each year. The WCIHL conducts both a Spring and Fall season for each year.

X. RULES OF PLAY

The WCIHL will follow the USA Roller Sports (USARS) Hockey Rule Book ([AAU USARS 2016-2017 Rule Book](#)) for rules of the game, except where those rules conflict with these Bylaws. In that case, the Bylaws take precedence.

GENERAL PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The WCIHL program structure can be classified as Recreational. According to USA Hockey, Recreational is defined as:

The backbone of youth hockey is recreational hockey. This program encourages internal or House League play. This program is designed to provide opportunities to play for enjoyment, fitness, relaxation, and fellowship. Skill development and team concepts are emphasized, rather than winning.

WCIHL SEASONS

The WCIHL has two seasons, a fall season, and a spring season. The fall season extends from early September to late November and the spring season extends from early March to late May. During this time, the WCIHL conducts a House League program. The timing of these seasons can be shifted as the WCIHL Board sees fit. The House League program provides recreational players with the opportunity to learn and develop the fundamental skills of hockey. It strives to provide equal playing time for all House League players in accordance with playing rules established by the WCIHL.

HOUSE LEAGUE MISSION

The goal of the WCIHL House League is to provide an opportunity for individual and team skill development, and an equal opportunity for each player to enjoy hockey for fun and exercise. All players will be assigned to a team. Depending upon the number of registered players, House teams will consist of 6 to 10 players, including one goalie. The House League will practice and play games at Basil Griffith Park on Three Springs Road in Bowling Green, KY.

HOUSE LEAGUE STRUCTURE

WCIHL House League teams are divided into multiple player classifications. These hockey player classifications are also commonly referred to as Divisions. The classification of a player is determined by his/her age on January 1 of the current year. The House League consists of five (5) divisions. The divisions are:

PEEWEE – 5 years old or younger or beginner skill level on January 1 of the current year

SQUIRT - 9 years old or younger on January 1 of the current year

BANTAM – 12 years old and under on January 1 of the current year

HIGH SCHOOL - 17 years old and under on January 1 of the current year

ADULT – 18 years old and over on January 1 of the current year

The WCIHL reserves the right to establish, or eliminate, different playing divisions and different age criteria for playing in any division in its House League if the Board of Directors determines this to be necessary. This may include allowing players, upon request, to play up in older age divisions when the Board of Directors determines they are capable of doing so.

HOUSE LEAGUE PLAYER DRAFT

Teams in the WCIHL are reconstituted every season. Players are assigned to teams via the House League Player Draft (“Player Draft”). The Head of Coaches will set a night for the Player Draft. Prior to the draft, all requests for playing up or down a division will be heard by the Board of Directors and decisions on the requests will be made.

Prior to the draft, Board will rank the players among their peers within the division. The coaches will also consider player size and experience when conducting ranking. Ranks are generally from A (highest skilled players) to D (lowest skilled players). When ranking players, it is best if the number of players per rank equals a multiple of the teams in the division. That is, if there are 4 teams in the division, then there should be 4 or 8 players with the A

ranking. Once the general ranking is completed, coaches' children (if any) will be placed on their teams in the first spot in the draft where their ranking would suggest they would be picked. That is, if a coach's child is rated as a B player, that child would be inserted in the coach's draft as the first B player the coach will take. Following this, draft order will be selected. This is usually completed via a blind draw but can be done in any method that all coaches believe is fair and agree to use. After the draft order is set, the draft proceeds in a snake fashion until all players are selected. That is, with four teams (1, 2, 3, and 4), the first round of the draft will proceed Team 1, Team 2, Team 3, and Team 4. The second round of the draft will proceed Team 4, Team 3, Team 2, and Team 1. This process will continue until all players are placed on teams. There will be no late adds after the draft is completed.

All reasonable attempts will be made to conduct the draft fairly and equitably, to draft teams that will be evenly matched, and to draft so as not to create any team or teams that have an unfair competitive advantage or disadvantage. Attempts will be made to place members of the same immediate family, who are playing within the same division, on the same team to ease the travel burden on families. However, because of the many variables involved in providing team balance and equality, it may not be possible to accommodate all requests for players to be on the same team for carpool purposes or for other reasons.

HOUSE LEAGUE PLAYING RULES

The House League generally follows the official playing rules published by USA Roller Sports Inline. There are exceptions, however, to some of these rules to allow the House League to function as intended. For example, limitations on the number of goals scored by an individual player may be imposed by the WCIHL where none are imposed by USA Roller Sports Inline. The length of time which players are on the ice ("shift time") is limited in the WCIHL House League whereas USA Roller Sports Inline has no such limitations. These rules may change or vary from season to season.

Some of the rules and policies which are unique to the WCIHL House League include, but are not limited to, the following:

PRACTICE TIMES

Practice times will be up to 1.5 hours each. Practices will be set by each coach. Prior to the beginning of the regular season games, coaches will be provided time to practice with the team. During this time, it is expected that teams practice up to twice a week. After the beginning of the regular season games, teams will be able to practice one time per week based upon rink availability.

GAME TIMES

Games will begin at 5:45, 6:45, 7:45, and 8:45. While the WCIHL reserves the right to use each of the time slots as it sees fit, in general, Squirt games will occur at 5:45, Bantam games will occur at 6:45, High School games will occur at 7:45, and Adult games will occur at 8:45. The time length of each game is currently three 15-minute periods with the game clock running continuously. If the score of the game is within two goals in the last two minutes of the

game, the clock will stop after each whistle. Other time stops including one (1) time out per team and other calls at the referee's discretion.

SHOOTOUT RULES

If a game is tied at the end of regulation, a shootout will ensue. Shootouts use the following rules. Home team selects whether they shoot first or last. Each team will have four different skaters who will take a penalty shot against the other team's goalie. Teams will alternate penalty shots. At the end of four shooters, the team with the most goals is declared the winner of the game. If teams are still tied at the end of four shooters, the shootout goes into sudden decision. That is each team will have one additional skater take a penalty shot. If one shooter scores and the other does not, the team of the scoring player is declared the winner of the game. This continues until one team is declared the winner. Teams must use all players on their roster or equal to the number of players on the other team's roster, whichever number is smaller, before they can re-use players. Once all players on a roster have shot, any player can be re-used any number of times. Players in the penalty box at the end of the game are ineligible for the shootout and do not count as part of the shooting roster.

PLAYING TIME

While the WCIHL does not have a minimum or maximum as to individual playing times, players should expect to play roughly the same amount of time as each other during each game.

PENALTY TIME

Some penalty times in the House League vary from those provided for by USARSI. Please see below:

WCIHL House League Penalty Times (in minutes):

	Squirt	Bantam	High School	Adult
Minor Penalty	2	2	2	2
Double Minor Penalty	4	4	4	4
Major Penalty	5	5	5	5
Misconduct Penalty	10	10	10	10

GOAL LIMIT

There is a three (3) goal (hat trick) limit per player in all Squirt and below divisions in House League games. After an individual player has scored three (3) goals in one game, any further goals scored by that player SHALL BE DISALLOWED and will NOT be counted on the scoreboard or recorded on the official score sheet. For a player who has already scored three (3) goals, the fourth goal from that player SHALL BE DISALLOWED and the referee shall recommence play with a face-off at the nearest high zone face-off dot. The player's fifth and subsequent goals will be penalized with a minor penalty for Delay of Game.

There is a six (6) goal limit per player in Bantam division in House League games. After an individual player has scored six (6) goals in one game, any further goals scored by that player SHALL BE DISALLOWED and will NOT be counted on the scoreboard or recorded on the official score sheet. For a player who has already scored six (6) goals, the seventh goal from that player SHALL BE DISALLOWED and the referee shall recommence play with a face-off at the nearest high zone face-off dot. The player's eighth and subsequent goals will be penalized with a minor penalty for Delay of Game.

PLAY UP RULES

Generally, all players in the WCIHL shall be required to play or participate on teams within the division required by their age as of January 1 of the calendar year. There are exceptions to this rule in the House League which include, but may not be limited to, the following:

- a) A player may be asked to "play up" in a higher age division temporarily or permanently under certain circumstances, including when such action is needed to insure competitiveness in one of more playing divisions, or where there is a shortage of key players (e.g. goalies), or due to a shortage of players generally (e.g., only eight players register for a division). These decisions will be implemented by and are at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- b) A player may be permitted to "play up" in a higher age division on a permanent basis under the following conditions: the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the player give(s) their written permission to the Board of Directors for their child to "play up" and the Board of Directors approves this request.

The WCIHL board will review all requests to "play up" and base approval on the following criteria:

The board will determine, after sign ups, the number of players that are needed to maintain an acceptable roster and appropriate number of teams in each division for competition. The goal will be to keep divisions competitive by first keeping players in their respective age divisions.

- a) The board will determine how many roster spots will be available in each division to honor play-up requests.
- b) Players will be allowed a maximum of 1 year (2 seasons) prior to their normal change of divisions based on age requirements.
- c) Players will be chosen based on their in-line hockey skills and capabilities based on prior seasons or assessments by coaches and/or board members.
- d) Any player who may have already moved up divisions will still be allowed to play in the higher division.
- e) The safety of all players is always a primary consideration of the WCIHL and its coaches. No player will be allowed to "play up" when it would be unsafe to do so.
- f) The WCIHL seeks to promote competitive teams in all divisions within the House League. Promotion of competitive teams does not mean that "winning" is the WCIHL's primary objective. Players will not be allowed to "play up" solely to allow higher division teams to win more games. Likewise, players will not be prevented from "playing up" solely to

maintain a winning advantage for the lower division team to which a player would normally belong. Players who are “playing up” should not be allowed to dislodge or bump off of team rosters those players who are already properly on such rosters by virtue of their age. The interests of the WCIHL, as a whole, shall be considered paramount to the interests of individual players, parents, or coaches. Circumstances that are not expressly mentioned in this rule shall be governed by the decisions of the Board of Directors.

PLAYING DOWN

Under unique circumstances, players may be allowed to play down for one season, if doing so would not upset the competitive balance and would not constitute an injury risk to other players in the division. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of the player must request this in writing as described under the Playing Up Rules. Circumstances which are not expressly mentioned in this rule shall be governed by the decisions of the Board of Directors.

TOURNAMENT PLAY

The WCIHL uses various formats for tournament play. Every team will play at least 1 playoff game. The format for the tournament varies and will be announced as soon as possible to the league each season. The format will be either a round robin format or a highest seed format. It is often double-elimination but may be only single elimination. The format depends strictly on how many teams there are per division and schedule permitting.

TOURNAMENT SEEDING

During the regular season, teams will earn 2 points for each victory, 1 point for each shootout loss, and 0 points for each regulation loss. Teams will be seeded according to the points earned in the regular season, with the team with the highest number of points earning the first seed. If teams are tied in points, the following tie breakers will be used, in order:

- a) Fewest games played
- b) Wins
- c) Coin flip

GAMES RUNNING LATE

Games will begin at their scheduled times. If a team does not have enough players to begin the game, see Game Forfeitures below. If previous games run longer than the scheduled hour, teams for the next game will have a three-minute warm-up time that begins once the teams from the previous game have left the rink.

GAME FORFEITURES

No team shall be allowed to start a game with fewer than four players on the playing surface. If, after the conclusion of any warm-up time, a team cannot place four eligible players on the surface to start the game, the offending team shall be assessed a bench minor penalty. If the team is still unable to play within 5 minutes, the Referee shall suspend the game and

the game shall be declared a forfeit. The score shall be recorded as 1-0 for the winning team. The teams may scrimmage during the time allotted for the game, but there will be no referees and the game score will not be kept.

PICKING UP PLAYERS

During the regular season, teams may pick up one player from another team in the same division or lower if they are in danger of forfeiting the game. Teams are not allowed to pick up more than one player. Coaches who want to pick up a player must check with the coach of the other team and with the game officials to ensure that all parties are in agreement with this. Players who are picked up should be equivalent in skill to the missing players whom they are replacing. Only players in the WCIHL are eligible to be picked up to play for teams. With the exception of the adult league, players who are picked up must be a skater and not a goalie; Adult league teams can pick up goalies. This is to be used on an emergency basis only and can be stopped at any time at the Board's discretion. If the coaches cannot agree, the decision will default to the Board Member on duty. During playoffs, teams must use the players on their own roster.

SCOREBOARD

If needed, each team is responsible for providing one adult to work the scoreboard. There will be no more than two non-Board members at the scorer's bench. The scorer's bench must be attended by an adult. People on the scorer's bench must be impartial. They cannot act as additional coaches for the teams. At the first instance of partisan behavior, the scorer's bench will be issued a warning by the referee. The second and subsequent instances of partisan behavior will result in a Bench Minor penalty for the team for Misconduct. Anyone in the score's bench area must have passed a background check prior to entering the area.

OFFICIALS

Officials for the WCIHL are called referees. There will be two referees scheduled per game. Generally, this assignment will include at least one experienced referee. Referees will follow the rules of play and call penalties as set forth in the USA Roller Sports (USARSA) Hockey Rule Book. All penalties will be called in all divisions, as not calling penalties in earlier divisions allows players to develop bad habits and does not teach children how to play the game of hockey.

WCIHL referees must be at least 16 years of age to referee games. Referees cannot referee games for divisions in which they play (or would be eligible to play if they are not currently playing in the league) or higher; they can only referee games for divisions that are lower than that in which they play. That is, a player in the Bantam division cannot referee Bantam games; this player can only referee Squirt games. A Bantam-aged player in the High School division because of "playing up" cannot referee Bantam games; this player can only referee Squirt games. The Adult division is the only exception. Adult games can be refereed by players in the Adult division.

In order to referee games for the WCIHL, referees must attend a training seminar and/or pass a knowledge test and/or complete other requirements as set forth by the Head of Officials in order to ascertain that the referee has the requisite knowledge and skills for the position.

Referee equipment includes black pants, a referee jersey, a helmet without a cage but with a chin strap, inline skates, and a finger whistle. Referees are responsible for supplying their own equipment.

WCIHL SEASON

The regular season will include between 9 and 12 games. All teams will have the same number of scheduled games. Games will primarily be scheduled on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights; Wednesday nights will be used for games only if needed. Friday nights will be make-up game nights. Teams must play on their scheduled nights; once the schedule is made, there will be no changing game nights. Teams unable to field a team will forfeit that game (see Game Forfeitures above).

RAIN OUTS

The Board members and coaches at the rink will make a determination whether the rink is in playable condition. If the rink is deemed to be unplayable, the referee will cancel the game. The referee and the Board members at the rink will notify the following people of this decision: coaches from both teams scheduled to play, coaches of the teams scheduled to play later in the evening, the Head of Officials, the Head of Coaches, President and WCPRD Director. Rained out games will be scheduled no sooner than Friday of the week following the rain out. If the rain out occurs while a game is ongoing in the regular season, if at least half of the game has been played (7:30 in the second period) it will be considered a complete game and the score will be recorded. If less than half a game has been played, the game will be cancelled and replayed in its entirety. In the playoffs, the time of game and the score will be noted, and the game will be resumed at a later date with all statistics carrying over.

SPECIAL WEEKEND EVENTS

Each WCIHL season begins with Super Saturday and will have an All-Star Game on a Saturday in the middle of the season. On the Saturday before the first Monday of scheduled games, there are games scheduled for as many of the teams in the league as possible. These games DO NOT count in the standings and are for the sole purpose of providing the league, the coaches, and the officials a time to practice during a live scrimmage. If there is rain on Super Saturday, it may or may not be made up at the Board's discretion. All-Star Saturday will occur in the middle of the season. For each division, coaches will select a number of players from their team to comprise an All-Star team. The number of players from each team will depend on the number of teams in the league, with the goal of creating two 10- to 12-player (including goalies) teams. Players will be divided into teams by a representative from the Board of Directors and will be combined to create two teams of equal ability. Games on All-Star Saturday will have the same rules and time as games during the regular season. In addition, players will compete in a skills competition. The skills in the competition

are at the discretion of the organizer of All-Star Saturday, but could include a combination of fastest skater, hardest shot, most accurate shot, goalie shootout competition, goalie pepper drill, puck handling drill, or other competition(s) as desired. The Board of Directors reserves the right to decide to NOT hold either of these Special Weekend Events at its discretion. If there is rain on All-Star Saturday, it may or may not be made up at the Board's discretion.

BENCH PERSONNEL

Each team is allowed to have up to two (2) coaches on the bench at any given time and one (1) team volunteer. Every person on the bench is required to have a league approved picture ID. Anyone who is on the bench as a parent volunteer or coach must pass a WCPRD background check.

COACHES

Coaches for the WCIHL will be selected from individuals who volunteer for the position. Coaches must complete and pass a WCPRD background check to be eligible to participate in the WCIHL as coaches. In addition, the Board of Directors reserves the right to set other requirements for coaches.

Prior to the current season, the Head of Coaches will prepare a list of those who have volunteered to coach. The Head of Coaches will present this list to the Board of Directors for approval. Upon approval of the list of coaches, the Head of Coaches will notify volunteers of their approval and initiate the process necessary for the WCPRD background check and any other requirements as set by the Board of Directors.

WCIHL COACHING PHILOSOPHY

Although all WCIHL coaches are volunteers who are not compensated for their time and effort, they are nevertheless expected to remember that they are entrusted with the minds and hearts of children who want to learn to play hockey and have fun. With this in mind the WCIHL encourages its coaches to adhere to the following WCIHL Coaching Philosophy:

- a) Coaches should be reasonable in their demands on young players' time, energy, and enthusiasm and remember that players often have other interests.
- b) Coaches should teach players that rules of the game are mutual agreements that no one should deliberately evade or break.
- c) Coaches should group players according to age, height, skill, and physical maturity whenever possible.
- d) Coaches should avoid over-playing the experienced or exceptionally-talented players. The "just-average" players need and deserve equal time and attention.
- e) Coaches should remember that children play for fun and enjoyment and that winning is only a part of it. Coaches should not ridicule children for making mistakes or losing a competition.
- f) Coaches should ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate for the age and ability level of the players.

- g) Coaches should schedule the length and content of practices taking into consideration the maturity level of the children involved.
- h) Coaches should develop team respect for the ability of opponents as well as for the judgment of the officials and opposing coaches.
- i) Coaches should remember that children need a coach they can respect. They should be generous with praise when it is deserved and set a good example both while behind the bench and elsewhere.
- j) Coaches should make a personal commitment to keep themselves informed on sound coaching principles and the principles of growth and development of children.

BASIC COACHING RESPONSIBILITIES

- a) Coaches should be present before, during and after games and practices in order to coach their players. A coach should always be present on the rink when players are on the rink for practice, and on the bench when players are on the rink for a game. Dressing areas should be supervised by team coaches while in use before and after games and practices. If a coach cannot be present, he or she should try to arrange for a suitable adult replacement.
- b) Coaches should see to it that no one is on the bench unless they are players or coaches on the teams that are currently playing or practicing or are authorized to keep score or serve as timekeeper.
- c) Each coach, home and away, should provide one volunteer adult to serve as scorekeeper during games.
- d) It is the coach's responsibility to be prepared with game or practice plans before his team goes on the rink. Practices should be fun and challenging for the players. Coaches should maximize the use of rink time and organize practice so that it builds on game philosophy. The use of scrimmages at practice should be minimized so that more emphasis can be placed on development of individual skills. If a scrimmage is necessary, it should be controlled and add to the players' learning experience.
- e) Coaches should help to ensure that players are wearing all of the required approved protective equipment, including mouth pieces, while on the rink. Coaches should help to ensure that all equipment worn by a player is proper, safe, and fits correctly.
- f) Mandatory protective equipment for players under the age of 18 (and 18 year-olds playing in the 18-and-under age division) includes: HECC approved helmet with helmet- and chin- straps properly fastened, HECC approved full face mask with a chin cup, colored (non-clear) internal mouth guard, gloves designed for hockey, elbow pads, protective cup or pelvic protector, and knee/shin pads designed for hockey
- g) Mandatory protective equipment for players 18 and older (playing in an 18-and- over division) includes helmet designed for hockey with chin strap fully fastened, gloves designed for hockey, elbow pads, protective cup or pelvic protector, and knee/shin pads designed for hockey. A full-face mask is strongly recommended, but not required.
- h) WCIHL coaches are expected to be familiar with the WCPRD and WCIHL Player's Code of Conduct and to enforce the code where applicable.

HEAD COACHES IN GAME RESPONSIBILITIES

- a) Head coaches are the only ones allowed to communicate with officials during the game
- b) Head coach is responsible for all player and parent actions
- c) Head coach is responsible for ensuring to the best of their ability equal playing time
- d) Head coaches should show good sportsmanship while at the rink

COACH DISCIPLINE

Failure to abide by the rules set forth in these bylaws will be addressed at the Board's discretion through the procedures set forth by the Board along with the Infractions Committee.

XI. DISSOLUTION OF LEAGUE

In order for the WCIHL to dissolve, the unit shall complete the following procedures:

The WCIHL Board shall adopt by a majority vote, a resolution recommending dissolution be submitted to a vote at a special meeting of WCIHL Board members. Written or printed notice that the purpose of such meeting is to consider advisability of dissolving the WCIHL shall be given to each member entitled to vote at such meeting at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date of such meeting.

Approval of dissolution of the WCIHL shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the WCIHL Board members in good standing and eligible to vote.

In the event of the dissolution of the WCIHL for any reason, its assets shall be distributed for one (1) or more exempt purposes specified in Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as from time to time amended.

XII. FEE STRUCTURE

All participants in the WCIHL are required to pay registration fees as set forth by the Board. These fees may be increased, decreased, or otherwise adjusted at any point by the Board of Directors as deemed necessary or appropriate. Players are expected to pay registration fees in full before the first regular game or other sanctioned activity or program. The WCIHL may provide "scholarships" or subsidize players who are unable to pay the applicable fees at the discretion of the Board. Deposits which may be required for uniforms or rented equipment will be cashed and deposited by the WCIHL if the uniforms and/or equipment are not returned at the time and place designated by the WCIHL.

XIII. INSURANCE REQUIREMENT

The WCIHL Board will follow the guidelines set forth by the WCPRD for general liability insurance. It is required that the WCIHL Board have insurance and bonding for members managing funds.