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ARTICLE I

NAME AND PURPOSE

SECTION A

Name

This organization shall be known as the Delaware High School Hockey League, hereafter referred to as the DSHSL, a tax-exempt organization under 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code as of 2019.

SECTION B

Purpose

The purpose of the DSHSL is to:

- provide guidance to grow the sport of ice hockey in Delaware high schools;
- administer and maintain a program for high school and middle school students enrolled in public, parochial or preparatory schools without regard to sex, religion or ethnic background;

- foster among its participants, supporters and team officials the understanding and adherence to the high levels of sportsmanship and conduct exemplified by the traditions and rules of USA Hockey, DSHSL and DIAA rules (as they apply);
- co-ordinate standards with those school administrations who choose to be involved relative to eligibility, supervision and safety of their participants;
- maintain and foster among the general public an interest in the sport of high school ice hockey;
- exercise a general care, supervision and control over the playing interest of its players and their teams.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION A

General

1. There shall be one class of members in the DSHSL, all of whose rights and interests shall be equal.
2. When used in these By-Laws, Rules and Procedures, all forms of the masculine pronoun "he" shall also be deemed to refer to the feminine.
3. Every team that elects to join the DSHSL will simply be responsible for paying for the ice and the referees for their home games and a fair share of the price for all star and playoffs games, trainer, score keeper, trophies, and security as needed.
4. The league desires to be cost beneficial for parents of all organizations. By letting the teams be responsible for their home games alone, the parents will only be responsible for paying for the ices costs for their local rink which is more reflective of the economics of their local market.
5. Shared expenses shall be determined before the beginning of the season and paid up front to the extent possible.

SECTION B

Members

1. Membership in the DSHSL shall be open to any public, parochial or preparatory high school hockey team or club, which agrees to abide by and comply with the rules of

the DSHSL and the decisions of the DSHSL officials who have been duly elected or appointed.

2. Any new team or club shall solicit membership to the league by the motion of a member of the organization and admitted to membership upon a majority vote by the returning organizations.
3. Member-teams may petition the Board to allow two teams from the same school to compete at different levels. The Board shall decide how many levels of competition and whether the petition will be granted, each year based on total number of teams.
4. DSHSL Level 1 teams will consist of single school teams with a full compliment of players from the member school. DSHSL board may allow, by majority vote, two schools to merge so that initially a club may be formed. Such a team will play Level 2A. This approval is renewable on a yearly basis, and approved by the Board.
5. DSHSL members will abide by DIAA Rule 2.0, or similar PIAA rule, and refrain from recruiting players. Penalties will be decided by the Board. DIAA Rule 2.0 is included in Appendix A.

SECTION C

Representation

1. The executive board of the DSHSL shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasure. The structure is detailed in Appendix A to these bylaws.
2. The term for the above positions shall be for one year. Election shall be by majority vote of all members present at the annual election meeting. The annual election meeting shall be conducted in the spring. The newly elected board will take charge of their positions at the following meeting.
 - a. In the event that any of the board positions becomes vacant for any reason, the remaining executive board at a meeting with a quorum present may chose or approve a successor for any vacated position, who shall hold said vacated position for the duration of the term until the annual election meeting.
3. Each member-club shall appoint one member and one alternate to exercise all its rights and duties as a member of the Board, according to its own procedures. Such individuals shall be appointed for one year, beginning September 1.
4. Each member-club shall retain the right to remove or replace its individual representatives at any time, and to appoint new representatives in his place. It is the express and total responsibility of each club to forward written notice of any role

changes involving its personnel to the Secretary. Such changes include name, address, telephone number and e-mail address.

5. Neither votes nor attendance by persons other than those officially registered on the Secretary's list will be considered valid.

SECTION D

Standards

The standards hereby set forth for the purpose of definitive establishment of the requirements for "Membership in Good Standing" is:

1. **General:** Adherence to the precepts, regulations and philosophies of the Association as mandated by the By-Laws.
2. **Financial:** Payment of all regular season home games including referees. Shared payments to the rinks for refs and ice costs ONLY FOR shared responsible games such as any all-star game or playoffs.
 - a. Playoff schedules and all star game costs will be determined at the start of the season and will be a shared cost to all teams no matter how deep they go in the playoffs.
3. **Insurance Requirements:** Teams and coaches must be registered and in good standing with both USA Hockey and the Atlantic Amateur Hockey Association.
 - a. Up to date with Safe Sport, Background check, and any other documents that may be mandated by the executive board.

SECTION E

Penalties

The penalties, which shall be imposed for non-conformity to these standards, are:

1. **General:** Automatic revocation of Association membership. This shall include withdrawal of all voting rights, forfeiture of all games past-played and future, prohibition from competition against or with any Association member team, and revocation of all rights and privileges of membership that are expressed or implied by the By-Laws and resolution(s) of the Board.
2. **Financial:** Automatic revocation of Association membership. This shall include withdrawal of all voting rights, forfeiture of all games past-played and future, prohibition from competition against or with any Association member team, and revocation of all rights and privileges of membership, which are expressed, or implied

by the By-Laws and resolution(s) of the Board. Before a delinquent member-club can be reinstated, said member-club shall make actual payment to the Treasurer of a sum of money equal to or greater than the past-due balance. Payment will be by certified bank check or United States currency. After repayment, member-club will reapply as a new member.

3. **Insurance Requirements:** Automatic revocation of Association membership. This shall include withdrawal of all voting rights, forfeiture of all games past-played and future, prohibition from competition against or with any league member team. In addition, the Atlantic District Representative will notify both USA Hockey and the Atlantic Amateur Hockey Association (AAHA) of the member-club's non-compliance.

SECTION F

Applications

1. All applications for membership for the upcoming season will be entertained until July 1st, a \$250 deposit will be required.
2. Any team looking to join that uses a home rink other than The Pond Ice Arena must commit to purchasing and paying for ice for their home games and work with the league for the scheduling process before the schedule is published by the end of October of each year.

ARTICLE III

DIRECTORS

SECTION A

Board Composition

The Board shall consist of those individuals appointed by each member-club per Article II, Section C, including Association Officers and the Commissioner.

SECTION B

Compensation

Directors shall serve without salary.

SECTION C

Voting

1. Each member-club shall have one vote. If an Officer also serves as a Director, he shall have only one vote.
2. If a school or club enters more than one team at any level, such school will have one vote.

SECTION D

Conduct of Business

1. All the business of the Association, except that expressly delegated by the By-Laws or by resolution of the Board, shall be conducted by the Board by vote of the majority of its members present at a duly constituted meeting or by a majority written vote of all Directors.
2. Votes may be permitted via the Internet or by e-mail.

SECTION E

Quorum

1. A quorum consisting of Directors from a majority of the member-clubs present and voting shall be necessary to conduct all the business of the Governing Board. This includes meetings in person or electronic medium.
2. Any action or business conducted outside the requirements of Article III, Section E (1) is invalid unless approved beforehand by the Governing Board, and may be grounds for removal from the Governing Board.

SECTION F

Meetings

1. The Governing Board shall meet monthly, but may conduct meetings and rule changes via group email or even conference calls.
2. Scheduled meetings will be emailed to members of the Governing Board and their alternates when necessary.
3. Special meetings of the Board shall be preceded by email notice to each member of the Board or their alternates as needed.
4. Meeting attendance is mandatory for all member teams either in person or by proxy. All items subject to vote will be submitted and circulated in advance of any scheduled meeting or decision date.

Section G

Timing

Meetings shall be at the call of the Governing Board or by any individual club as necessary. Email circulation should suffice for communicating league business or scheduling meetings.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

SECTION A

Officers defined

1. The officers of the DSHSL shall be elected by the Directors and shall be a President, Executive Vice President(s), a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Commissioner and an Atlantic District representative.
2. The individual elected need not be a member of the Board.
3. The Board may decide to increase or decrease the number of officers.
4. Officers may hold more than one office, if there is a vacancy: however, it shall only be until The Board elects or appoints an officer to fill the vacancy.

SECTION B

Nominations

1. Nominations for Officers will be made by the Board at the April meeting.
2. The election of the succeeding year's officers shall be held prior to May 15th.

SECTION C

Board

The Board may also choose such officers and assistant officers and agents as the needs of the DSHSL may require, who shall hold their offices for such terms and shall perform such duties as from time to time shall be determined by resolution of the Board.

SECTION D

Vacancies

1. Officers and agents of the DSHSL shall hold office until their successors are chosen and have qualified, but no officer shall currently hold more than one elected office within the Association.
2. Any officer or agent, elected or appointed by the Board, may be removed by the Board whenever in its judgment the best interest of the DSHSL will be served thereby, but such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the person so removed.
3. If the office of any officer becomes vacant for any reason, the vacancy shall be filled by the Board.

THE PRESIDENT

SECTION E

Duties

1. The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Association, and Chairman of the Board.
2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board and have general and active management of the Association, and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board are carried into effect.
3. The President shall appoint the Chairman of all committees excepting those Committee Chairmen specifically designated by the By-Laws.
4. The President shall execute bonds, mortgages and other contracts except where required or permitted by law to be otherwise signed and executed, and except where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Board to some other officer or agent of the DHSHL.
5. The President shall be elected for a term of one year, being eligible for re-election.

THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT(S)

SECTION F

Duties

1. The Executive Vice President(s) shall, in the absence or disability of the President, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President, and shall perform such duties as the Board may prescribe or the President may delegate to him.
2. The Executive Vice President(s) shall serve as a member, ex officio, of all standing committees.
3. The number of Executive Vice President(s) shall be fixed by the Board each year, prior to elections.
4. Should the Executive Vice President be unable to complete his year in office, a successor shall be elected by the Board as soon as possible.
5. Should the President be unable to complete his term of office, one Executive Vice President shall assume the office of President, voted on by the Board.

6. The Executive Vice President(s) shall be elected for a term of one year, being eligible for re-election.

THE SECRETARY

SECTION G

Duties

1. The Secretary shall attend all sessions of the Board and record all votes of the Association and the minutes of all the transactions shall be provided to the Board, and shall perform like duties for other Committees of the Board when required.
2. The Secretary shall maintain supplies of all DHSHL forms, and be responsible for their distribution.
3. The Secretary shall give notice of all special meetings of the Board.
4. The Secretary shall keep a roll of the participating members of the Association.
5. The Secretary shall send out notices of special Association meetings and other special events.
6. The Secretary shall maintain and distribute annually to members of the Board a list of standing committees and their memberships.
7. The Secretary shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the President or the Board.
8. The Secretary shall be elected for a term of one year, being eligible for re-election.

THE TREASURER

SECTION H

Duties

1. The Treasurer shall have custody of the Association funds, and shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the Association, and shall deposit all moneys and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the Association in such depositories as shall be designated by the Board.
2. The Treasurer will serve as chairman of the Finance and Insurance Committee.
3. The Treasurer shall disburse the funds of the Association.
4. The Treasurer shall render to the President at the regular meetings of the Board, or wherever it may be required, an accounting of all his transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the Association.
5. The Treasurer shall be elected for a term of one year, being eligible for re-election.

THE COMMISSIONER

SECTION I

Duties

1. The Commissioner shall be responsible for all matters pertaining to the performance and behavior of players, coaches, game officials and referees, and shall be the instrument of disciplinary action as mandated by the playing rules.
2. The Commissioner shall enforce the rules and be the judge of disciplinary action, and his decisions shall be final.
3. The Commissioner shall have a complete knowledge of all USA Hockey, AAHA, DHSHL and DIAA playing rules (as they apply).
4. The Commissioner may be affiliated with any member-club.
5. The Commissioner shall be a voting member of the Board, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President.
6. The Commissioner shall be nominated by the Board and elected by the Board for a term of one year and shall be eligible for re-election.

ATLANTIC DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE

SECTION J

Duties

1. The Atlantic District Representative shall be responsible for maintaining communications with USA Hockey and AAHA.
2. The Atlantic District Representative shall report all violations of insurance requirements to AAHA.
3. The Atlantic District Representative shall be a voting member of the Board, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President.
4. The Atlantic District Representative shall be nominated by the Board and elected by the Board for a term of one year and shall be eligible for re-election.

THE PAST PRESIDENT

SECTION K

Duties

The immediate Past President shall be a non-voting member of the Board, and shall serve to provide a smooth transition between administrations, and to insure that Association responsibility to prior commitments are not overlooked.

ARTICLE V

COMMITTEES

SECTION A

Defined Committees

The following committees shall be utilized on an as needed basis.

1. The Rules Committee shall review and make recommendations for all proposed changes in playing rules. Proposed changes shall be submitted to the Chairman

of the Rules Committee for consideration.

2. The Competition Committee shall interview all prospective member-clubs prior to any motion to acceptance being placed before the Board. The Membership Committee shall investigate questions of player eligibility.
3. The All Star Committee shall be responsible for the selection of players to the All Star team, scheduling of practice, awards and the All Star Game format.
 - a. A coach from every team should be involved in the player selection process.
4. The Finance and Insurance Committee shall be responsible for developing the budgetary requirements, assessing League dues, reviewing insurance coverage and presenting their recommendations to the Governing Board for approval by a majority vote.
5. The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of the Commissioner, the Referee-In-Chief and at least 2 Governing Board Members that are unaffiliated with any member-club involved in the analysis. It shall be chaired by the Commissioner. This committee will determine additional discipline subject to USA Hockey Rule 401 – Supplemental Discipline.

SECTION B

Membership

Any member listed in the Secretary's master list of member-clubs authorized representatives may refer questions to any committee.

SECTION C

Reports

Define Committees shall be required to give a report on committee activities to the Board as required.

SECTION D

Appointments

The Commissioner shall appoint all committees except the Disciplinary Appeals

Committee, where the Commissioner will determine the two non-affiliated Executive Board Members tied to the decision being made

ARTICLE VI

LEAGUE SEASON

SECTION A

Defined

The League Season year shall run between November and March subject to the approval of the member teams.

SECTION B

Dues

The League will have a \$250 one time league fee that will work like a bond. The Governing Board returning to the League will work on a financial plan that will calculate budgets for the current league structure and determine direct club payments to be made to those rendering services to the league in terms of ice rental, referees, trainers, scorekeepers, cashiers, trophy makers and all-star jersey manufacturers. The Governing Board will consider multiple vendors for services such as statisticians, trainers, trophy makers and all-star jerseys along with the production of marketing materials.

a. In the event of two separate playing divisions, a separate budget will be considered

SECTION C

Penalties

1. Clubs will be responsible for payment of shared expenses at the beginning of the season (including a contract with their home rink, if that is different than the majority, for the purchase of home game ice).
2. Clubs not meeting USA Hockey insurance requirements by the opening game of the DSHSL hockey schedule shall forfeit any and all games played until USA Hockey insurance proof has been provided to the Insurance Committee

SECTION D

Playing Rules

1. Playing Rules are approved year by year by the Governing Board.
 - a. Governing Board will determine regions of play and rink eligibility.
 - b. Governing Board will determine team and player eligibility.

ARTICLE VII

ELIGIBILITY

SECTION A

Teams

1. Players shall be at least in the ninth (9th) grade, and shall have a maximum of four (4) years eligibility.
2. The Coach and the Team Representative will be responsible for the team roster.
3. At the October DSHL meeting prior to the season, the Team Representative or his designee must present to the Board their USA hockey rosters.
4. Teams shall have a minimum of ten (10) skaters and one (1) goaltender. Regardless of the number of players a team registers, no team may have more than twenty (20) skaters, including goaltenders, dressed for games and listed on the score sheet. Exceptions will be considered by the executive board.
5. All teams must have a designated goaltender.

SECTION B

Coaches

1. Each and every coach on the bench must have the appropriate coaching accreditation from USA Hockey.
2. All coaches must be at a Level 1 moving forward every year to attain Level 4.
3. No more than four (4) coaches may be on the bench for any DSHL game. This includes any coach assigned to open player's doors.
4. Proof of accreditation must be presented to the Commissioner prior to that start of the season.

- a. In the event of a vacant commissioner, the information will be presented to the league secretary.
5. No parent volunteers are allowed on the player's bench during DSHSL games.
6. The coach of record shall sign the score sheet at the end of the game, after the referees sign it and record his CEP number on the score sheet.

SECTION C

Players

School Attendance

1. To be eligible for league play, team members must attend the high school for which they play. In the event of a combined (formally Commonwealth) team, team members must be at the high school level.
2. If a player goes to a high school that has a varsity (pure) program, they are not permitted to join another team in the league.

Exceptions:

- a. A varsity goalie can be a back up goalie for a combined (commonwealth) team but can ONLY play if the Commonwealth goalie can NOT play the game due to injury, absence, or other.
- b. If a player is cut from their varsity (pure) school team, that player may petition to play for a commonwealth team.
3. The player must be in at least the ninth (9th) grade and not beyond the twelfth (12th) grade at Level 1.
4. No player may participate for more than 8 semesters beyond the eighth (8th) grade.
5. A player must have attended at least ½ day of school on the day of competition.
6. If a player changes schools before December 31st, and is added and registered on a revised USA Hockey roster for his current school, they will be eligible to play for their new team. They will no longer be eligible to continue playing for their former school/team.

SECTION D

Age of Player

Any player who is 19 years old prior to July 1 of the current season is ineligible for DSHSL competition.

SECTION E

Academic Eligibility

1. A player must be a "student in good standing" at his school. A player must meet academic requirements of the player's school or school district or have at least a 2.0 GPA on each report card from 10/30 to 3/1. If the player does not meet these criteria, the player is ineligible until the next marking period.
2. Waivers may be issued in individual cases, if proper documentation is presented to the Commissioner.
3. It is the member-team's responsibility to get copies of the players' grades to the Commissioner within a week of issuance.
4. If the grades are not provided, a player will not be allowed to play until this document is on file.
5. Any player academically ineligible shall not be eligible to compete in any DSHL scheduled season or post-season contests until receipt of the next report card with the required GPA.
6. This suspension is in effect until the Commissioner reinstates player/student.

SECTION F

School Suspension

1. Any player suspended by school authorities shall not be eligible to compete in any DSHL scheduled season or post-season contests.
2. This suspension is in effect until school authorities reinstate player/student.

SECTION G

Certificate of Eligibility

1. Players eligible for DSHL games must be among those listed on the DSHL official roster.
2. To compete in the DSHL, a team member must be registered and in good standing with both the USA Hockey and the Atlantic Amateur Hockey Association.

3. Teams and coaches must be registered and in good standing with both USA Hockey and the Atlantic Amateur Hockey Association. Teams and coaches must provide proof of insurance to the Board prior to the first game of the season.

SECTION H

Ineligible Players

1. Any carryover penalties must be reported to the commissioner and/or executive board prior to the start of the next league game.
2. Any team dressing or rostering an ineligible player shall forfeit the game or games and player(s) shall have points scored during the game or games stricken from the official DSHSL records.
3. The Commissioner shall review the actions of the teams' officials for possible disciplinary action.

SECTION I

Suspensions

1. Any player, coach, or team member who receives a Game Misconduct (excluding Fighting majors, refer to Article XV, Suspensions, 3. Fighting) shall be immediately removed from the current game. An additional game suspension shall be assessed for the next scheduled league game. No appeal is available.
2. Any player, coach or team member who receives a Match Penalty shall be immediately expelled from the current game, and shall be suspended from all USA Hockey activities.
3. All suspensions incurred during a DSHSL game shall be served in scheduled DSHSL games only.
 - a) This does not relieve a suspended player from serving his suspension in accordance with USA Hockey (i.e. non-league games scheduled prior to the next league game.)
 - b) A player may in fact sit out more games than the original suspension in order to fulfil his obligation.
4. Suspended players shall be counted as players dressed for a game even though ineligible to participate in the game or be on the team bench. The players must sign score sheet as a suspended player (refer to Article XIII, Suspensions, 4.)

5. No suspended player may participate in any DSHSL scheduled regular season, playoff, or All Star game(s) until said suspension has expired.
6. A suspended player will not be eligible to play in the All Star game. Additionally, if a player is suspended during an All Star game, it will carry over to the regular season.
7. Any suspension not served during the current season will carry over into the player's next season of play.

SECTION J

Commissioner's Review

All suspensions other than a game misconduct shall be automatically reviewed by the Commissioner for possible further disciplinary action.

SECTION K

Foreign Exchange Students

1. A foreign exchange student is a student who is in the United States on a J-1 visa or on another classification of visa and who is a participant in a program similar to those whose participants would be eligible for a J-1 visa and who is in full-time attendance at a DSHSL member school.
2. A foreign exchange student must meet the eligibility requirements of the DSHSL By-Laws and becomes eligible for one season at the school which he attends; DSHSL will determine that he is a foreign exchange student that meets the eligibility requirements of the Association.
3. A member-team shall be limited to one (1) foreign exchange player on the roster in a given DSHSL season.

SECTION L

Rosters

1. Each team can register as many players as they wish; however, only twenty (20) players – Eighteen (18) skaters and two (2) goaltenders may be listed on the score sheet.
2. All USA Hockey registrations are frozen as of December 31. No players may be added to any team.

Note: There are no callups allowed; except for goaltenders as injury replacements for another goaltender.

* Injury callups must be approved by the Board.

ARTICLE VIII

RULES & PROCEDURES

SECTION A

Game Location

DHSHL scheduled games shall not be played at any rink that has not been approved by the Board.

SECTION B

Divisional Play

1. As DHSHL grows, the need may arise to split the regular season and playoffs into separate divisions. The maximum number of teams permitted in a single division shall be eleven (11) teams.
2. The number of divisions shall be determined each year, depending on the number of teams participating, by the board.
3. Each division will have its own playoffs and championship.

SECTION C

Length of Periods and Intermissions

1. All DHSHL matches shall be limited to regular periods of not less than 16 minutes. Intermissions between periods shall be one minute. A misconduct penalty shall be 10 minutes, a major penalty shall be 5 minutes and a minor penalty shall be 2 minutes.
2. One and one-half hours (90 minutes) is allocated for each DHSHL game.
3. A seven goal lead at the start of the third period bring a running clock. If the losing team score and the differential is 6 or less, normal stoppages resume.
4. If, in the opinion of the Referee, the playing conditions become unsatisfactory during the course of the game, he may call the game at any time. It shall be "no game" unless two periods have been completed.

SECTION D

League Standings

1. League standings shall be determined by awarding 2 points for a victory, 1 point for a tie, and no points for a loss.
2. League Champions shall be the team completing the season with the greatest number of points.
3. In case of a tie, the following guidelines shall be followed:
 - a) Series winner by points between the two tied teams.
 - b) Total number of wins in the division.
 - c) Least goals against in the division for the season.
 - d) Points against common opponents.
 - e) Total number of wins against common opponents.
 - f) Least goals against vs. common opponents.
 - g) Least goals against in series.
 - h) Coin-Flip by Commissioner.

4. At the discretion of the Board, a post-season playoff format may be determined to select participants to represent the League in post-season tournaments.

SECTION E

Jersey Colors

1. The designated home team wears the white or light-colored jersey.
2. If a team has only one jersey, it is the responsibility of that team to notify their opponent and make suitable arrangements so that contrasting colors will be worn.

SECTION F

All Star Format

1. DHSHL will split teams evenly; based on number of teams and team standings.
2. Each member-team will field a minimum of one player to an All Star Roster.
3. Each All Star team will total twenty (20) players plus three (3) goaltenders to be selected by the Board.
4. The All Star Committee will be formed by the Governing Board for each division with a meeting in mid-January. Each member team will bring a list of recommended all stars from their teams and a list of all stars they felt their division opponents have.
 - a. A minimum of one coach from each team must be present at the selection meeting.

SECTION G

Play Off Format

Because the play off format is affected by the number of teams involved, and the number of teams in the League may change from year to year, the play-off format will be discussed and approved by the Board prior to the beginning of each season.

SECTION H

Ten-Minute Misconducts

1. Ten (10) minute misconducts received in the last ten (10) minutes of the game will be

carried over to the next scheduled league game of that team.

2. The 'carry over' will be the unserved balance of the misconduct.
3. It is the responsibility of the coach to advise the scorekeeper that the player will be starting the game in the penalty box, and how much time is to be served.
4. It is the responsibility of the coach to ask the scorekeeper to make a notation on the score sheet and notify the player when he may leave the penalty box.
5. Coaches not sitting players for the ten (10) minute misconduct carry over will be playing an ineligible player, and therefore will forfeit the game and be subject to other sanctions in accordance with Section H of playing an ineligible player.

SECTION I

Suspensions

1. Five Penalty Rule

Any player who incurs five penalties in the same game shall be assessed a game misconduct and a one (1) game suspension which shall be served in the next officially scheduled DSHL game.

2. Fifteen Penalty Rule

Any Head Coach whose team receives fifteen or more penalties during one game shall be suspended for the next one DSHL game of that team.

3. Fighting

- a) Any player who receives a major penalty for Fisticuffs (Fighting) shall be assessed a five (5) minute major penalty, a game misconduct and a three (3) game suspension for the first offense. The second offense for the same player shall result in a game misconduct and suspension from any other DSHL activity. The suspended player will not be allowed to participate in any DSHL activities for the remainder of the season.
- b) In the case of a fight, skaters must go to their respective benches and take their seats. Leaving the bench to join in a fight shall result in a game misconduct and a one (1) game suspension.
- c) The third man (or other skaters) in on a fight shall receive a game misconduct.

- d) A player who is identified by the officials as being the instigator or the aggressor shall receive a game misconduct and a one (1) game suspension, in addition to any other penalties.
- e) A player who receives a fighting major during a playoff game is suspended for the remainder of the playoffs. Any remaining part of the three (3) game suspension shall be served at the beginning of the following season.
- f) If the player who receives a fighting major in the playoffs is a senior or is not returning to serve his suspension, the member-club shall be fined \$250.

4. Notification

- a) Official written notification of suspensions will only be issued for match penalty suspensions. This notification will go to the team representative and to the Atlantic District.
- b) All game misconduct and other suspensions are automatic, non-appealable and according to USA Hockey and DSHSL rules; as such, no written notification other than the score sheet will be issued.
- c) A suspended player is obligated to appear at the next scheduled game(s) (the actual number of games is equal to the suspension). Prior to the game, he is required to sign the score sheet in the area allocated for suspended players. He must also print his name, number and team. If the team has a scheduled game, and the player is supposed to sign, and he does not, the game does not count toward his suspension. (Signing the score sheet is required for 'game' suspensions, not a 'day' suspension such as match penalty)

5. Egregious Penalties

Injury potential major penalties such as kneeing, kicking, butt ending, etc. shall be treated at least the same as fighting majors.

SECTION J

Match Penalty Suspension

- 1. The Commissioner will immediately call for a hearing after being notified of a violation and receiving reports from the referees.
- 2. The Commissioner will chair and convene all meetings of the Disciplinary Committee.
- 3. A decision will be rendered by the Commissioner within five (5) working day of the hearing. Any suspension assessed is retroactive to the day after the incident. Until a decision is rendered, the player is not permitted to participate in any DSHSL activity. This includes practice. Once a decision is rendered, the player may practice, but he

may not participate in any DSHSL games. This includes standing the bench as a coach or other team official.

4. The Commissioner will notify the player(s) involved of the decision, the player(s) school(s) and AAHA, in writing.
5. All match penalties, upheld at a Disciplinary Hearing, will automatically carry a one (1) year probation period.

SECTION K

Disputed Calls

In the event of a disputed penalty call, the call stands and no appeals will be heard regardless of the video will apply.

SECTION L

Off-Ice Officials (Scorers/Time Keepers, Penalty Box Monitors)

1. All Scorer/Time Keepers will be provided by The Pond Ice Arena.

ARTICLE IX

DISPOSITION OF ASSETS

In the event of dissolution of the DSHSL, any assets shall be distributed to an organization, which has established appropriate exempt status as an organization described in Section 501(c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code, contributions to which are deductible, as selected by the Board at the time of such dissolution.

ARTICLE X

INDEMNIFICATION

The officers of the DSHSL, both duly elected or appointed, specifically the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Commissioner, shall be indemnified from all legal action and/or damages that should arise from the performance of their Association duties.

ARTICLE XI

EXCLUSIVE REMEDY

For those controversies or disputes which fall within the jurisdiction of the By-Laws, the procedure set forth herein shall constitute the sole and exclusive remedy for members of this Association, associates, affiliates, or any of their affiliates. Failure to follow and abide by the provisions of this By-Laws shall subject the offending member of the following.

a) Liability of Expenses

Liability for any and all expenses, including reasonable attorney fees, incurred by this Association as a result of the offending conduct of the member or their affiliate.

b) Sanctions

Immediate suspension and/or disqualification from membership in this Association.

ARTICLE XII

AMENDMENTS

1. Proposed amendments, alterations or requested repeals of any part of these By-Laws shall be made in writing and submitted to the Board at least seven (7) days prior to a meeting.

2. The By-Laws may be altered, amended or repealed by a 2/3 vote of eligible Directors present at any regularly scheduled meeting.

ARTICLE XIII

TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

1. USA Hockey - USA Hockey, Inc. is recognized as the country's national governing body for the sport of ice hockey under the Amateur Sports Act of 1978 as adopted by the 95th Congress Public Law 95-606).
2. AAHA - Atlantic Amateur Hockey Association is a district of USA Hockey regulating amateur hockey in Delaware, New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania.
3. DHSHL – Delaware High School Hockey League is a scholastic high school ice hockey league organized under the Atlantic Amateur Hockey Association.
4. DIAA –Delaware Intermediate Athletic Association

Appendix A

2.0 USE OF INFLUENCE FOR ATHLETIC PURPOSES

- 2.1 The use of influence by a person(s) employed by or representing a member school including members of alumni associations, booster groups, and similar organizations to persuade, induce or facilitate enrollment of a student in that school shall render the student ineligible for up to 180 school days from the date the charge is substantiated. In addition, the offending school shall be placed on probation, as determined by the DIAA Board of Directors, and the offending employee, if a coach,

shall be suspended for up to 180 school days from the date the charge is substantiated.

2.2 The use of influence for athletic purposes shall include but not be limited to the following:

2.2.1 Offer of money, room, board, clothing, transportation, or other valuable consideration to a prospective athlete or his/her parent(s) or court-appointed legal guardian(s).

2.2.2 Offer of waiver/reduction of tuition or financial aid if based, even partially, on athletic considerations.

2.2.3 Preference in job assignments or offer of compensation for work performed in excess of what is customarily paid for such services.

2.2.4 Offer of special privileges not accorded to other students.

2.2.5 Offer of financial assistance including free or reduced rent, payment of moving expenses, etc., to induce a prospective athlete or his/her custodial parent(s) or court-appointed legal guardian(s) to change residence.

2.3 A school employee or Board-approved volunteer may not initiate contact or request that a booster club member, alumnus, or player initiate contact with a student enrolled in another school or his/her parent(s) or court-appointed legal guardian(s) in order to persuade the student to enroll in a particular school for athletic purposes. Illegal contact shall include, but not be limited to, letters, questionnaires or brochures, telephone calls, and home visits or personal contact at athletic contests.

2.3.1 If a coach or athletic director is contacted by a prospective athlete or his/her parent(s) or court-appointed legal guardian(s), the former must refer the individual(s) to the principal or school personnel responsible for admissions.

2.3.2 A school employee or Board-approved volunteer may discuss the athletic program with a prospective student or his/her parent(s) or court-appointed legal guardian(s) during an open house or approved visit initiated by the parent(s) or court-appointed legal guardian(s).

2.3.2.1 A school employee or Board approved volunteer may provide information concerning sports offered, facilities, conference affiliation, and general athletic policies. However, he/she is not permitted to state or imply in any way that his/her athletic program is superior to that of another school or that it would be more beneficial or advantageous for the prospective student to participate in athletics at his/her school.

2.3.3. A school employee or Board-approved volunteer may conduct an informational presentation at a feeder school provided he/she observes the restrictions specified in 2.3.2.1.

2.4 If the number of applicants under the Delaware School Choice Program exceeds the number of available student openings, the selection criteria established by the district shall not include athletic considerations.

FAQ ... CONCERNING 1051.2.0

1. What can a member school do to promote its program and attract students?

A. Promotional Campaigns

- 1. Is a member school permitted to conduct a promotional campaign and target specific student-athlete populations; e.g., CYO wrestlers, AAU basketball players, YMCA swimmers, etc.? No.*

B. Promotional Literature

- 1. Is a member school permitted to include pictures and descriptions of its athletic facilities in its promotional literature? Yes. The DIAA Board affirmed the validity of making athletic related information available to prospective students integrated with information describing other aspects of student life. Consistent with the philosophy that athletics should be an integral part of the overall secondary school educational program. The DIAA believes that athletic related information should be distributed as part of the total package of information provided to prospective students. Therefore, no promotional literature may be devoted exclusively or primarily to interscholastic athletics, and a member school may not disseminate either seasonal or game athletic programs to students.*
- 2. Is a member school permitted to include pictures of its conference and state championship teams in its promotional literature? Yes, but subject to the aforementioned restrictions.*
- 3. Is a member school permitted to include pictures of its all-conference and all-state athletes in its promotional literature? Yes, but subject to the aforementioned restrictions.*
- 4. Is a member school permitted to include references to its past conference and state championships in its promotional literature? Yes, but subject to the aforementioned restrictions..*
- 5. Is a member school permitted to include references to its former athletes who have participated or are currently participating at the collegiate level? Yes, but subject to the aforementioned restrictions.*

C. Open House/Approved Campus Visit

- 1. Is a member school permitted to include a scrapbook or photo display as part of its open house program? Yes.*
- 2. Is a member school permitted to include a highlight video as part of its open house program? Yes, provided the video is not exclusively or primarily devoted to interscholastic athletics. Again, the DIAA Board believes that athletic related 1 be integrated with footage describing other aspects of student life and other facets of the secondary ional program.*
- 3. Is a member school permitted to display its conference and state championship trophies during its open house program? Yes.*
- 4. Is a member school permitted to stage a team demonstration during its open house program? No. A prospective student would be permitted to observe a regularly scheduled practice session, but a member school may not conduct a team or partial team demonstration during its open house program.*

5. *Is a member school permitted to include a panel of current athletes in its open house program? No. A panel discussion may not be entirely of an athletic nature. A panel of students is permissible provided they are not selected exclusively of their participation in interscholastic athletics. Again, the panel discussion must focus on other student life and may not be devoted exclusively or primarily to interscholastic athletics.*
6. *Is a member school permitted to present complimentary items; e.g., a baseball cap with the school name, to a prospective student during its open house program? No.*
7. *Is a member school permitted to offer complimentary admission to athletic events to a prospective student during its program? No.*
8. *Is a member school permitted to arrange for a same sport athlete to act as a host for a prospective student during an approved campus visit? A student host may not be chosen primarily because he/she participates in the same sport as a prospective student. However, athletes are not prohibited from hosting prospective students provided they are part of the regular pool of student hosts. Coaches and athletic directors may not arrange for a particular student to host a prospective student during an approved campus visit. Arranging a student host is a guidance or admissions office function and must be handled by the individual ordinarily assigned to that responsibility.*

D. Follow-Up Contact with Prospective Student ;

1. *Is a member school permitted to send specific athletic related information to a prospective student based on his/her questions on the application? No. Follow-up contact with a prospective student is limited to a packet of general information as opposed to specific athletic related information. See 1. under Promotional Literature.*
2. *Is a member high school permitted to invite a prospective student to participate in an open gym or an out-of-season program? No. Only students who have completed the eighth grade, have been promoted to ninth grade, fly registered at that high school may participate in an open gym or out-of-season conditioning program.*
3. *Is a booster club affiliated with a member high school permitted to offer financial assistance to a prospective student to attend a summer instructional camp or clinic? No. The procedure for providing financial assistance to students attending a summer instructional camp or clinic is stipulated in 31.0 Summer Camp and Clinic. However, only students who have completed the eighth grade, have been promoted to ninth grade, and are officially registered at that high school are eligible for financial assistance from a school affiliated booster club.*
4. *Is an employee or representative of the high school in a prospective student's feeder pattern permitted to disparage the athletic program of another school in an attempt to dissuade the student from attending a school outside of the feeder pattern? No. "Negative recruiting" is an unethical practice and is a violation of 2.1.*

E. Special Situations

1. *Is a member school permitted to invite a prospective student to a school sponsored sports banquet? No.*
2. *Is a member high school permitted to offer free admission and/or concessions at a home athletic contest to a middle school team? No, unless those same privileges are offered to all students, both athletes and non-athletes, who attend that particular middle school.*
3. *Is a member school permitted to offer free admission and/or concessions at a home athletic contest to a non-school sponsored youth league team? No.*
4. *Is a member high school permitted to sponsor a recognition ceremony at half-time of a home athletic contest for a middle school team? No. Such ceremonies may not be sponsored by a member school or support group affiliated with a member school either before, during intermission, or after a home athletic contest.*
5. *Is a member school permitted to sponsor a recognition ceremony at half-time of a home athletic contest for a non-school sponsored youth league? No.*
6. *Are high school athletes permitted to participate in an athletic orientation session conducted by high school personnel at a feeder school? No. 2.3.3 allows high school personnel to conduct an athletic orientation session at a feeder school provided the restrictions stipulated in 2.3.2 are observed but involvement by high school athletes in such a program is not permitted.*
7. *Is a member school permitted to promote its athletic program during an instructional camp/clinic which is being sponsored and/or hosted by that member school, sponsored by a booster club affiliated with that member school, or sponsored by the coaching staff of that member school? No. Such a camp/clinic is instructional in nature and must not be used to showcase the athletic program of a particular school. Consequently, no promotional literature may be distributed, no championship trophies may be displayed, and no other act which could be construed as an attempt to generate interest in the athletic program of a particular school is permitted. Additionally, if returning players at that member school are working as instructors, they must be cognizant of the difference between an instructional camp/clinic and a promotional event and act accordingly. Any casual remarks regarding the advantages of participating in interscholastic athletics at that member school, the opportunities available for underclassmen to play immediately at certain positions at that member school, etc. will be considered a violation of 2. 7.*

Appendix B

Items removed from 2009-2010 documents:

SECTION D

Play-Offs

1. Play-off format and the number of teams eligible shall be determined each year based on the number of teams participating in the DSHSL.
2. For a player to be eligible to participate in the DSHSL Playoffs at any level, they must have participated in the prescribed number of regular season League games. Exceptions may be made by the Executive Committee in the event of transfer or injury.
3. All games played by a player count for playoff eligibility on a higher level team than the one the player is “locked” on, but games played on a higher level team do not count for playoff eligibility on the lower level team.

Examples, given a 16 game season:

Flight B or JV player (not locked at Flight A) plays 6 Flight B or JV games and 7 Flight A games—he is eligible for Flight A playoff participation (6+7=13 games), but not for Flight B or JV playoffs (only 6 games).

Flight B or JV player (not locked at Flight B) plays 9 Flight B or JV games and 4 Flight A games—he is eligible for Flight A playoff participation (9+4=13 games), and for Flight B or JV playoffs (9 games).

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Ten Goal Rule

1. If at any time after the completion of 2 full periods of a scheduled Association game a differential of 10 goals exists between opponents, the game shall be concluded.
2. Any remaining ice time can be utilized by the home team. The visiting team shall immediately leave the ice and adjourn into their locker room.

Termination of game by the Coaches

1. If the coaches of both teams agree that, in the interest of safety to the players, the game should be terminated prior to completion of three (3) full periods, the referee should be so notified, and the game will be stopped, and the scope of the game shall be what it was when the game was called. If the coaches can not agree, the losing coach can appeal to the referee.
2. It shall be "no game" unless two periods have been completed.
3. Statistics for a "no game" situation will not be recorded.
4. A game terminated under conditions of this paragraph prior to two (2) full periods will not be rescheduled.
5. If the game is terminated by either coach, it will count as a 1-0 forfeit by the coach requesting the termination.

SECTION M

Appeals

1. If the suspension is thirty (30) days or less, it cannot be appealed. If the suspension is thirty-one (31) days or more, the appeal process is as follows.
 - a) First appeal is to the DSHSL Board in accordance with the Association By-Laws.
 - b) Next level of appeal is to the Atlantic District Appeals Committee.
 - c) Except for cases involving Expulsions there shall be no further appeals.
 - d) Procedures for the upper level appeals will be in accordance with Atlantic District and USA Hockey By-Laws and Rules and Regulations, and will be discussed on an individual basis between the Commissioner and the Team Representative as necessary.
2. Appeals Process
 - a) The aggrieved member-club shall have the right to present any evidence or arguments on behalf of the suspended individual at a hearing which shall be convened by the Board as soon as practicable upon written request by the aggrieved member-club together with payment of a non-refundable twenty

dollar (\$20.00) hearing fee to be used to defray the administrative expense of the hearing.

- b) The Board shall render its decision as soon as practicable after the hearing date, and shall immediately thereafter present a copy thereof to the aggrieved member-club and to the Board.
- c) The decision of the Board to mitigate any penalty shall be final and binding upon all concerned.
- d) However, the Board shall have no authority to decrease any penalty to less than thirty (30) days or to increase any penalties already imposed.
- e) The right of appeal to the Board shall be in addition to all other rights of members of this Association.

Section Q

Forfeits

A. When a team fails to appear for a game or appears with fewer than the required number of players, where the time and place appear in the official DSHL schedule, where the two teams did not agree in advance to reschedule the game and notify the Executive Board or Commissioner accordingly, the game shall be rescheduled at the convenience of the non-offending team, and at the expense (ice cost and referees) of the offending team. If this does not take place the game will automatically be a forfeit win for the non-offending team.

B. All forfeits will be reviewed by the Executive Committee to determine the validity of the forfeit. Forfeits of a league game without league permission will result in a \$250 fine to the offending team and that team will be placed on probation. Fines must be paid in full within seven days of the forfeit.

- 1. If a forfeit is found to be invalid, additional disciplinary measures may be imposed.

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