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NEW YORK STATE AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION WEST SECTION RULES AND PROCEDURES

1. West Section President. In accordance with the provisions of the New York State Amateur Hockey Association (“NYSAHA”) Guide Book (By-Laws, and Rules and Regulations), responsibility for administration of the West Section rests with the NYSAHA Vice President for the West Section. This person is also known as the West Section President.

2. West Section First Vice President. In accordance with the NYSAHA Guide Book, the West Section shall elect an alternate vice president, to be known as the First Vice President, for a concurrent term with the West Section President. The First Vice President shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the West Section President, for representation and succession purposes, in the event of the death, incapacity, resignation or removal of the West Section President, for the unexpired balance of the West Section President’s term. The First Vice President shall also be responsible for the administration of the Section should the West Section President be absent or temporarily unable to do so.

3. Other Appointments. The West Section President may appoint such additional Second Vice Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and other officers and coordinators as he/she deems necessary to carry out the business of the Section.

4. Compensation. The Section shall not pay salaries and compensation to its officers, but the West Section President may reimburse reasonable expenses upon approval.

5. Section Dues.

(a) Section Dues shall be collected annually from every Association having membership within the West Section, in an amount fixed by a vote of the West Section membership at its Fall meeting, and such amount shall continue from year to year unless and until a different amount is fixed by the membership pursuant to this provision. Section Dues will become due and payable beginning October 1 of each year. Any Association that has not paid its Section Dues by December 31, shall have its “Good Standing” with NYSAHA (and thus USA Hockey) suspended upon written notice to said Association and ratification of such suspension by a vote of the NYSAHA Board of Directors. The West Section President may waive the collection of Section Dues where such waiver is deemed to be appropriate.

(b) The West Section Treasurer shall be responsible for collecting the Section Dues and shall maintain a mailing and membership list of the Associations in the West Section. Each Association in the West Section shall notify the Treasurer promptly of any changes regarding the Association's President, mailing address and other pertinent information.

6. Section Funds.

(a) Section funds may be used for legitimate and ordinary expenses of the West Section; West Section meeting expenses and awards within the Section; Section expenses relating to the NYSAHA annual meeting; and to supplement and sponsor events in the West Section that benefit a broad range of participants.

(b) A report of West Section finances shall be distributed at West Section Meetings.

7. Tournament-Bound Section Play-downs and Section Tournaments. All State and National Tournament Bound (TB) youth and girls team declarations are due to the West Section by August 1st. Teams can pull their TB status on or before 12/31 of the current season. Women's Adult A/B/C teams can declare TB status up to 12/31 of the current season. The West Section President shall be responsible for the format and conduct of play-downs or sectional tournaments, as appropriate, leading to the State Championships. The format shall be determined in consultation with the West Section Vice President and Coordinators, and shall include an annual review of the competitive balance of the teams in the Section, so as to provide all properly classified and registered teams in the Section the opportunity to qualify for State Championships. Where possible and appropriate, League schedules will be used to qualify or eliminate teams from contention. Independent teams shall be afforded fair qualifying procedures in this process.

8. Midget/High School Club Priority Season. Shall consist of three (3) parts as follows: i.) Midget Season-Fall: September 1st up to and including the Sunday following Thanksgiving. During this portion of the season all Midget Players priority, practice and games shall be to their Midget Team before High School. From October 1st up to and including the Sunday after Thanksgiving, High School Club Teams may practice during the week as long as the Priority Rule is followed. ii.) High School Season: From the Monday following Thanksgiving up to and including Super Sunday. During this portion of the season all Midget Players priority, practice and games shall be to their High School Team. During this portion of the season all Midget Players priority, practice and games shall be to their High School Team before their Midget Team. From February 1st and up to and including Super Sunday, Midget Teams may practice during the week as long as the Priority Rule is followed. iii.) Midget Season-Spring: From the Monday following Super Sunday up to and including end of the season. During this portion of the season all Midget Players priority, practice and games shall be to their Midget Team before their High School Team. During this period of time the Section will have teams preparing to participate in the Section Play-downs and State Tournaments at both the Youth and High School levels, therefore coaches will work in conjunction with each other to help all teams prepare to their highest level of ability. Bantams and below: Priority for these players shall be to their Bantam Teams unless they register as an under age Midget. Discipline: Any and all Administrators, Managers, Coaches, Players and or any person directly or indirectly involved with the team that violates these rules will appear before a Discipline Panel, comprised of the Section President and the Presidents of the two (2) Youth and three (3) High School leagues, who will have the authority to suspend the violator from participation. Waivers: Any and all Administrators, Managers, Coaches, Players and or any person directly or indirectly involved with the team that requests a waiver from these rules will appear before a Discipline Panel, comprised of the Section President and the Presidents of the two (2) Youth and three (3) High School leagues, who will have the authority to waiver the rules.

9. Sectionals. The cost of Sectionals may be determined by the host organization by taking the ice time and adding the cost of officials and dividing by the number of teams. No spectator fees will be charged for admission when using this method. This will be reviewed and approved by the West Section President.

10. Electronic Registration & Payment For Association Tryouts-One week prior to tryouts for those classification that do not lead to a National Tournament and one week prior to those classifications that do lead to a National Tournament, Associations may accept via their web sites, electronic registration and payment for their upcoming tryouts. Associations should set up a procedure to verify that the registration and payment process is complete. This is strictly for registration and payment purposes and at no time will communication regarding the team be accepted.

11. Coaching Requirements-West Section Coaches are required to register with USA Hockey, submit to a background screening check, successfully complete the SafeSport Training, possess a current CEP and age appropriate module prior to roster placement and roster approval.

12. Birth and Citizenship Verification. Prior to roster placement and subsequent approval, a verification and affirmation of each player's birth certificate and citizenship must be completed by a USAH District/Associate Registrar. This applies to all youth and girl's participants and women's TB participants. The club registrar will submit the necessary documents to the USAH registrar to complete the process.

13. Players may only appear on rosters within their own organization/club. Dual rostering of players, during the regular season (August 1st – April 30th), with multiple organizations (two or more) will not be allowed except for high school and girls.
Girls may not dually roster on another girls team in multiple organizations.