

**HURON HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, INC.
BY-LAWS**

ARTICLE I - NAME AND PRINCIPAL OFFICE

- Section 1** In accordance with the Articles of Incorporation, the name of this corporation shall be Huron Hockey Association, Inc.
- Section 2** The principal office and place where the affairs of this corporation shall be conducted shall be in Huron, South Dakota.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1** Eligibility: Any person, firm, corporation, partnership, estate or association may apply for membership in this organization.
- Section 2** Membership Dues/Registration Fees: All members will be required to pay membership dues/registration fees.
- a. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to determine the amount of all membership dues.
 - b. Membership dues/registration fees shall be at such rates, schedule or formula as may be from time to time prescribed by the Board of Directors.
 - c. Membership dues/registration fees shall be payable in advance and may be paid annually, semi-annually, or quarterly.
 - d. Membership in this corporation is to be on a continuing basis and shall be automatically continued unless cancelled by written resignation of the member, or terminated by the Board of Directors as is provided for in these By-Laws.
 - e. Player registration fees may be forgiven based on financial consideration and/or in lieu of in-kind services.
- Section 3** Classes: There shall be the following class of membership:
- a. Player member- Any individual meeting the requirements of the Association's age limit and who resides in the authorized boundaries of Huron Hockey Association, Inc., and meets the requirements of conduct as sponsored by the Association but such player member shall have no rights, duties or obligations in the management or in the property of Huron Hockey Association, Inc. A player member who has been determined to be eligible shall have no right to play, but it shall be deemed a privilege as granted by the Board of Directors. Players need to be registered members of USA Hockey, Inc.

- b. Regular Members- Any person actively interested in furthering the objectives of Huron Hockey Association, Inc., may become a regular member upon election as provided above. The secretary shall maintain the role of membership to qualify voting members. All officers, board members, committee members, coaches, referees and other elected officials must be regular members in good standings. A regular member in good standing is one who has paid any dues or fees required of them by the Huron Hockey Association, Inc., and also have illustrated conduct promoting the objectives of Huron Hockey Association, Inc., as set out in the Articles of Incorporation.
- c. Honorary Members-Any person may be elected as an honorary member by the unanimous vote of all the directors present at any duly held meeting of the Board of Directors, but such honorary members shall have no rights, duties, or obligations in the management or in the property of Huron Hockey Association, Inc.
- d. Sustaining Members-Any person not a regular member who makes financial or other contributions to Huron Hockey Association, Inc. may by majority vote of the Board of Directors become a sustaining member, but such person shall have no right, duties or obligations in the management or in the property of Huron Hockey Association, Inc.
- e. Other Affiliations Members, whether regular or player, shall not be required to be affiliated with another organization or group to qualify as members of Huron Hockey Association, Inc.
- f. Suspension or Termination of Membership-Membership may be terminated by resignation or by action of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III - MEETINGS

Section 1 Annual Meeting: The annual meeting of the members of this corporation shall be held in April at 6:00 P.M. and may be called the annual awards banquet. Such meeting may be postponed by the Board of Directors for reasons of weather/inconvenience or otherwise. Notice of the annual meeting of the membership shall be given by publication in the local newspaper at least three (3) days before the meeting. If reasonably possible, notice shall also be given by means of radio broadcasts prior to such meeting.

Section 2 Special Meetings: Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by a request submitted by the President or any two Directors. No business other than that specified in the request for meeting shall be transacted at any special meeting of the members. Notice of any special meeting shall be given at least twenty-four (24) hours previously thereto, either by written notice or by personal or telephone contact.

Section 3 Regular Board Meetings: A regular meeting of the Board of Directors may be held without notice immediately after and at the same place as the Annual

Meeting of members. The Board of Directors may provide by resolution the time and place for the holding of additional regular meetings without notice other than such resolution.

Section 4 Quorum: A majority of the number of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, except that five (5) Directors present shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of acting on approval of Board Minutes and Financial Reports. However, it shall be assumed that a quorum existed at any meeting. When a quorum is present, a majority of those present will decide all issues presented. The act of the majority of the Directors at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors.

Section 5 Voting: Only regular members in attendance at the meeting shall be entitled to vote at the annual meeting of Huron Hockey Association, Inc. Each member shall have one (1) vote. Only board members in attendance at board meetings shall be entitled to vote. Each member shall have one (1) vote. In the event of co-chairmanship, only one (1) vote shall be cast for that position.

Article IV – Directors

Section 1 Board and Number: Management of the property and affairs of Huron Hockey Association, Inc. shall be vested in the Board of Directors. The number of Directors shall not be less than nine (9), or more than twenty-four (24). The Directors shall, upon election or appointment, immediately enter upon the performance of their duties and shall continue in office until their successors have been duly elected or appointed and qualified.

Section 2 Required Members: The Board membership shall include the following elective members: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. These four positions constitute the Executive Board. Other elected positions are: Committee Chairs for Building and Grounds, Finance, and Public Relations. The following positions shall be nominated by the President and appointed by Board approval: a representative for each of the seven (7) age groups (may be the coach or team coordinator), past President, Game and Tournament Committee Chairperson, Special Projects Committee Chairperson and Booster Club Representative.

Section 3 Election of Directors: The President, First Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected to two (2) year terms. All other elective Directors shall be one (1) year terms. Thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting of members the President shall appoint a nominating committee of four (4) Board Members to pick a slate of nominees for presentation at the annual meeting of members. Nominations for Directors may be made from the floor of that annual meeting.

Section 4 Vacancies: If any vacancy occurs in the Board of Directors by death, resignation or otherwise, it may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Directors at any regular meeting of the Board of Directors called for that purpose.

Section 5 Duties and Powers: The Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint such standing and special committees, as it shall deem advisable, and to delegate such powers to them as the Board shall deem advisable and which it may properly delegate. The Board may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings and management of Huron Hockey Association, Inc., as it may deem proper. The Board shall have the power by two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present at any regular or special meeting of the Board to discipline, suspend or remove any director, officer or committee member of Huron Hockey Association, Inc. The Board shall have the power to change these By-Laws by any majority vote at a meeting where a quorum shall exist (two-thirds [2/3] of the Directors). The Board of Directors shall have the power to enroll the Association in any Association or other Association that it so chooses to join by meeting the requirements of that Association or Association or paying required fees from the common treasury.

Section 6 Proposed Regulations: For a regulation to be proposed, it must be presented in writing to the President of the Board of Directors at least ten (10) days before the annual meeting and two (2) days before any other meeting. If the occasion arises, the Board of Directors shall have the duty to pass such rules and regulations as shall meet the requirements of the Articles of Incorporation as they have been submitted to the Secretary of State.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

Section 1 Officers: Officers of this Corporation shall be President, Vice-President, a Treasurer and a Secretary.

Section 2 President: The President, when present, shall preside at the meetings of the members of the Board of Directors. The President may sign, with the Executive Director or any other proper officer, certificates of membership, deeds, mortgages, contracts, or other instruments in writing on behalf of the Board of Directors which the Board of Directors has authorized to be executed; and, in general shall perform all duties incident to the office of President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time.

Section 3 Vice-President: In the absence of the President or in the event of his or her inability to act, the Vice-President (or in the event there shall be more than one Vice-President, the Vice-President in the order designated at the time of their election) shall perform the duties of the President and, when so acting, shall have all the powers of and shall be subject to the restrictions upon the President.

Section 4 Treasurer: The Treasurer shall, each month, review the financial records of the Corporation and report on the financial condition of the corporation to the Board of Directors. In addition, the Treasurer shall perform such other duties as from

time to time may be assigned to the Treasurer by the President of the Board of Directors.

Section 5 Secretary: The Secretary will be responsible for keeping the minutes at each meeting. In addition, the Secretary shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to the Secretary by the President of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI – FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING BY-LAWS

Section 1 Power of Board: The Board of Directors shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of the local Association and it shall place all income in a common treasury, directing the expenditure of same in such manner as will give no individual or team an advantage over those in competition with such individual or team.

Section 2 Distribution of Funds: The Board shall not permit the distribution of funds or property to individual teams, but shall solicit the same for the common treasury of the local Association, thereby discouraging favoritism among teams and endeavoring to equalize the benefits of the local Association.

Section 3 Solicitation of Funds: The Board shall not permit the solicitation of funds in the name of Huron Hockey Association, Inc., unless all of the funds so raised are placed in the local Association treasury.

Section 4 No Benefit to Member or Director: No Director, Officer or member of the Huron Hockey Association, Inc., shall receive, directly or indirectly, any benefit, salary, compensation or emolument from the local Association for services rendered as Director, Officer or member.

Section 5 Deposits and Withdraws: All moneys received by Huron Hockey Association, Inc. shall be deposited to the credit of that Association in such bank as shall be determined by the Board of Directors from year to year. All disbursements shall be made by check. All checks shall be signed by the Treasurer of the Association or such other Officer, Officers, person or persons as the Board of Directors shall determine.

Section 6 Fiscal Year: The fiscal year of Huron Hockey Association Inc. shall begin on the first day of September and shall end on the last day of August.

ARTICLE VII – PLAYER RULES

Section 1 Transferral from Teams: After April 30, 2003, Players in the Termite league will be allowed to transfer to the Mite league based upon mutual agreement between the Mite coach and parents of said player. Players in their second year of Bantam league will be allowed to transfer to the JV/Varsity league based upon mutual

agreement between the JV/Varsity coach and parents of said player. In the event that an upper level team is short a goalie player, a goalie player will be allowed to transfer to an upper level team based upon mutual agreement between the upper level coach and parents of said goalie player. All other league players will play in a class according to their age as determined by USA Hockey Inc, and South Dakota Amateur Hockey Association (SDAHA) without exception. Qualified transfers must be requested in writing by the upper level coach and parents to the Huron Hockey Association Board of Directors. All transfers must be approved by the Huron Hockey Association Board of Directors. Also, players will not be allowed to play in a younger class unless specifically authorized to do so, either by SDAHA rules or a written request to the Huron Hockey Association Board of Directors. All other rules are administered by SDAHA, and USA Hockey Inc.

ARTICLE VIII – COACHES

- Section 1** Selection and Screening: All coaches for all classes of play, shall submit their name, and credentials for coaching to the coaching director appointed by the President. The Coaching Director shall determine the appropriate level of each applicant, the qualifications of each applicant, and make recommendations to the Executive Board of Directors to accept or reject applicants. Coaches are not authorized to appoint assistant coaches without prior screening by the Coaching Director and approval of the Executive Board of Directors.
- Section 2** Player Coaches: Upper level players will be allowed to assist younger level coaches, with practice at the request of said younger level coaches and approval of the Coaching Director.
- Section 3** Coach-Player Conduct: Any coach convicted of supplying alcohol or illicit drugs to players or other minors shall be immediately removed from Huron Hockey Association, Inc.

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS

- Section 1** Amendment at Meeting of Members Those By-Laws as well as being alterable or amendable by the Board of Directors, may be amended, repealed or altered in whole or in part by a majority vote at any duly organized meeting of the members, provided notice of the proposed change is included in the notice of such meeting.

We, the undersigned, do hereby adopt the above and foregoing By-Laws numbered I to IX, both inclusive, as the Bylaws of this corporation.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20__.

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Notes:

1. Original name of Huron Hockey League, Inc. changed August 28, 1993 to Huron Hockey Association, Inc.
2. By-Laws revised and changes adopted March 28, 1989.
3. By-Laws revised and changes adopted March 27, 2001
4. By-Laws revised and changes adopted April 20, 2003
5. By-laws revised and changes adopted September 16, 2008