



YHC Board Minutes

Date: August 29, 2023

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: 123 N. Maple Avenue, Elmhurst

Meeting: Board Meeting

Present: Mark Soehn, Meghann Peiffle, Tom Papadopoulos, John Maffia, Chrissy Brown, Todd Stasica, Frank Ciannella, Matt Boeing, Brian Finnerty, Jessica Buenz

Guest: None

Regrets: Julie Collins

Call to Order: 6:10 PM

Agenda: August Board of Directors Meeting

I. Minutes

- July BoD minutes approved.

II. President's report

- Tryout and season registrations went well. Well done by team.
- A few outstanding initial payments; will continue to request payment.
- Coaches' contracts sent out – 4 new coaches, plus adjustments to some existing contracts.
- Discussion - coaches apparel allowance – warmups, polos, hats, peacoat for new coaches, bags, etc. Any pre-order due Wednesday, 8/30. \$3,000 allowance provided to be divvied up among coaches. Meg to provide breakdown to Boe of current order against allowance.
- Uniform fitting / bags – well executed by Renee! 35 new players this year. More XL jerseys are ordered via Gunzos, as extra's weren't enough to meet requirements. YHC always orders more to add to stock. Special order gloves are not possible to be delivered.
- Game day security
 - i. Enhanced security needed for bigger games, e.g. Spirit Night, Toys for Tots, etc.
 - ii. Need to take note and be diligent on hockey game day security, incidents, and report as such.



III. Treasurer Report / Finance

- Julie out of town.
- League dues paid for both SHL and IHSHL-NC
- Ongoing collections for spirit ware, uniforms, fees, etc.
- Ice scheduling / buying ice from Flames on Mondays, no invoice yet.

IV. Hockey Director Update

- New tryout process and roster posting went smooth and well received.
- All roster spots accepted.
- JV White locker room – B5 (basement), same locker each use, but can't leave gear overnight.
- Wi-Fi in locker room needs to be addressed as it's not working. Mark to look into and get addressed.
- Parent meeting went well, good to have at YHS, should continue at that location.
- Team building events – highly successful, look to do again.
- Website getting updated in real time with updates. Team schedules posted and travel tournament games will be posted as soon as possible for families to plan accordingly.
- JV Green to play 4 crossover games with Varsity Gold teams in IHSHL-NC
- JV White to play 4 crossover games with IHSHL-NC JV Champions Division
- Blackhawks Rivalry game, scheduled for Toys for Tots game.
- Allstate Arena game potential – 12/23 being explored.
- Misc. supplies, pucks, etc. to be ordered shortly by Boe.
- Action and takeaway – Plan for mentorship for JV White coaches. Already underway, including participating in some on ice practices.
- Might mix up some practice ice slots to ease burden of early practices.

V. Rules and Ethics (R&E)

- Code of conduct discussion
 - i. On ice → Coaches domain
 - ii. Off ice → R&E and Board engaged
- Policy and processes in place. Coaches, Hockey Ops and R&E to work together in best faith efforts in best interest of YHC, players, and families.
- USAH code of conduct for daily team operations – signed by each parent/player at registration.
- New this year – Out of town code of conduct drafted and reviewed. To be shared via team managers
 - i. Enforcement and consistency are key, understanding uniqueness of different scenarios.
 - ii. Out of Town Code of Conduct is pasted at the end of the minutes.

VI. Events



- Volunteer process – sign up genius in place; good to go this coming week with managers. Chrissy will work with team managers to get the sign up genius out to families.
- End of season banquet – three team dynamic. Keep focus on senior players/parents but continue to keep as one event at the same venue. Planned after spring break.
- Event date changes
 - i. Dec 22 – Alumni game, 2 sheets of ice, likely to split by age.
 - ii. January 26th – Senior Night
- Spirit Night – Increase T Shirt order due to Third team, to 400. Good publicity for YHC and our sponsors.
- Mix n Mingle event – Sept 7th. Tom will MC fundraising activities.
 - i. Looking to secure additional parking spot to auction off. Mark to work with Addison Ice Rink to arrange.
- Golf Outing
 - i. Very successful event – volunteers, sponsors, fundraising. Huge thanks to John and Mark.
- Eat and earns, and other events – options being investigated by John.

VII. Comms and Media

- Social Media plan and placement being worked with Jess and Emily, will include sponsors in posts.
- Video promotions being researched by Mark S.
- New York Hockey Club banner in rink
- Hockey rink board signage in works – will look at having YORK displayed.
- Website continuously being updated and off to great start.
 - i. Request for recent photos to spruce up site.
- Game sheet training for each team will be scheduled + need to buy iPad for JV White team. Mark to follow up here.

VIII. Old Business

- None.

IX. New Business

- None

Next meeting on Tuesday, 9/19 – Location TBD

Meeting adjourned – 8:35 pm



X. APPENDIX

OUT-OF-TOWN TOURNAMENT CODE OF CONDUCT

In an effort to make hockey a more desirable, enjoyable and rewarding experience for all participants, and in order to further promote the organization's objectives of providing an environment where all players can have fun, develop skills, and learn sportsmanship, team play and conduct themselves as responsible law-abiding citizens, the York Hockey Club ("YHC") has implemented the following Out-of-Town Tournament Code of Conduct ("Code of Conduct") specifically applicable to coaches, players and their parents/legal guardians for out of- town tournaments.

All YHC participants, including but not limited to, coaches, players and their parents are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at all times during any out-of-town tournaments. This applies to all aspects of the tournament and includes all areas/establishments (e.g., hotels, restaurants, ice rinks, places of entertainment, etc.). If a participant, e.g., coach/player/parent is in violation of this Code of Conduct, that coach, player and/or parent/guardian may face immediate consequences, including, but not limited to, removal from the out-of-town tournament. Any violation of this Code of Conduct shall be brought to the immediate attention of YHC Rules and Ethics Committee for review and determination in collaboration with YHC Hockey Director and/or coaches where appropriate.

By resolution of the YHC Board of Directors, each coach and player, along with his or her parents/guardians, as members of YHC shall agree to adhere to this Code of Conduct herein as a prerequisite to participation in the hockey program. All directors, coaches and other officials are instructed to carry out the enforcement of this Code of Conduct. This Code of Conduct is adopted effective September 1, 2023, for the purpose of establishing minimum conduct standards for YHC participants, including, but not limited to coaches, players and their



parents/guardians during out-of-town tournaments. This Code of Conduct shall not exclusively govern the conduct of YHC coaches, players and parents/guardians, but shall supplement and be in addition to other standards of conduct established by YHC, including, but not limited to all policies promulgated by USA Hockey, Amateur Hockey Association of Illinois (“AHA”), Scholastic Hockey League (“SHL”), North Central Hockey League (“NCHL”), and York Community High School.

ATTENDANCE BY PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S)

It is expected that at least one parent/guardian will attend any out-of-town tournament with their respective student player(s)/manager(s)/coach(es). If special circumstances arise where at least one parent/guardian is unable to attend an out-of-town tournament with his/her student player(s)/manager(s)/coach(es), it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to advise: (1) the head coach; (2) parent team manager; and (3) at least one member of YHC Rules & Ethics Committee (Meghann Peiffle, Tom Papadopoulos or Chris Buenz) of the circumstances at least seven days prior to the start of the out-of-town tournament. Additionally, it will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian to identify another parent/guardian (or other individual over the age of 21) who will be in attendance that will be responsible for his/her player/manager/coach during the out-of-town tournament.

PLAYERS AND STUDENT COACHES/MANAGERS

During the course of an out-of-town tournament, players/student managers shall not: (i) consume alcohol or alcoholic beverages at any time; (ii) use tobacco or tobacco related products; (iii) use marijuana, products that contain CBD, or illegal/illicit drugs; or (iv) vape or use vaping related products. Any violation of the foregoing will result in consequences including immediate removal by YHC of the player/student manager for the remainder of the tournament.

Players/student managers are expected to conduct themselves in a befitting manner at all times. Any disrespect to employees or harm to



property of hotels, restaurants, entertainment establishments and hockey rinks will not be tolerated. If a player/student manager is deemed to have not acted in a manner that is representative of YHC, that player/student manager will be subjected to consequences such as removal from the remainder of the tournament.

In addition to the foregoing consequences, players/student managers may also be subject to additional sanctions upon the conclusion of the tournament. Additional sanctions may include additional suspension from YHC activities (*e.g.*, games) or expulsion from YHC.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS

All parents and guardians of YHC players are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner throughout the course of an out-of-town tournament.

Parents/guardians are expected to conduct themselves in a befitting manner at all times. Any disrespect to employees of hotels, restaurants, entertainment establishments and hockey rinks will not be tolerated. If a parent/guardian is deemed to have not acted in a manner that is representative of YHC, that parent's/guardian's player may be removed from the remainder of the tournament.

If any parent/guardian supplies alcohol or any of the foregoing identified banned products to YHC players during an out-of-town tournament, that parent's/guardian's player may be immediately removed from the remainder of the tournament. Additionally, if any parent/guardian is found to have supplied any YHC player with alcohol and/or any of the foregoing identified banned products, that parent/guardian may be suspended for 30 days (minimum) from all YHC related activities, games, practices and/or functions.

In addition to the foregoing consequences, parents/guardians may also be subject to additional sanctions upon the conclusion of the tournament. Additional sanctions may include additional suspension (of



the parent, guardian or player) from YHC activities (e.g., games) or expulsion from YHC.

COACHES

All coaches of YHC are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner throughout the course of an out-of-town tournament.

Coaches are expected to conduct themselves in a befitting manner at all times. Coaches who are under the legal age shall not consume alcohol or alcoholic beverages at any time. Any disrespect to employees of hotels, restaurants, entertainment establishments and hockey rinks will not be tolerated. If a coach is deemed to have not acted in a manner that is representative of YHC, that coach may be removed from the remainder of the tournament.

If any coach supplies alcohol or any of the foregoing identified banned products to YHC players during an out-of-town tournament, that coach will have consequences that may include but not limited to immediate removal from the remainder of the tournament up to termination.