



IAHA SPRING MEETING April 29, 2023

In Person Meeting, Boise, ID

Springhill Suites Boise Parkcenter 424 E
Parkcenter Blvd, Boise, ID 83706

In attendance:

Executive Board: John Heinrich, Sarah Benson, Kaila Tanner, Joanne Tirocke

Voting Directors: Kory Scoran (Boise-IIW), Rob McSweeney (Jr Steelheads), Shawn Luteyn (CDA Hockey Academy), Matt Creighton (CDAHA, by phone), John Rifelj (Idaho Falls), Vince Hughes (KYRO, by phone), Phil Schoensee (McCall), Miranda Milligan (Teton Valley), Amalia Phillips (Salmon, by phone), Jeremy Foss (PYHA), Brooke McKenna (Sun Valley)

Other attendees: Travis Ceniga (CIC), Matt Stone (RIC), Jess Stich-Hennen (Affiliate Registrar), Bobby Noyes, Freddie Beaubien (CDA Hockey Academy), Mark Enegren (SafeSport Coordinator), James Williamson (Webmaster), Harold Bisby (ISHA), Valeriia Manchak-Jensen (Girls Hockey Director), April Foss (PYHA), Duane Nelson (IFYHA), Scott Larsen (new Risk Manager & Player Safety Coordinator)

1. 9:00 AM – Call to Order and Introductions – J. Heinrich Attendees were invited to introduce themselves to the group since this was the first in-person meeting in a couple of years.
2. Roll Call and Quorum – J. Tirocke
With 13 voting directors present at roll call, there was a quorum. Three additional voting directors joined by phone for a maximum of 16 voting directors in attendance.
3. Approval of Winter 2023 Minutes – J. Tirocke
Winter minutes with an amendment to the attendance record, the last name of Stacy from Teton Valley was corrected to Moore, were approved with no objections nor abstentions after a motion by Sarah Benson and second by John Rifelj.

Harold Bisby representing the Idaho Sled Hockey Association (ISHA) spoke about the new group applying for IAHA Associate Membership, their recent trip to St Louis to participate in the Disabled Festival as a Tier VI (beginner) team, and how motivating their program is for veterans and other disabled participants. Harold brought a sled and sticks to demonstrate the equipment used, spent some time describing the rules of the game, the need for donors, and some upcoming publicity the group will have with interviews with local TV. ISHA President Sean Sexton was recently appointed the Disabled Representative for Rocky Mountain District.

4. Association Reports – All

Written reports were submitted by the President, Treasurer, Registrar, RIC, Boise Ice Pilots, Jr Steelheads, Coeur d'Alene Hockey Academy, Coeur d'Alene Amateur Hockey, Idaho Falls, McCall, PYHA (Moscow), Salmon, Sun Valley, Teton Valley, and the Idaho Vipers. They are attached at the end of the minutes.

5. President's Report – J. Heinrich

John welcomed new volunteers to IAHA. Written report submitted.

6. Treasurer's Report – K. Tanner

A. Budget including legal fund allocation

Expectation is to solicit needed budget items from the coordinators so a budget can be presented and approved in the fall. Considerations for line items include fall coaching clinics, funds to send 2 officials each year to development camps and districts, per diem allocations or per game pay increases for referees working state/district tournaments being careful to avoid issues of double reimbursement a common audit issue, allocation to recruit and retain more female officials, ADM site visits for on-ice sessions with coaches and off-ice sessions with parents, officer travel and Annual Congress reimbursements, grants to associations, Discipline Committee, SafeSport, Grow the Game grants, Impact testing.

It is recommended that IAHA has \$100,000 in a legal fund. IAHA needs to open a separate account and make an initial deposit to get that account started. Joanne Tirocke motioned to start the legal fund with \$20,000. John Rifelj seconded.

Discussion touched on whether that was too much to start with, the current balance of IAHA's account as a non-profit, that supplemental insurance is very costly, and if we need to tap into a legal fund, that it would probably cost a lot more than the initial deposit.

The motion to open a legal fund account with \$20000 passed with 1 objection.

B. Financial Committee

Duane Nelson (IF) would be willing to work on this committee around his schedule. Olivia McGregor (Steelheads) and Miranda Milligan (TV) would also volunteer to help with the committee.

7. Registrar's Report – J. Stich-Hennen

Jess rostered 350 teams this season and approved 63 tournaments. IAHA had 4845 registered players. Unclaimed players (152 youth and 530 adults) still remain a problem (IAHA loses money if players are not claimed by a local association) and adults account for a large number of those unclaimed. (Post Annual Meeting, John H. proposes that the At-Large Director work with the unclaimed list throughout the year to get players claimed by associations/adult leagues and reduce the total by Jess' cutoff date.)

Urgent roster requests are also a disruptive problem. Associations need to consider that the Affiliate Registrar works full-time and is a hockey parent with

travel too. Need to find a better solution, possibly a fine associated with any roster requests that are not received by said day at said time (TBD) and better pre-season training.

Dual-rostered players are moving across all associations and it is making credentialing very difficult as well as creating team issues. There are procedures in place but they are not being followed very well. A form will be developed to ensure dialogue between association Presidents (awareness of the extent of the issue), coaches (able to better manage team numbers), and families (understand team commitments and associated expectations).

Play-ups requests have also been flooding in daily. There have been more this past season than in the last 10 years. Presidents should be responsible for their own association and should work with the coaches and parents. Internal play ups **do not** translate out of the association. It is understood that teams are short players and fill-ins are needed.

Reminders:

SafeSport – within 30 days of the anniversary of last completion

Background screen – every 2 years

CEP – need to be updated by 12/31 if due

Coaches have been and will be redlined for not having credentials. **NO COACH can work with players without proper certifications in place at any time.**

Scoresheets. To be a valid scoresheet it needs coaches signatures, referees signatures, and to be legible. If doesn't meet those criteria, it cannot be used for credentialing.

Registrars should know whether they plan to continue by April 6 and associations need to be in good standing to be granted Portal access.

There was discussion about losing coaching opportunities for Suns/ Steelheads/Spud Kings and university players because of the restrictive rules around certifications and the lack of availability of coaching clinics year round. These former/current players can be utilized in a voluntary non-USA Hockey event but good should have participants sign a release of liability waiver like your local rink probably uses.

8. Referee-in-Chief Report – M. Stone

Referee registrations were up in 2022-2023 but a greater number of registrants not completing their requirements. There were 121 incident reports with 36 reporting multiple incidents: 13 were match penalties and 40 majors were called for fighting.

Matt spoke to ways that associations can improve their relationship with officials and promote a relationship with rinks. Not all officials play hockey or have kids that play hockey.

A budget to recruit and retain officials was requested. Programs could include those offering loaner equipment (sweaters and pants), participation in

developmental events for up to 6 officials each year, traveling help/mentoring to new level 1 officials, and green bands for youth officials. Both CDAHA and KYRO in Coeur d'Alene have programs to promote new officials including paid youth registration for players or their parents completing the officiating requirements and reffing some games.

Matt would like to form a Referee Council with a representative from each ref association for communication and support across the state.

9. SafeSport Coordinator Report – M. Enegren
Mark reported that he had 1 pending investigation and another re-opened due to a repeated situation. He emphasized the importance of Locker Room Monitors and the number of incidents arising from phones and people in locker rooms. Good locker room control results in fewer reportable incidents. Local SafeSport coordinators need to be independent of the local board and unbiased. Mark is available to help with questions and process. He also plans another meeting for association coordinators before this season.
10. Coach-in-Chief Report – T. Ceniga
The new coaching curriculum will need organization help. Coaching presenters and trainers will be needed in northern Idaho. A USAH trainer will come to ID if we have enough people interested. We need about 12 to have a coaching development academy. Some regions have planned academies in August.
11. Girls Hockey Report – L. Schlake
There was good communication and events this past season working with girls directors across the state. Girls at States: there were 19U teams and 14U Sun Valley did not have a team to compete against. 12U and 10U are showing growth around the state. New Girls Director Valerii Manchak-Jensen spoke about increasing opportunities for girls around the state, creating Learn to Play programs to feed future teams, communicating with coaches of females, and retaining players with in-state opportunities to play/train. Growing connections with UT, WY, and MT would help bring teams in to ID to play our girls. Tryout dates for girls teams were expected to occur in May and June.
12. ADM Report – K. Scoran
Forms will help with issues that are arising around play-ups and will aid in tracking permissions to make things easier for the Affiliate Registrar. Looking to host an ADM Symposium that could possibly count as coaching credits. It would utilize coaches from around the state to present and would occur as a weekend seminar. Working to get Tomas Sholl onboard as a Goalkeeping Coordinator and Kory hopes to host another Bronze Medal goalie camp.
13. Grant Report – J. Heinrich
John is looking to form a Grant Committee for review of grant applications. Interested volunteers can let John know of their interest. Grants have been reimbursement for qualifying expenses. Receipts are required! There is the question of receiving funding in advance of receipt of goods/services so

associations can plan. Associations have always been advised that if they have questions about the grant application to contact the Grant Coordinator in advance. Reminders will go out pre-season and mid-season. A better indication of the season's timeline will be made.

14. DEI Report – L. Wilmot

Lindsay was unable to make the meeting.

15. Webmaster Report – J. Williamson

James requested that IAHA adds additional security to its website at a cost of approximately \$50. With Sportsengine, there is the ability to integrate a lot of things that IAHA would like to do such as declarations and registrations. Not all associations use SportsEngine.

16. Committee Reporting

A. Disciplinary Report – S. Benson

They don't want to be an active committee! (But unfortunately they were.) There were 11 Match penalties in adult hockey and 5 in youth. Some went the standard discipline route and some required hearings. There was 1 SafeSport disciplinary issue. Associations reported on their in-house consequences including extra game suspensions, indicated that an advantage of Live Barn is having the ability to review incidents (Head Official can evaluate), tracking suspensions across city rinks to ensure they are being served. The Disciplinary Committee was commended on its good work and great reports that assisted with appeals.

B. Nominating Report

It was suggested that volunteers interested in Executive Board positions should position themselves to learn the interested position and what it entails. A year of overlap with a new President would be a good way for the new leader to shadow before taking over. Similarly, someone who might be interested in being Treasurer should join the Finance Committee to understand the operations and responsibilities that go along with that role.

C. Audit Report – J. Tirocke

The Audit Committee is inactive until the Finance Committee has developed and implemented some policies for it to review.

D. Membership Report – J. Tirocke

A new Associate Member application was made by Idaho Sled Hockey Association. The Committee supports the application by the ISHA and a motion to approve the application was made. The motion was unanimously approved. Congratulations to our new associate member!

The Membership Committee and Executive Board continue to work with North Idaho Wilderness Hockey to assist them in making a successful application and anxiously awaits the construction of a new facility in the Sandpoint/Ponderay community.

The timing of the Annual Meeting and the due date for membership

documents collided this year. Thank you to all the associations that managed to submit their renewal application and supporting documents so they could be reviewed. Issues with any documents are expected to be identified in the next month and associations notified of any deficiencies.

13. Old Business

A. HS season presentation – S. Benson

The HS League Committee (Vince Hughes, Joel Griffith, John Rifelj, and Board Rep Sarah Benson) has been working to streamline league play and better format an 8-team HS State Tournament based on those games. A written report appears in the attached report binder. Any interested HS team could participate in the league with a commitment made by ~September 15 and a deposit (TBD). Based on league play, 8 teams would qualify for the HS State Tournament and teams that did not qualify could play in an end of season event ("NIT" Tournament). Discussion followed on who would be eligible to participate, when and where and how to orchestrate 2 tournaments if held the same weekend. Motion was made by Vince Hughes to accept the presented HS League format with amendment at the fall meeting if needed. Matt Creighton seconded. Motion was unanimously approved to proceed with the HS League as presented.

B. Showcase Report – K. Scoran

The Showcase effort is being led by Darrell Hay and Steve Klein. It was determined that there is no sophomore limit but in looking for good representation for the state, any single school would only have up to 4 players. Had 4 goalies try out and that was the only position cut. Suggest a Break tryout for next year or scouting interested players during HS League weekends and separate ice times. Joel Griffith expressed an interest in coaching. The team is rostered by Jess. A concern was raised about properly informing parents and players about the scouting process and their motivation (incentives). Idaho as a non-traditional market may be at an informational disadvantage. Coaches should be guides for players and resources should be made available so all questions are answered and commitment is understood.

C. Policy & Procedure updates – .J. Tirocke

Discussion of proposed Policy and Procedure changes included whether a blackout date should be reinstated for Player Development Camp (PDC) to increase participation. The timing of the event was viewed as unfavorable for some due to conflicts with spring break or other opportunities. Motion was made by Joanne Tirocke to reinstate the blackout date (no games, no practices, no team functions) for any age-eligible player for the weekend of PDC. Discussion resulted in a suggested date (March 14) before which no blackout date would apply because of potential player conflicts. An amended motion by Vince Hughes, and seconded by Kory Scoran, called for a blackout not permitting practices for teams with age-eligible players on PDC weekends. The motion was unanimously approved.

D. Other old business

There was no other old business.

14. New Business

A. Vipers Program Overview – L. Schlake

A written report was submitted. It was felt that any concerns would be addressed by the appointment of the new Girls Director.

B. Set Calendar for 2023 - 2024 Season

1. Date and Venue for Fall Meeting – Motion by Joanne Tirocke to have the meeting by Zoom on Tuesday, September 12 and Wednesday, September 13. Seconded by Sarah Benson. Motion approved unanimously.
2. Date for Winter Meeting by Zoom – Motion by Sarah Benson to hold the meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, January 30 and Wednesday, January 31, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM MST. Seconded by Jeremy Foss/Kaila Tanner/ Miranda Milligan and approved unanimously.
3. Date and Venue for Annual Meeting – Motion by Joanne Tirocke to have an in-person meeting hosted by Teton Valley Youth Hockey Foundation on Saturday, May 4, 2024. Seconded by Miranda Milligan and unanimously approved.

C. Post-Season Event Dates & Venues

There was a mention of scheduled events: RMD District Girls, March 7-10, and HS Nationals weekend of March 28, 2024 (corrected to March 20-24-jmt), discussion about rotating HS State between northern and southern hosts on alternate years, and the need to determine non-league HS tournament date and location, and a weekend for any NTB playdowns.

Motion by Sarah Benson and second by Vince Hughes for the following post-season event dates: State Tournament February 23 - 25, 2024; HS State, March 1-3, 2024; and Player Development Camp, March 22 – 24, 2024. Motion passes with no objections and abstentions.

D. Other New Business/Miscellaneous

With the approval of ISHA as an Associate Member, Kory Scoran and Jeremy Foss motioned for them to officially use "IDAHO" in their name. Motion seconded by Kaila Tanner and Nate Parker and unanimously approved.

15. Election of Board positions: President, Treasurer, At-Large Director

A. Candidates for President: John Heinrich, Matthew Creighton - A ballot vote for president resulted in John Heinrich being elected for another 2 year term.

B. Candidates for Treasurer: Kaila Tanner – Motion to elect Kaila Tanner as Treasurer by acclamation. Unanimously approved.

C. Nominee for At-Large Director: no timely submissions. Motion by Jeremy Foss to elect Matt Creighton as the At-Large Director, seconded by Miranda Milligan. Motion approved unanimously. Matt will transition into At-Large Director role on May 2, 2023.

16. Adjournment Motion to adjourn by Vince Hughes, seconded by Brooke McKenna. Meeting adjourned at 2:48 PM.



April 29, 2023

President's Report

As we all take a little breather from the 2022-23 season, it's time to put down the rearview mirror, and look ahead to start planning for next season. From talking with most of you over the last 6 months it sounds like a successful season for all. Statewide registration numbers are up as well. Congratulations for your part in our success.

I want to say thank you and goodbye to Lee Ann Schlake and Bobby Noyes. Lee Ann has been a behind the scenes assist to IAHA for many years. She was elected to be the At-Large Director and appointed to the Girls' Director position two years ago, in addition to participating in various committees over the years. I hope she will find some time in the future to come back and contribute again. Bobby Noyes has been our Referee in Chief for the past 25 years. He has been dedicated to IAHA and has done a tremendous job organizing and recruiting our officials. He won't be going too very far away as he has agreed to be our new Grow the Game coordinator.

It seems like part of this job is recruiting new directors, coordinators, committee members, etc. to step up and lend a hand with our organization. We will have some new faces coming onboard this year. Scott Larsen will be our Risk Manager and Player Safety Coordinator. Matt Stone is our new Referee in Chief. Valeriia

Manchek-Jensen is the new Girls' Director and Girls' Coach in Chief. We are also welcoming (pending board approval) our first sled hockey association: Sean Sexton and the Idaho Sled Hockey Association. Sean was just elected to be the Rocky Mountain District Disabled Representative. Congratulations Sean! USA Hockey continues to create new positions at the Affiliate level. We're doing our best to fill those holes: Grant Committee chairperson, Female Referee in Chief, Female ADM Coordinator, Female Goaltending Developer, to name a few. As always, we can use new faces in all our committees.

I want to thank everyone who has participated in our committees. You've accomplished a lot over the season. I'm looking forward to the High School League we have created. It's a step forward and leagues should be considered in all age divisions. Membership committee has worked hard on reviewing new applications and assisting potential new associations. Committees work!

The Spring meeting is our biggest of the year with lots to discuss and decisions to make on how we go forward. I'm very appreciative we have three separate girls tiered programs, but I would like to see more efforts toward girls' rec hockey and developing girls to play with girls throughout their youth hockey careers. For the last few years, it's been disappointing we haven't been able to get more girls' teams to our state tournament. I am hoping we can increase our grant money for growing the game with girls only programs.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the Sun Valley Suns 18U team. They went undefeated on their way to be USA Hockey National Champions.

Respectfully submitted,

John B. Heinrich
President

Idaho Registrar Report –

Registration numbers as of 4/6/2023

- 353 Approved teams
 - o 152 Unclaimed Youth
 - o 530 Unclaimed Adult

ROSTERS

- Problem: Urgent roster requests
 - o Most weeks- I received multiple URGENT requests on Fridays and Saturdays
 - Ideas?
 - Roster training for each program at beginning of each season
 - Presidents/Hockey Directors talking to your coaches and TM
- Problem: Dual Rostered players
 - o 14U and older- rostered on more than one Youth team for different association programs
 - o Problems for State tournament team eligibility
 - o Communication – I am not receiving any communication from Presidents, Coaches, TM.
 - Ideas?
 - Dual rostered player form- received by Registrar
 - Review Page 11, #17
- Problem: Play-up requests
 - o Every age group
 - o ADM coordinator and Registrar role in approving
 - o Multiple requests for programs to have more than 3 play-ups per age group
 - o Requests for teams to exceed 30% play-up rule
 - o 12U play-ups to 14U, ineligibility for State tournament and NTB tournament
 - Ideas?
 - Registrar submit list play-up names at beginning of season

TOURNAMENTS:

- 63 Approved tournaments this season

SAFE SPORT/BKG CHECK:

- SS- Annual renewals based on date of completion.
- BKG- every two years

COACHES:

- ALL coaches (Ice, Bench) must be claimed and rostered by your programs. No coaches should be with players without proper credentials
- CEP level/education need to be completed by 12/31

CREDENTIALING (State/NTB):

- TM/Coach training at beginning of the season
 - o State deadline for rosters locked, Dec 31? (similar to NTB)
 - o Many game sheets thrown out due to missing coach signatures, ref signatures, not legible/poor scan quality

REGISTRARS

- Need to know if registrar is changing for next season
- Associations must be in GOOD STANDING before they will receive the portal
- Registrars will need to review 2023-2023 Tech Bulletin rules for Affiliate

Jess Stich-Hennen, IAHA Registrar

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Players by Age

Local Association	Program	Age 19+	Age 17-18	Age 15-16	Age 13-14	Age 11-12	Age 9-10	Age 7-8	Age 1-6	Total
BOISE ADULT RECREATIONAL LEAGUE	IDH0053	562	10	3	11	16	23	15	5	645
BOISE AMATEUR HOCKEY	IDH0060	4	34	54	47	52	85	100	126	502
BOISE WOMENS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC	IDH0017	78	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	79
BOISE YOUTH AMATEUR HOCKEY	IDH0009	0	10	19	32	29	12	3	0	105
CDAHA	IDH0025	2	25	36	16	0	0	0	0	79
COEUR D ALENE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	IDH0080	3	15	42	64	69	68	92	76	429
HAILEY ICE	IDH0026	294	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	295
ID Unclaimed	IDHUNCL	434	11	11	11	10	23	27	67	594
IDAHO FALLS YOUTH HOCKEY	IDH0008	0	22	36	31	48	32	49	61	279
IDAHO MISC	IDH0000	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
IDAHO VIPERS	IDH0054	0	9	8	15	0	0	0	0	32
KOOTENAI YOUTH RECREATION ORGANIZATION	IDH0004	265	12	11	13	19	16	12	16	364
LEWIS CLARK AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOC	IDH0011	1	8	6	6	10	20	21	18	90
MCCALL ICE SKATING ASSOCIATION	IDH0003	0	4	6	11	21	26	17	17	102
PALOUSE ADULT HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	IDH0095	209	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	211
PALOUSE YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	IDH0090	0	15	20	28	20	28	21	23	155
SALMON YOUTH HOCKEY	IDH0047	41	6	14	7	22	15	17	18	140
SUN VALLEY ADULT HOCKEY	IDH0001	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63
SUN VALLEY YOUTH HOCKEY	IDH0024	0	21	41	39	46	60	67	37	311
TETON VALLEY YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	IDH0016	21	7	11	16	20	25	29	25	154
TREASURE VALLEY ADULT HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	IDH0007	212	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	215
Total		2189	216	318	347	383	433	470	489	4845



REFEREE IN CHIEF: 2023 Spring Report to IAHA

Matt Stone: Idaho State Supervisor of Officials

News: Matt Stone from Idaho Falls will take over the duties of the RIC.

<u>Registration:</u>	Year 22-23	Year 21-22	Year 20-21	Year 19-20	Year 18-19
Total	252	214	134	207	198
Complete	212 (84%)	181 (85%)	106 (79%)	156 (75%)	172 (87%)
Incomplete	40 (16%)	33 (15%)	28 (21%)	51 (25%)	26 (13%)

Level Breakdown:	Year 22-23	Year 21-22	Year 20-21	Year 19-20	Year 18-19
Level 1's	147	123	33	102	108
Level 2's	35	25	26	47	49
Level 3's	44	51	33	49	32
Level 4's	26	15	14	9	9

Seminars:

Idaho offered 14 level 1/2 in-person seminars throughout the state. Level 3/4 seminars were held via zoom and officials were able to attend any of them throughout the country.

Incident Reports:

2022-23 Season

- 121 submitted reports with 36 reports having multiple infractions
- 13 match penalties.
- 33- four penalties in a game
- 10 -12 penalties to a team, coach suspended
- 40 – Fighting Majors

With report breakdown as follows:

Adult - 36	19U- 1	18U- 17	HS - 34	16U – 6	14U - 18	12U - 8
	10U - 1					

- 2021-22 Season – 71 submitted with 5 match penalties.
- 2020-21 Season - 41 submitted with 0 match penalties.
- 2019-20 Season - 48 submitted, with 4 match penalties.
- 2018-19 Season - 68 submitted, with 4 match penalties.
- 2017-18 Season - 72 submitted, with 9 match penalties.
- 2016-17 Season - 68 submitted, with 3 match penalties.
- 2015-16 Season - 70 submitted, there were 6 match penalties.
- 2014-15 Season - 61 Submitted, there were 6 match penalties.

Development:

Districts/National Tournaments: We had 2 officials represent Idaho, Brent Vuglar, Jacob Guttorsen

District Advanced Officiating Camp in Dallas, which happens in conjunction with the Player Development camp May 12-15. We had 9 individuals nominated with 3 attending. Matt Stone will also be there as an observer in conjunction with the annual Rocky Mountain RIC meeting.

State Tournaments:

State Association

Idaho Falls : 17 total officials: McCall-1, Boise-4, Hailey-2, Idaho Falls-8, Salmon-1, Teton-1

State High School

Hailey: 11 total officials: Boise-3, Hailey-7, Moscow (1)

Idaho Falls : 9 total officials: Idaho Falls-6, Teton-1, Salmon-1, Logan, Ut- 1

Proposal: Budget for Growth and Development of Officials

We would like to propose a budget that would help to encourage and support officials as they attend various hockey events. This would not only help them personally in their development but as they return from these events, they can bring back knowledge and experience that can be passed on to others. There are multiple events throughout the year, state, district, national as well as officials' development camps. These events come at a significant financial hit to the person attending. This proposed budget would help "lighten" the load of that burden and open the doors for more to be able to attend.

State Tournaments- between the 2 state tournaments we travel in +/-15 officials from around the state.

Districts/Nationals and Official development camps- We would like to be able to have 2 representatives from Idaho per event. 6 in total per year.

State tournament: up to \$150/official traveling = \$3000

Districts/Nationals/Camps: up to \$500/official max of 6 individuals = \$3000

Total year officiating Budget \$6000

Respectfully,

Matt Stone

Idaho Referee-in-Chief

Bobby Noyes

Former Idaho Referee-in-Chief



Boise Youth Amateur Hockey Association 2022-2023 End of Season report

BYAHA 2022-2023 Season:

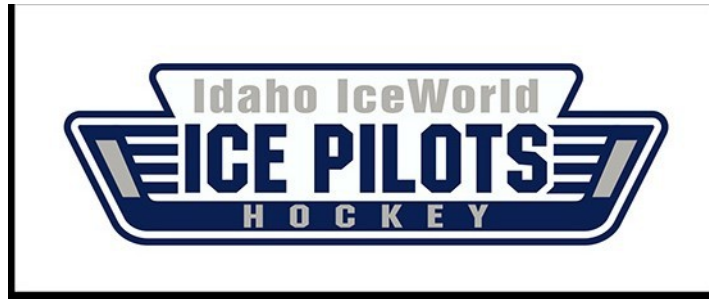
- We had a successful season. Registered 7 teams with 112 skaters and 26 coaches.
 - 19U Girls team-15 players
 - U10U- 15 players
 - U12B- 16 players
 - U12AA- 15 players
 - U14B- 18 players
 - U14AA- 17 players
 - U16AA- 16 players

- Our teams traveled within Idaho and several different locations across the northwest including Colorado, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, Washington, Oregon.
- Every team hosted home tournament and non-tournament games. We had over 32 different hockey teams/clubs travel to Boise this season.
- We had three teams register for Nationals. After the state play downs, our U14AA earned spot in the national tournament. Our U14AA team attended the national tournament in Denver, Colorado. Our 16UAA attended Nationals in Amherst, NY. Our 19U team played in the Tier 2 high school division for nationals in Plymouth Minnesota.

BYAHA Business:

- Our annual meeting is scheduled for 5/11/2022. Open positions: Vice President, Tournament Director and Scholarship Director.
- We have set tryout dates for June 9-10th and June 24-25th at Idaho Ice World.

Rob McSweeney
BYAHA President



IDAHO ICEWORLD 2022-2023 SEASON ASSOCIATION REPORT

4/18/23

Winter Season

6– 8U Teams up 2 teams from last season

6- 10U Teams up 2 teams from last season

4- 12U Teams

4-JV/18U Non-Check Teams

6- High School Teams

3 In-House Travel Teams, 12U, 14U and a 16U and 18U, up one team from last season

Our Hockey Learn to Play Hockey Program had 250 kids enrolled consistently for the entire 2022-2023 season.

We currently have 4 Adult Divisions with a total of 26 Teams, up 3 teams from last season.

We have partnered up with the Boise Skills Academy to offer goalie, shooting and checking clinics through the season. They have been a great partner so far with the completion of the gym/off ice facility up stairs and the shooting cage downstairs and the full-time classroom with players taking advantage of the skills program during the day. We look forward to their growth, which has been a great bonus for development for our kids as ice time in the evenings keeps getting less and less with all our programs expanding. They will be offering summer a summer long skills development program and also 2 weeklong camps in June and July.

Summer 3v3 half ice Leagues

6-8U Teams, up 2 teams from last summer



4/22/2023

CDA Hockey Academy had a successful season overall. Our four teams finished the season strong with various challenging schedule. Each teams played in between 35-50 games.. Our four teams operated out of Frontier Ice Arena in CDA. Our HS Varsity and 18U teams played in the CSSHL league and our HS JV and 14U team build an independent schedule. Through the spring and summer, we are offering a variety of hockey camps and skills sessions

Our CDA Boise Skills Academy has been growing steadily throughout the year and numbers are growing every week. We now have over 80 kids that have signed up for different skills sessions. During the spring and summer, we are offering skills sessions, advanced skills sessions and two full week high performance camps.

For the upcoming year, we are planning on having a 16U, 17U and 18U full time Academy teams. We also have our 14U weekend that will be Nationally bound. We will continue offering skills sessions at our Boise Skills Academy and will be offering a school option to keep developing the student athletes on and off the ice as well as academically.

Thank you

Shawn Luteyn

Freddie Beaubien



CDAHA is going into our spring/summer sessions after having one of the best seasons in the program's history. Not only from a competitive side but building a program that is working on keeping kids in the game of hockey. With a successful 100 kid learn to play program we are excited to see our numbers continue to build to a point where too many kids is a great problem to have. CDAHA is in the position to again fund a free learn to play program for the 23/24 hockey season. Not only did our co-ed numbers grow, but we currently have over 50 girls in our girl skates and teams. Our referee incentive program was successful as this was our first year doing it, but we are looking to open the program to parents next year.

CDAHA is also looking at beginning our own in-house mite program which we believe would help with retention of newer parents at the younger age groups, so they are no longer pressured to travel. CDAHA's goal will continue to be to keep our prices low so more families join. The more families that join, the cheaper the prices will be.

-Matt Creighton

President of CDAHA



Idaho Falls Youth
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Idaho Falls Youth Hockey Association – 2023 Spring Report

The IFYHA finished the season strong with multiple teams doing well at state. We finished with 299 kids in the program.

The Association will look to further bring more players into the association over the summer and heading into fall, taking advantage of the popularity the sport has gained over the winter with the addition of a new ice sheet and USPHL team in town.

The new bylaws will be voted on soon and will put some needed change into not only our board but our association.

Best Regards,

John Rifelj
President
www.ifyha.com



Idaho Falls Youth Hockey Association 2023-24 Tournament Registration Form

The Idaho Falls Youth Hockey Association will be hosting nine for the 23/24 season, each tournament has a four game guarantee. Games will begin on Friday and end by Sunday afternoon.

All teams are required to stay at one of our host hotels listed below or will be charged a \$200.00 team fee.

Schedule and Cost

Bantam	November 17-19	\$1300.00
Girls U19	November 10-12	\$1300.00
Pee wee Travel	December 1-3	\$1300.00
Girls U14/12 House	December 8-10	\$950.00
High School/Midget	January 5-7	\$1400.00
Squirt Travel	January 19-21	\$1200.00
Pee wee House	February 2-4	\$950.00
Mite Games	February 9-10	\$950.00
Squirt House	March 1-3	\$950.00

Register:

Please register online at www.ifyha.com or contact division director for mailing instructions.

Tournament Registering for: _____

Team Name: _____

Team Contact: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

My Team will stay at: _____ My team elects to pay \$200 fee _____

(When calling hotels mention Idaho Falls Hockey to get the group rate)

1-208-525-9800 1-208-552-2500 1-208-542-9800 1-208-523-1400 1-208-528-9800



McCall Youth Hockey Winter Report April 2023

MYHA Numbers:

- High School 11
- Bantam 19
- Pee Wee 20
- Squirt 26
- Mites 30
- Total 106

MYHA Successes:

- Successful Grow the Sport Elementary School Try Hockey field trip event with 180 mite age students experiencing hockey on ice with gear and sticks.
- Grant writing for additional mite age hockey equipment to support Elementary School Try Hockey Field Trip and Future Learn to Play events.
- High school team players provided a successful post season hockey camp to Squirt and Pee Wee age players as a senior project event.
- Pursuing partnership with City of McCall Parks and Recreation to start a house league program for players of all levels and needs.
- New Locker Room Monitor Coordinator paid position advertised with interest.
- New Home Tournament Coordinator paid position filled.
- New Referee Coordinator paid position successful.
- Policy Committee working to update discipline policy and procedures to align with Safe Sport and USA Hockey requirements.

MYHA Needs:

- Review/update Dual Enrollment policy to address requests for top players to play games with other associations full-time but continue to practice with MYHA despite not playing in games for McCall.
- Losing top players to other associations.
- Utilizing players from other associations to fill team numbers while ensuring that the first priority to meet obligations to home associations.
- Update discipline policy to align with Safe Sport and USA Hockey requirements.
- Develop more opportunities for new players especially at older ages to earn to play and continue to play if they don't make or can't participate with travel teams. House league, more stick and puck sessions, clinics, etc.
- Seeking New Safe Sport Coordinator after resignation.

Sincerely,

Phil Schoensee
MYHA Board President



Palouse Youth Hockey Association 2022-2023 Report

Total Registered Players: 158

2022-2023 HIGHLIGHTS

- PYHA started the season with all age groups (8U through 18U) practicing at either LC Ice Arena or EWU Ice in Cheney.
- The new Palouse Ice Rink at the PARC opened in December. Players, parents, and the rest of the PYHA community were very excited for this new rink and opportunity to continue to grow youth hockey in the Moscow/Pullman area.
- The PYHA Girls Hockey Program received a grant from USA Hockey Foundation's Brianna Decker Endowment Grant to carry it into its second season. The funds provided a great boost for recruiting and equipment. The Girls Program continued to grow, and there were new players signing up each week throughout the season.
- Purchased new rental gear prior to the season to better serve our younger players getting started with hockey.
- PYHA hosted 5 home tournaments (8U, 10U, 12U, 14U, and HS JV). This is the first time we've been able to host 14U and HS JV tournaments. These tournaments were a huge success for our organization.
- PYHA teams had success across all age groups, with tournament championship wins in most age groups. 14U travel team won 2 Canadian tournaments. They also had a very strong showing at the IAHA State 14U tournament (3-1 record, despite having a shortened bench and facing numerous injuries throughout the tournament). The 18U team had a very successful season, winning championships at multiple tournaments and then finishing off their season winning both the IAHA 18U B and the IAHA High School B tournaments.

2023-2024 PLANS

- Hold multiple "Try Hockey for Free" days in September, leading into the start of the PYHA season the beginning of October. We need to recruit with schools early and continue to increase our numbers.
- Start "Learn to Play" program to encourage new player development at a lower cost and in a welcoming environment to try hockey.
- Start PYHA season earlier, we are shooting for starting practices the first week of October.
- Purchase divider boards to better utilize ice. This will allow us to move towards a true house for our younger age groups and host ½ ice games and tournaments.
- Host home tournaments for 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U, and 18U JV, with an attempt to find a weekend to host a 18U/High School B tournament.
- Plan a PYHA kickoff weekend. Initial plan is to have a full Saturday of in-house scrimmages for all age groups. This will also be a fundraising event for PYHA with food, raffles, etc. We plan to wrap up the weekend with a U of I vs WSU pre-season exhibition game that will only be open to PYHA registered families.
- Place bid to host one of the IAHA State Tournaments.



Salmon Youth Hockey Association Annual Report 2023

Salmon Youth Hockey Association had a busy and successful season. We finished the season with 105 kids in the program. We have spent the last 2 seasons working on plans and fundraising to put in a concrete slab and new boards in Salmon. We've held 2 successful benefit dinners and are working on putting in for grants to complete this project during the summer months of 2024. This improvement to our rink would give us an earlier start in the fall and help us extend our season in the spring.

SYHA Numbers:

6U-	18
8U-	17
10U-	15
12U-	22
14U-	6
U19-	12
HS-	15

Highlights of our 2022-2023 Season:

- 12U team brought home the Montana 12U B Championship trophy, 20-0-2 Regular season
- U19 Girls fielded an all Salmon player team for the 1st time in 4 years and brought home the 2nd place trophy in the Montana U19 State Tournament
- Hosted 8 tournaments and 26 MAHA league games bringing in 80 total teams
- 2 U19 players made Montana 1st Team All-State, 1 player made 2nd Team
- 2 HS players made Montana Big Sky League HS 2nd Team All-State Team
- 5 girls playing Tier II, 4 for the Idaho Vipers, 1 for the Dallas Stars Elite
- 1 boy playing AA hockey in the Premier Hockey League in Alberta, CA
- Hosted the 15th annual Rocky Mountain Hockey School week long clinic-free of charge to our players
- Players sported new jerseys from 12U and up this season, have had the same jersey since 2015.
- Try Hockey for Free -haven't done one since 2018
- 4th Annual All Girls skate night
- Successful Merchandise fundraising
- Breakfast Club inaugural season-fee paid in donuts and coffee to Coaches, average 16 players at 6 am

Sincerely,

Amalia Phillips
Interim Salmon Hockey President



SVYH Spring Report: May 2023

The Sun Valley Youth Hockey 18U team won the Tier 2, 1A 2023 National Championship!

Other highlights:

- Over 100 Mites (8U, 6U) finished season strong and enthusiastic for next year.
- Learn to play program had 45 participants.
- We awarded over \$11,000 in tuition scholarships. The Board continues to develop a healthy scholarship fund to be able to consistently fund scholarships in the future.
- Our partnership with OverSpeed continues to support the growth of SVYH. OverSpeed conducts in-season clinics and weekly skills sessions for all teams.
- The student coaching program was successful with dozens of the older and more experienced players getting on the ice with the younger players.
- We fielded two teams (A, B) each in U12 Youth and U14 Youth this year. We anticipate continuing with the same next year
- We had three teams at 18U(AA, B, C) and high school (A, B, and JV)
- 57 Girls on girls only teams 12U, 14U and 19U
- Our 12U Girls and 19U Girls had a full game and tournament schedule. We are very encouraged by growth of girls hockey in Idaho at the younger ages
- Many of our girls were able to get some Tier 2 level competition with the Vipers and Steelheads. All parties did a good job making sure Tier 2 opportunities did not impact local team's events.

Areas for improvement

- Despite extensive efforts by our registrar and Girls Director, our 14U Girls struggled to find games and tournaments at an appropriate level of competition
- We struggled to find appropriate competition for our 18U/HS C/JV team
- Engaging new qualified coaches and retaining & training coaches continues to be a challenge and opportunity.
- Update discipline policy to align with USA Hockey bylaw 10
- Finding competitive opportunities for our less experienced players at all levels

Teton Valley Foundation Youth Hockey

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2022 - 2023 Season Association Report

Our organization had a challenging start to the season, with a handful of parents campaigning against the foundation to sponsors and families in the hockey community. Ultimately, this led to almost 10% of skaters going to the Jackson Moose program, and the resignation of our Youth Hockey Director 3 days before the season opened. Despite a trying first month, we were able to operate fully, learn a lot, and completed the 18 week season with few further hiccups.

Our coaches stepped up in a big way, and we are proud to have worked hard to raise enough money to offer a fair coach's stipend in the upcoming 2023 - 2024 season.

Additionally, we spent this season working on the plans and fundraising for capital improvements to our facility. After a lot of effort, our plans will come to fruition this summer, resulting in the ability for our Cutthroats Youth Hockey program to begin 4 weeks earlier in the 2023 - 2024 season. This will put us on the same timeline that many other regional programs are on. The impact our facility improvements will make on our Youth Hockey program is extremely important, because during the 2022 - 2023 season, as in seasons prior, our skaters were not able to begin practicing until November. Starting that late in the season meant some of our teams had to travel to tournaments with only a handful of practices under their belt.

Highlights of our 2022 - 2023 Season:

- Hosted a 12U Girls hockey tournament for the first time.
- Hosted 3 more tournaments than 2021 - 2022 season.
- Developed a 12U Select team.
- Fostered growth in our local, non-parent coaches pool bringing in 4 new experienced, non-parent coaches throughout the season.
- Successfully negotiated a sponsorship agreement to cover a majority of traveling expenses related to referee lodging.
- Hosted third annual Overspeed Thanksgiving Weekend Clinic.

Warm regards,

Miranda Milligan

Teton Valley Foundation Rink Director, TVF Youth Hockey President



April 28, 2023

Idaho Vipers Report

Idaho Vipers U19 Tier II (23 W – 7 L – 1 T)

2022-2023 Season Report

The Idaho Vipers U19 Tier II team had a very successful 22-23 season. The roster featured 17 skaters and 2 goalies. All 19 players contributed and were instrumental to the overall success of the team. The Viper U19 team won the Colorado Cup (6-0 record) and the Boulder Breakout (6-0 record). The team finished second at the Smashville Girls Showcase in Nashville and second at the Rocky Mountain District tournament. This second-place finish earned the Vipers an invite to the USA Hockey Chipotle U19 Tier II Nationals in Irvine CA. There the team finished the season with an overtime win versus Nashville and back-to-back 2-1 losses to Philadelphia and New York. Every player was a true ambassador for Idaho Amateur Hockey this past season. The Vipers graduate 12 seniors and others look forward to next season.

Coach Mike Lehto

Idaho Vipers U14 Tier II

2022-2023 Season Report

The roster was compiled of 15 players & 1 goalie. We joined the WGHL which was our first year in the league. Overall, this year was positive, the girls had fun at tournaments and were competitive against other teams. The main hindrance was numbers.

Attended 4 WGHL weekends and the Rocky Mountain District tournament.

Pros of joining the WGHL:

- Set schedule early in the season
- Played more games than last year
- Girls grew as players and enjoyed the season

Cons of joining the WGHL:

- Poor attendance
- Not cost effective

Some improvements that I believe should be implemented next year to help fix some of these problems are getting commitment early. Part of the problem for some girls not showing up to tournaments were they had commitments to other teams, either local programs or youth teams. As a state, it would be helpful to be on the same page with the local coaches.

The costs of tournaments, especially when only part of the team is showing up is too large, making it mandatory to pay for a fixed portion of the tournaments even if players are not attending could incentivize coming to tournaments. Fundraising at the beginning of the year to help alleviate costs would be helpful as well.

Coach Kaitlyn Schlake

Idaho Vipers Mission Statement

Provide Idaho female players an opportunity to play games and additional hockey at the U14, U16, and U19 Tier II level. Support goals and aspirations to play hockey at a higher level after high school and perhaps even before high school career has ended. Note: Many past Viper players moved on to Tier I play and many are now playing collegiate hockey. In the past seasons Viper teams have advanced from the District tournaments as champions to represent the Rocky Mountain District at the USA Hockey National Tournament.

Eligibility Requirements:

- USA Hockey Registered
- All players 17, 18, and 19 years old must complete SafeSport training
- Must play first and foremost for local girls' team/program

Idaho Vipers events/games/practices/tournaments try to be scheduled so as not to conflict with established Idaho Girls program events. Our stated goal is equal play time throughout the season and earned playing time at the Rocky Mountain District Championships.

Tryouts for 2023-24 Season

June 4 time TBD

High School League 2023/24 Season

The goal of the High school League is to have more standard of play across Idaho, which will ultimately lead to qualifying and seeding for the IAHA HS tournament held at the end of each season. The first year we would like to make goals and game play achievable as we begin this program. League play would also be a more consistent way to send a High School team to the USA Hockey National HS tournament each year in the future.

League Structure: Eight teams would qualify to participate in the state tournament each year. Two teams would be chosen from the North, three from the Central, and three from the South based on numbers of teams participating. Allocation of slots or addition of teams will be assessed each season. The first year the league will be run by the committee, and each pod will have a rep from the committee.

I. Three "pods" North, Central and South

- North (CDAHA, Lewiston, Moscow, McCall) (4)
- Central (Boise) (6)
- South (Idaho Falls(2), Salmon, Sun Valley(2), Teton) (6)

II. Format and Qualifications

- Each team will be required to play 6 games within their pod, and 4 games outside of their pod
- The games played within your pod will be what determines your record and qualifying for the final eight to play at the state tournament
- State requirements of 5/10 for player qualification
- Game count can be achieved through tournaments or individual games

III. League Deadlines

- Intent to participate in the league is September 15th
- Deposit for the State tournament will be due December 31st
- If your team does not qualify for the tournament your deposit may be refunded or go towards the Invitational tournament that will be offered
- The 8 qualifying teams will be determined no later than February 5, 2024

IV. Invitational year end for other teams

- We would also like to offer an invitational year end tournament that would be for teams that did not make the State tournament or chose to not participate in the league this year

- HS teams will be asked at the beginning of the season of the season of their interest to participate in this event, final commitment December 31