

March 6, 2023, 2023,
AHAI Board of Directors meeting | MINUTES

March 6, 2023 / 6:30PM | Zoom

Meeting called by *Bolger*

Type of meeting *Monthly Board Meeting*

Note taker *Dunne*

AHAI Board present:

*Bolger, Lichterman, Crowley, Dunne, Johnson,
Clare, Cavallini, Weinberg, Zschach,
Lewandowski, Surrette, Apter, Naveja, Smith,
Gallagher, Hann, Krausefeldt, Chudacoff*

Approval of Meeting minutes

Approved February 2023 minutes

Motion: Crowley

2nd: Surrette

Approved

Treasures Report: Crowley

AHAI Audit approval

The State tournament committees were asked to submit all State Tournament expenses including ice bills

AHAI Finances are stable and as budgeted as this time

Treasures report

Motion:, **Crowley**

2nd: Smith

Approved

Registrar Report:

- Spring start date will be March 27, 2023
- Spring registration will utilize the AHAI web tool.

Electronic Vote

- Electronic vote affirmations: Tier I

the following Electronic vote was affirmed:

The Tier 1 committee unanimously proposes the following rule changes:

1. Current Rule as written:

18.1 GENERAL INTENT

The general intent of Tier I Youth & Girls' Hockey in Illinois is to provide an opportunity for youth & girls' players to develop and compete at the highest level of hockey available in the United States at 10U minor, 10U major 12U minor, 12U major, 14U minor, 14U major, 15 only (150), 16U and 18U age levels and Girls 12U, 14U, 16U and 19U age levels. Tier I Hockey in Illinois is limited to those players who have the ability to play at a higher level, can meet the higher competitive, practice, travel and financial demands of Tier 1 and wish to continue to develop as players by playing Tier I Hockey while being guided by the fundamentals and principals set forth in USA Hockey's American Development Model (ADM). Tier I Hockey is not intended to place pressure on any Player/Participant to play Tier I Hockey nor is it available to the 8U or 9U age levels.

Proposed Rule Change

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2. Current Rule as written:

18.6.4 8U and 9U aged players/participants are not permitted to play Tier I hockey. No players/participants are permitted to be rostered on any Tier I Youth or Tier I Girls' Team unless said player/participant is at least ten (10) years of age as per USA Hockey age divisions.

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18.6.4 8U aged players/participants are not permitted to play Tier I hockey. No players/participants are permitted to be rostered on any Tier I Youth or Tier I Girls' Team unless said player/participant is at least nine (9) years of age for Boys Youth Tier 1 and (10) years of age for Tier 1 Girls' as per USA Hockey age divisions.

No 10U Minor age player(s) can play up on a Tier 1 Youth 10U Major or Tier 1 Youth Pee wee level teams.

For the Youth 10U Minor age levels, all AHAI Tier 1 organizations shall play each other AHAI Tier 1 organization a minimum of 4 times per Fall/Winter season. This shall be two (2) home games

against each organization which is currently five (5). This constitutes a minimum of sixteen (16) in-state games for the 10U Minor level.

- Player fees to be set prior to each Fall/Winter season by the Tier I committee.
- For the 10U minor level, no Tier 1 organization may have more than 3 players from any one AHAI/USAH Tier II organization roster from the prior Fall season.

3. Current Rule as written:

18.8.12 All other information or requirements deemed necessary by the Tier I Chairperson and or the Tier I Committee, or his/ her designee. Failure to strictly comply with the requirements set forth in USA Hockey's American Development Model (ADM), especially as to ice practice hours, off-ice practice hours, game counts or de-emphasis of winning at all costs at the 10U major and 12U minor and 12U major levels shall be the basis to DENY any Tier 1 Youth or Girls' Affiliate Organization's team the right to participate in the Tier I State Championships Tournament and/or renewal of the Tier I Youth or Girls' Affiliate Organization's charter for the following season.

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4. Current Rule as written:

18.10.12 All "Player Cards" and parental Acknowledgment Forms shall be submitted to the Tier I Committee Chairperson by September 1st (5:00 p.m.) or prior to the Tier I Youth Teams' first (1st) team activity of the current playing season for 10U major, 12U minor, 12U major, 14U minor, 14U major, 15O only, 16U, and 18U age divisions.

Proposed Rule Change:

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IT Update: Michael:

- AHAI is experiencing data loss/player when importing teams from the USAH roster to the AHAI web tool player list. Johnson and Michel are working to ensure all players are accounted for participation in State and national tournaments.
- IT is working on providing information for an RFP to upgrade the registration system

CBH report: Hann

CBH are working on the State High School Championships

Committee reports:

Rules Committee:

- Rule proposals were distributed.
 - **Rules and Regulations updating:**
- 2023 New Rule and Regulations or Rule Changes**
 - **January BOD Meeting** **Call for rule changes/submissions**
 - **March BOD Meeting** **Circulation of proposed rules to AHAI Board of Directors**
 - **April BOD Meeting** **Review of changes to proposed rules**
 - **May BOD Meeting** **Vote on all proposed rule changes/additions**
 - **June AHAI Annual Meeting** **Present rule changes to the membership**
 - **AHAI Monthly BOD Meeting** **Emergency rule changes only General Rules**

High School Committee: (Weinberg)

- AHAI All State games played.
- AHAI HS State tournament is currently running

AHAI Showcase Teams

- Showcase coached are Greg Mrofcza(Maine) and Chris Waters(BG)
- Boy General Manager is Glen Jouch
- Girls showcase

Michelle Lichterman - Head Coach

Monika Barrett - Asst. Coach

Anita Lichterman - General Manager

Tier II Committee: Chudacoff

- The committee is looking at possibly editing the two choice rule

State Tournament: (recap)

- High School State ice: Feb 24 – March 13
- HS Championship day, March 19, United Center
- Tier I Youth and Girls Tournament completed
- Tier II Youth and Girls completed

Presidents Council: (Zschach)

Tier I Committee (Cavallini)

Committee is sending out reauthorizations to Mission and TI for the 23/24 season

18.8.1 Re- Authorization:

A Tier I Youth or Girls' Affiliate Organization who has been granted a charter may rely upon maintaining that charter for three years so long as it continues to comply with all AHAI and USA Hockey By-Laws, Rules and Regulations and Policies. Each third (3rd) year a chartered Tier 1 Youth or Girls' Affiliate Organization must submit the required documents indicating compliance to this Article to the AHAI Tier I Committee Chairperson.

Girls: No report

Tier III (Apter)

- Committee met with the Downers Grove Blades Affiliate and the Woodridge Wild and will make a recommendation to extend the probation for each
- The Willowbrook Snipers did not respond to inquires and will be dormant for the 23/24 season

Grant Committee:

CEP (Clare) No report

Disabled Committee: Dunne

- warriors will be applying for their own 501c3.
- Other disciplines will work toward acquiring their 501c3 statuses.

Communications:

- Communications will filter player lists through the AHAI registrar to help correct inaccurate information

Officials:

- Assigners and IHOA are working on Officials qualified to work state tournament games

Player Development (Naveja)

- AHAI PD will be held April; 14 -16, Mt prospect

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- Online player evaluations are in progress

Central District Playoffs

- The Central District Championships Tournament weekend is March 10 – March 12, 2023

Tier II Girls will be held at 7 bridges

Tier I Youth and Girls will be at Canlan Romeoville

New Business:

- Girls HS :there was discussion of moving Girls HS jurisdiction from the HS Committee to the Girls committee
- **Non sanctioned league play: AHAI sanctified leagues must run /manage only sanctioned events that fall under the league banner/ jurisdiction**
 - BOD elections notice to membership april 10
 - Currant BOD terms expire 2023
 - Bolger
 - Michel
 - Lewandowski
 - Naveja
 - Surrette
 - Bylaw proposals notice 4/24and deadline 5/4
- Closed Board meeting session

Next Board meeting, April 3 2023

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm