

CAHA COMMITTEE REPORTS by Saturday before meeting
Board Meeting Date: Saturday, Jan 24, 2026

GOVERNING PRINCIPLES

Honor The Game – create an environment for players and families where they experience fun, physical fitness, life lessons, inclusion, and competition. Encourage behaviors that honor the game and hold everyone in the game accountable for these behaviors.

Hockey For Life – address “churn” where large numbers of players quit after 10U due to costs, pressures to win, “not good enough”. Build House programs. Systemic approach to 8U/10U – delay the rush and/or availability of travel hockey.

Coaching Education – coaches are the #1 reason kids stay or leave the game. Positive coaching, focusing on fun and development, balance between winning and development, keep kids in the game, treat players with respect.

Hockey is for Everyone – Girls, Veterans, Disabled, non-traditional communities. Address barriers include cost, marketing the sport, previous experience of diverse families, culture of the sport.

Player Safety – ensure that players are the top priority and provide an environment that is safe, physical and mental health are prioritized, and respect is expected by everyone in the game.

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<p>YOUTH COMMITTEE: Executive Director The mission of the Youth Committee is to provide an innovative grassroots foundation for the growth and development of USA Hockey, designing programs aimed at increased participation, improved skills, and a responsible environment for the conduct of youth hockey in accordance with the principles of the American Development Model (ADM). Responsibilities include ADM, Hockey Director Group, House Hockey, Jamborees, 8U Development, Player Development, Tier I, High School, Leagues, Coaching Education, Goaltending, Parent Education, Player Safety, PCA, Honor the Game Awards</p>	<p>Brad, Rick, Robert, Ed, Brian, Kylie, Chris, Carrie</p>	<p>>USA Hockey Coaching Education - introduced a new 6U/8U coaching module that has been very successful. Focus on grassroots, keeping players in House programs, developing 8U in an age appropriate way >CAHA Festivals scheduled for Charlotte 3/20-21 and Charleston 4/18-19: girls events, goalie and checking clinics, adult goalie, Try Hockey For Free/Bring a Friend for Girls, etc >CAHA Tournaments - scheduled and ready to go >Next Hockey Director Meeting Jan 27 >House Hockey Festivals have been a big success. One more scheduled for Charlotte and we will begin scheduling 2026-27 so programs can incorporate the events into their House programs >8U Jamborees have not been as popular 2025-26 and will talk about this at Hockey Director meeting - ice availability is an issue >Tier I Showcase scheduled for September 5 at XIC - ice is reserved >Girls and Boys Player Development is scheduled for XIC 4/10-12 >Hosting SE District Girls TI and TII Tournaments at Pineville and XIC March 6-8 >meeting with CHL on Friday 1/23 >Honor the Game Awards - need more nominations for 2nd half of the year</p>	<p>None</p>	

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<p>DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE: Vice President</p> <p>Committee shall have the responsibility and duty to initiate disciplinary proceedings in any matter of significant concern to the Affiliate or as to any matter between Affiliates of USA Hockey under guidelines and rules established by the Committee and ratified, adopted or approved by the Board of Directors.</p>	<p>Graham</p>			

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<p data-bbox="113 594 300 695">SAFESPORT COMMITTEE: Matt</p> <p data-bbox="79 734 333 902">Responsible for the implementation of Safesport policies in CAHA</p>	<p data-bbox="417 734 483 764">Matt</p>			

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<p>FINANCE & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE: Treasurer</p> <p>Committee is responsible for the grant program, financial planning including budget and audit, risk management, bylaws and policies, and the CAHA Assist Fund</p>	<p>Robert, Rick, Graham, Brad</p>	<p>Grants - Waiting on paperwork to pay out (1) recently approved for Raleigh Ice Hockey Officials. Otherwise, holding for documentation of implementation.</p> <p>Received Documents from USA Hockey Investment - Currently account sets at \$80,520.08</p> <p>Sending out updated P&L to Date for meeting and Budget spreadsheet for review and discussion.</p> <p>CAHA Assist - Included in Budget spreadsheet and will include breakdown of receipts and payments to date along with pending payables</p>		

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<p>HOCKEY FOR EVERYONE COMMITTEE: Michele</p> <p>Committee will be responsible for the planning, development and conduct of Girls/Women's Hockey, Disabled Hockey, Special Hockey, Warrior Hockey, and Community Growth (growth, inclusion).</p>	<p>Michele, Chris, Brad</p>	<p>New* Women Coaches Alliance Steering Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This committee will provide a foundational voice for female leaders, turning rink-level expertise into the strategic insights that will drive both our female coaching pathways and player development. <p>Women Coaches Alliance Leadership Weekend</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 1–2 at Xtreme. • Combining high-impact speakers with role-specific breakout sessions and on-ice clinics. <p>Meeting with CGHL Teams for 2026-27 Season</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 divisions (Silver, Gold, Platinum), CAHA teams will be put together with girls that are not in a program, league will be administered by CAHA, use Gamesheet and league standings <p>High School Girls Hockey in NC is being explored</p> <p>HPOC Event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determining the skill levels we will need to host • Looking to build upon the sense of community participants feel by including off-ice activities that keep everyone engaged • HPOC Camp is set for July 24-26 at Invisalign in Raleigh - registration will open Feb 15 • Brad is working on budget, marketing opportunities, and a tentative schedule • Additional details will be discussed in our February meeting <p>Honor the Game Awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are going to update the nomination form with the nominee's school so we can spotlight the winner within their community (outside of hockey) • Zach is working on the design of a poster that can be put up at rinks to encourage more real-time submissions for an award 		
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<p>HOCKEY FOR LIFE COMMITTEE: Ron</p> <p>Committee is responsible for the planning, development and conduct of Adult and College hockey and Officiating within the Carolina Affiliate.</p>	<p>Ron, Kevin, Rick</p>	<p>College:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Application for the showcase in June is online & being marketed -Kevin will be talking to the ACHA at the winter meeting to get an update on applications & coaches commitments they have -Kevin to also get an update on the # of Teams in the ACHA and what they are working on <p>Adult</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Captains / League Championship items we're delayed due to drop shipping constraints of order size, recalculation of order locations amounts, and lost credit card information -order in production and expected to be shipped by EOM -Discussing rule changes at Winter meeting to evaluate impacts to adults <p>Officiating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Caha mentorship grant to RIHOA in the process of getting distributed -Kevin checking in with CHOP how their program has go so far -Expecting update at Winter from the Officiating Section on USAH mentorship grants and Green Armbands initiative from a national perspective. -SED officiating #s are up slightly YoY but completion Completion rates are down slightly -Kevin to request specific #s on CAHA at the Winter meeting -Will also request info about the 601e national review committee proposal -Tabling the officiating discipline policy until a later date. 		
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MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: Secretary	Matt, Brad			

<p>The Committee is responsible for social media & marketing, the membership process, CAHA website, internal communications, and documents.</p>				
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<p>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: President</p> <p>Conduct the day-to-day affairs of CAHA between</p>	<p>Rick, Graham, Matt, Robert, Brad</p>			

Board of Director meetings				
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