

Newsletter

Mike Trimboli Is New President Of USA Hockey



COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – **Mike Trimboli** (Massena, N.Y.), who has been involved in grassroots hockey as a player, coach, official and administrator for parts of the last six decades, was elected president of USA Hockey at today’s Board of Directors Meeting as part of the organization’s virtual Annual Congress.

The Massena, New York, native began his formal engagement with what was at the time the Amateur Hockey Association of the United States (today USA Hockey) on the local outdoor rinks as a player in 1970, then in 1979 became an on-ice official and added youth hockey coach to his resume starting in 1984.

Trimboli’s first involvement as a volunteer administrator was in 1996 when he was appointed as a regional vice president for the New York State Amateur Hockey Association and subsequently was elected as a vice president for the affiliate. In 2004 he also took on the role of the District’s player development coordinator.

He was elected to the USA Hockey Board of Directors as a director from the New York District in 2005 and since that time has served as a director representative to the Executive Committee and also been part of the Marketing Council, Junior Council, Player Development Committee and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force. He was elected as a vice president of USA Hockey and chair of the organization’s Marketing Council in 2017 and has concurrently served on the USA Hockey Foundation Board of Directors.

Trimboli, a Level 5 USA Hockey certified coach, has served as an instructor for USA Hockey’s Coaching Education Program since 1995. He has also been actively involved with USA Hockey’s player development program and camps, either at the district or national level, since 1990. Furthermore, he has also served as a USA Hockey Youth National Championship site director on multiple occasions dating back to 2010.

In addition to his work with USA Hockey, Trimboli, who retired in 2018 from his role in law enforcement with the New York State Police after over 31 years, has also coached public high school hockey for more than 25 seasons over two stints, including from 1990-2005 and from 2009 until today, winning a Division 1 New York State championship in 2014.

Trimboli succeeds Jim Smith, who served the past six years as president and has played a significant role in the advancement of the sport over the past 30-plus years as one of the most active volunteers in the organization.

2021-25 Playing Rule Change Process Status

The 2021-25 USA Hockey Playing Rule change process was concluded on June 12, 2021, during the Board of Directors Meeting at Annual Congress. You will find a summary of all accepted rule changes below, in addition to updates to the USA Hockey Points of Emphasis and Standard of Play, and an explanation of the new Standardization of Discipline regarding Match Penalties.

The 2021-25 USA Hockey Playing Rules will take effect starting **September 1, 2021**.

[2021-25 Playing Rule Change Summary](#)

[2021-25 Playing Rules Points of Emphasis and Standard of Play](#)

[2021-25 Standardization of Discipline with Match Penalties](#)

Rule 402 Minor Penalties:

The length of minor penalties shall be pro-rated for the following:

<u>Period Length</u>	<u>Minor Penalty Length</u>
12 min or less	1:00 min
more than 12 and less than 17 min	1:30 min
17-20 min	2:00 min

The animating principle behind this rule change was to make minor penalties more proportional to the length of the game, and, especially at the younger age classifications, to get players back on the ice earlier.

USA Hockey permits the District to waive this proration for 14U (bantam) and older age classifications, permitting leagues and associations to keep minor penalties at 2:00 minutes.

The Mid-Am District did waive this at the Annual Meeting for 14U and older age classifications.

However, USA Hockey did not permit the District to waive this new rule for 12U and younger age classifications.

Therefore, this minor penalty length proration will be in effect starting with the 2021-22 season for the 8U, 10U and 12U age classification.

The Three D's of Governance

Nonprofit corporation law has three overriding standards board members need to follow when serving their organization. To simplify the legal and fiscal requirements, board members can reference the Three D's of governance. These three principles will help guide all board activities, decisions, and strategic planning.

1.Duty of Care Utilize your best judgment when making decisions that impact the association. Board leadership needs to be responsible for their decisions by being reasonably informed and having their members best interests in mind. Tips for exercising the Duty of Care:

- Be an active participant with the board and their meetings.
- Be diligent in providing oversight and with the decision-making process.
- Act in good faith
- Consider the facts.
- Review meeting minutes
- Have a working knowledge of the association's bylaws, policies, and procedures.
- Be fiscally responsible.
- When needed, utilize qualified experts?
- Know the benefits provided to USA Hockey associations and their respective volunteers.

2.Duty of Loyalty

Prioritize the organization's best interest when making decisions, put aside professional and personal interests. Tips for exercising the Duty of Loyalty:

- Conflicts of interest. Disclose all conflicts.
- When a conflict does arise, disclosure of the conflict needs to be made and that individual should abstain from decisions relating to that item.
- Do not use information obtained from your role within the association for personal gain.
- Association assets should never be utilized to benefit another organization.
- Always act in the best interests of the association
- Prioritize the needs of the association first.

3.Duty of Obedience

Follow the association's mission statement when making decisions.

Additionally, have the association operate within the scope of the law, the association's mission and bylaws.

Tips for exercising the Duty of Loyalty:

- Build trust that the association is being fiscally responsible.
- Board members must act on activities that he or she believes to be illegal.
- Abide by the rules of USA Hockey and the local governing District and Affiliate.
- Act consistently with the association's mission statement

Over this upcoming year you can expect to hear a lot in regards to the governance of USA Hockey. In return this will all follow down to the district and local association levels. As our board of directors receives further direction on this we will keep you all up to date.

Congratulations!

The following persons were elected to serve on the Mid-Am Board of Directors:

President – Paul Day

Secretary – Biff Cummings

USA Hockey Director – Tom Cline

Indiana Vice President – Roy Davis

Kentucky Vice President – Elisa Millet

Ohio Vice President – Jim Smith

Western PA Vice President – Rich Hixon

USA Hockey High School Section Representative – Kathy Santora

Congratulations to all those who were elected, and they all look forward to serving you in all your needs.

VOLUNTEER



Mid Am's responsibilities continue to increase from the national office of USA Hockey. If you would like to volunteer some time and get involved at the District level, please contact Paul Day or Kaye Pinkowski



2022

High School	Dallas, Texas	March 24 - March 28
Youth Tier I 14U	Chicago, Illinois	March 30 - April 4
Youth Tier I 15O	Plymouth, Michigan	March 30 - April 4
Youth Tier I 16U, 18U	Rochester, Michigan	March 30 - April 4
Youth Tier II 14U	Kalamazoo, Michigan	March 31 - April 4
Youth Tier II 16U	Troy, Michigan	March 31 - April 4
Youth Tier II 18U	Irvine, California	March 31 - April 4
Girls Tier I 14U, 16U, 19U	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	March 31 - April 4
Girls Tier II 14U, 16U, 19U	West Chester, Pennsylvania	March 31 - April 4
Senior Women's	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	March 31 - April 3
Sled	St. Louis, Missouri	April 7-10
Adult Men's	TBD	TBD
Adult Women's	TBD	TBD



INFORMATION



The following below are just a small number of items that came out of the Mid-Am Annual meeting:

- **Tier I and Tier II District and State tournament dates will be March 3-7, 2022.**
- **Please see the nationals locations and dates above.**
- **The date for Tier I and Tier II team declaration has now been changed to January 15th 2022. No teams will be accepted after that date. The purpose of this change is that it gets us closer to the date we use for My Hockey Rankings thus avoiding so many refunds for those teams that do not qualify for the tournament.**
- **Effective in the 2021-2022 season we will now be limiting the number of teams that we will allow in a division at the state tournament level. That number will now be limited to 8 teams per division. This is the same process we use at Tier I which has a 6 team maximum. Seeding of the teams will be seeded through the results of My Hockey Rankings. Make sure you have registered your teams and are updating your score so we may properly seed you.**
- **The financial position of Mid -Am hockey is very well. Our State Vice Presidents will be speaking with each of their state associations on getting ideas on how to assist them with programs to help grow the game. We are looking at a number of ways to assist local programs with Play Hockey for Free and other ideas they may have to help grow the game of hockey.**
- **This year is a playing rule change. Please review those rule changes above and check the Mid-Am website for some exemptions that the board put in place. We have links in the above pages for you to review the rules**
- **Over the next several seasons you will be see a number of governance changes occurring at the USA Hockey level and then at the District level and then at your local association. Stay tuned for these changes.**



Our Mid-Am Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Director and Ohio State Vice President Gui Bradshaw receives USA Hockey award from President Paul Day for new leadership award as one of the country's up and coming stars of USA Hockey. Congratulations to Gilmour Academy for their Girls and Women's award and to Cathy Fievet on her 25 years of service to USA Hockey as an associate registrar.



Mid-Am Hockey District held its annual meeting June 25, 2021 in Columbus, Ohio at the Marriott hotel.

In an abundance of caution only, actual board members were in person for the meeting. Our association joined the meeting via zoom.

We discussed many topics with many being addressed in the information above. While this was not an easy task to complete, we were actually able to conduct a meeting this year.

We look forward to seeing everyone in person next season!