BYLAW & RULE CHANGE SUMMARY – APRIL 2023

No.	Author	Subject	Board Recommendation
Bylaws			
B-1	Finco	Board of Directors	Support w/change
B-2	Finco	Congress Representative	Support
B-3	Finco	Withdrawn	
B-4	Finco	Administrative Decisions	Support
Rules			
R-1	Berthiaume	Withdrawn	NI-4
R-2	Bradford	Penalty for more than 2 out-of-district players	Not support
R-3	Hack	Withdrawn	G .
R-4	Bilsborough	Girls "A" level teams	Support
R-5	Pickart	Tier I Before only programs (rewritten)	???
R-6	Pickart	Withdrawn	
R-7	Pickart	Withdrawn	
R-8	Pickart	Criteria for continuing Tier I status	Support
R-9	Normand	Eligibility to enter a State Tournament	Support
R-10	Normand	State Tournament dates	Support w/change
R-11	Normand	State Tournament entry fee increase	Support
R-12	Normand	Combine into R-15	
R-13	Normand	Overtime change in State Tournament	Support
R-14	Jason Mattila	Modification of co-op policy	Not support
R-15	Finco/Normand	Registration/Eligibility/Residency	Support
R-16	Finco	Withdrawn	

BYLAW CHANGE PROPOSALS



WISCONSIN AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, INC. BY-LAW SUBMISSION FORM

BY-LAW (HEADING):	Board of Directors
ARTICLE NUMBER:	6
PARAGRAPH:	new C (and renumber succeeding paragraphs)
SECTION, SUB-SECTION & PAGE #:	p. 34
CURRENT WORDING IN WAHA BOO No current wording	DK:
SPECIFIC WORDING OF PROPOSAL: (As it should appear with Additions/Changes Bolde)	ed & <u>Underlined</u>) (Attach Sheet If Necessary For More Wording)
association purpose and core values of expected to attend WAHA board med participate by assisting in carrying or	regionally elected board members are expected to contribute to the mission, of WAHA. In order to carry out these responsibilities, directors are etings, schedule/lead and contribute to the success of regional meetings and ut WAHA programs as required or requested. Failure to be an representative is a disservice to the regional association they were elected to om the WAHA Board of directors.
DIRECTORS, TO PROVIDE AN UNDE	L IS TO PARTIALLY DEFINE THE RESPONSIBIITIES OF REGION ERSTANDING OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE POSITION AND TO UNDER WHICH A REGION DIRECTOR/OFFICER CAN BE REMOVED.
SUBMITTER NAME: Fran Finco, WAHA Preside	ent
Include Ass	sociation Affiliation or Title(Officer, Coach, Manager, Parent)
DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE	
Date Received:	4/15/2023
PROPOSAL#:	2023 B-1



WISCONSIN AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, INC. BY-LAW SUBMISSION FORM

BY-LAW (HEADING):	Central District Congress Representative	
ARTICLE NUMBER:	7	
PARAGRAPH:	new I (and renumber current paragraph I to J)	
SECTION, SUB-SECTION & PAGE #:	p. 37	
CURRENT WORDING IN WAHA BOOK No current wording.	C:	
SPECIFIC WORDING OF PROPOSAL: (As it should appear with Additions/Changes Bolded	& <u>Underlined</u>) (Attach Sheet If Necessary For More Wording)	
I. Congress Representative The WAHA Congress Representative is the affiliate's representative to the Central District. The Congress Representative is nominated by the WAHA board and is elected by the Central District Presidents. The Congress Representative will be elected to a three-year term and may serve multiple terms. The primary role of the Congress Representative is to serve as a liaison between WAHA, the Central District and USA Hockey The responsibilities of the Congress Representative (per 2023 USAH Annual Guide) are: USA HOCKEY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES A. Congress Representatives The duties of a Congress Representative shall be, but not be limited to, the following: • To assist with the affairs of the district in cooperation with the Affiliate associations and the USA Hockey Board of Directors and to assume other responsibilities as may be appropriate when possible. • To serve as the first contact from the Affiliate to USA Hockey. • To act as USA Hockey's trouble shooter in his/her district and facilitate the resolution of disputes within/between the Affiliate association(s). • To serve as liaison between Affiliates within that district and USA Hockey. • To serve as the tournament director for district, regional and national tournaments held within his/her district. • To attend the annual meetings of the Affiliate association(s) within his/her district when possible. • To disseminate information from the USA Hockey national office to all Affiliates. • To attend USA Hockey annual/semi-annual meetings.		
To inform USA Hockey when a	any USA Hockey bylaws, rules and regulations are not being complied with.	
INTENTION OF PROPOSAL: Currently t WAHA Congress Representative to the Cer	there is no language in our Guidebook to define the position and role of the ntral District and USA Hockey. This language would do that.	
SUBMITTER NAME: Fran Finco, WAHA Presiden	nt	
Date Received: 4/15/2023		

PROPOSAL #: 2023 B-2



WISCONSIN AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, INC. BY-LAW SUBMISSION FORM

BY-LAW (HEADING):	DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURE
ARTICLE NUMBER:	9
PARAGRAPH:	new B (and move current B to C)
SECTION, SUB-SECTION & PAGE #:	p. 39
CURRENT WORDING IN WAHA BOOK: None	
B. Administrative Rule Decisions: 1. WAHA has the authority to make authority given to affiliates under 2. Administrative decisions can be more the ability to be heard on the situate can be requested by the concerned held virtually or in person, based 3. The hearing will be made in front	e administrative decisions regarding its Bylaws and Rules based on the USAH rules and bylaws. nade prior to or after allowing the accused party (association or person) ation. If the decision is made prior to a hearing, a WAHA board hearing d party in front of the WAHA board. The hearing can be scheduled to be on the WAHA board's availability. of a panel of disinterested people. panel, the party has the right to appeal the panel's decision to a WAHA
INTENTION OF PROPOSAL: There is a difference between discipline decis language will better define the Hearing and A	sions and administrative decision of the WAHA Board of Directors. This Appeal process on Administrative Decisions made by the WAHA Board.
SUBMITTER NAME: Fran Finco, WAHA President	
	tion Affiliation or Title(Officer, Coach, Manager, Parent)
Date Received:	4/15/2023

2023 B-4

PROPOSAL #:

RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS



Article Number:	1
Heading:	Registration, Eligibility, General Rules
Section, Sub-section, Paragraph, Page Number	G.1, p. 46
NOTE: Rule Changes are voted upon by the W Annual Meeting. Rule Changes will be announ Annual Meeting.	VAHA Board of Directors prior to the WAHA aced and copies provided to the membership at the
CURRENT WORDING:	PROPOSED WORDING: CHANGES – BOLD, BLACK & UNDERLINED DELETIONS – STRIKETHROUGH
Any team may accept two (2) players under exception 1 above with no penalty. Any team accepting more than two (2) players, however, will not be eligible for State Tournament competition in that classification. Written notice is to be given immediately to the respective associations.	Any team may accept two (2) <u>out-of-district</u> players <u>per team</u> under exception 1 above with no penalty. Any team accepting more than two (2) <u>out-of-district players</u> , however, will not be eligible for State Tournament competition in that elassification. Written notice is to be given immediately to the respective associations. result in all the teams of that association being ineligible for playdowns and State Tournament. The local association registrar is responsible for monitoring this and informing their Regional Director of the violation.
REASON FOR PROPOSAL (attached extra sh	neets if needed):
SUBMITTER, TITLE & ORGANIZATION:	Don Bradford, WAHA Region 2 Director
DATE RECEIVED: 3/7/23 PROPOSAL N	UMBER: 2023 R-2



PROPOSED RULE & REGULATION CHANGE, ADDITION OR DELETION

Heading: Section, Sub-section, Paragraph, Page Number	A, p. 80 - Girls	
NOTE: Rule Changes are voted upon by the V		
CURRENT WORDING:	PROPOSED WORDING: CHANGES – BOLD, BLACK & UNDERLI DELETIONS – STRIKETHROUGH	
4. A written appeal of division placement can be made to Regional Directors through 11:59 p.m. on the Sunday immediately preceding the WAHA December Board meeting. Regional Director will provide a recommendation for placement to the Chairman of the Girls/Women's Committee on, or before, the Monday immediately preceding the WAHA December Board meeting. The WAHA Girls/Women's Committee will meet and provide a final classification determination to the Chairman of the WAHA State Tournament Committee no later than the Thursday before the WAHA December Board meeting.	 4. A team with a player(s) who are currently rostered on a Tier I Before Season Team will designated as A. 5. A team from an Association that has placed for second in the B State Tournament in the putwo years will be classified as A at that age level higher for the subsequent years will be classified as A at that age level higher for the subsequent years will be classified as A at that age level higher for the subsequent years will be classified as A at that age level higher for the subsequent years and one age level highe	
REASON FOR PROPOSAL (attached extra shear To clearly identify A level teams from smaller Diversity of the second o		

PROPOSAL NUMBER: 2023 R-4



Article Number:		
Heading:	Tier I and National Tournament Bound Teams	
Section, Sub-section, Paragraph, Page Number	2.C, p. 82	
	WAHA Board of Directors prior to the WAHA inced and copies provided to the membership at the	
CURRENT WORDING:	PROPOSED WORDING: CHANGES – BOLD, BLACK & UNDERLINED DELETIONS – STRIKETHROUGH	
C. BEFORE AND AFTER ORGANIZATIONS	C. BEFORE AND AFTER ORGANIZATIONS	
The only Tier I Before and After program sanctioned by the Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association shall be TEAM WISCONSIN.	The only Tier I Before and After NATIONAL TOURNAMENT BOUND program sanctioned by the Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association shall be TEAM WISCONSIN. WAHA will allow Tier I programs to run before only season non-national tournament bound teams. Skaters must then return to their association teams. All guidance and direction of the teams will come from the Tier I Committee prior to the season start.	
REASON FOR PROPOSAL (attached extra s season Tier I programs to run a before only seaso with a focus on development.		
SUBMITTER, TITLE & ORGANIZATION:	Tim Pickart	
DATE RECEIVED: 4/13/2023 PROPOSAL I	NUMBER: 2023 R-5	



Article Number:	6
Heading:	Tier I and National Tournament Bound
Section, Sub-section, Paragraph, Page Number:	IV.E.2.a & b, p. 86
NOTE: Rule Changes are voted upon by the W. Annual Meeting. Rule Changes will be announce Annual Meeting.	AHA Board of Directors prior to the WAHA red and copies provided to the membership at the PROPOSED WORDING:
CURRENT WORDING:	CHANGES – BOLD, BLACK & UNDERLINED DELETIONS – STRIKETHROUGH
 2. Tier I Organizations must satisfy the following criteria to continue their approved status: a. At least one team in the Organization must have a record of .500 or higher each season; and b. At least one team from the Organization must advance to the Central District Tournament every three years. 	2. Tier I Organizations must satisfy the following criteriaon to continue their approved status: complete an -in-person Conference Call/Zoom Call interview with the Tier I Committee once the program application has been submitted. a. At least one team in the Organization must have a record of .500 or higher each season; and b. At least one team from the Organization must advance to the Central District Tournament every three years.
REASON FOR PROPOSAL (attached extra she The current criteria puts a focus on winning and gar program is performing. The Tier I Committee has a receiving a Tier I program application to learn more well and what improvements need to be made.	mes and does not really focus on how the now started to perform interviews each year after
SUBMITTER, TITLE & ORGANIZATION:	Tim Pickart, WAHA Region 5 Director
DATE DECEIVED: 4/12/2022 DDODOSAL NI	IMDED. 2022 D 9



Article Number:	2
Heading:	State Tournaments
Section, Sub-section, Paragraph, Page Number	er: A.2, p. 53
NOTE: Rule Changes are voted upon by the	WAHA Board of Directors prior to the WAHA inced and copies provided to the membership at the
CURRENT WORDING:	PROPOSED WORDING: CHANGES – BOLD, BLACK & UNDERLINED DELETIONS – STRIKETHROUGH
2. Player roster for all levels of competition must be submitted by November 15.	2. <u>Valid</u> player rosters for all levels of competition must be submitted by November 15. <u>To be eligible to enter a State Tournament, a roster cannot exceed the two player out-of-district rule.</u>
REASON FOR PROPOSAL (attached extra solution valid roster for State Tournament participation.	sheets if needed): To clarify the requirements of a
	Sob Normand – State Tournament Committee Chair
DATE RECEIVED: 4/13/2023 PROPOSAL	NUMBER: 2023 R-9



DATE RECEIVED: 4/13/2023

PROPOSED RULE & REGULATION CHANGE, ADDITION OR DELETION

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Article Number:	
Heading:	State Tournaments
Section, Sub-section, Paragraph, Page Nun	B.35.d, p. 72 (change to p.53, immediately below "Article 2 – State Tournaments"
	he WAHA Board of Directors prior to the WAHA nounced and copies provided to the membership at the
CURRENT WORDING:	PROPOSED WORDING: CHANGES – BOLD, BLACK & UNDERLINED DELETIONS – STRIKETHROUGH
d. State Tournaments will be held on the following weekends:	d. State Tournaments will be held on the following weekends:
Prior to WIAA season commencing: Girls 16U; Girls 19U.	Prior to WIAA season commencing: Girls 16U; Girls 19U.
1 st weekend of State Tournaments: Girls 10U, Youth 12U, Girls 14U.	Last weekend of February: Youth 14U, Girls 14U.
2 nd weekend of State Tournaments: Youth 10U, Girls 12U, Youth 14U and Youth 18U.	1st weekend of March State Tournaments: Girls 10U, Youth 12U, Girls 14U. Youth 10U, Girls 12U.
	2 nd weekend of March State Tournaments: Youth 10U, Girls 12U, Youth 14U and Youth 18U. Youth 12U, Girls 10U
	3 rd weekend of March: Youth 18U.
	NOTE: Specific dates may be reviewed annually and updated.
which levels State Tournaments will be sched	
SUBMITTER, TITLE & ORGANIZATION:	Bob Normand, State Tournament Committee Chair

PROPOSAL NUMBER: 2023 R-10



Article Number:	2
Heading:	State Tournaments
Section, Sub-section, Paragraph, Page Number	B.2, p. 53
NOTE: Rule Changes are voted upon by the V Annual Meeting. Rule Changes will be announ Annual Meeting.	VAHA Board of Directors prior to the WAHA aced and copies provided to the membership at the
CURRENT WORDING:	PROPOSED WORDING: CHANGES – BOLD, BLACK & UNDERLINI DELETIONS – STRIKETHROUGH
All teams then advancing (after playoffs) to the ctual State Tournament must pay an additional 1000 for High School/Midget 18U, Midget 6U; \$850 for 19U Girls/Women and 16U Girls; 750 for Bantam and Peewee, 14U and 12U Girls; and \$650 for Squirts and 10U Girls, within seven (7) days of completion of Regional layoffs.	All teams then advancing (after playoffs) to the actual State Tournament must pay an additional \$1000 \$1100 for High School/Midget 18U, Midget 16U; \$850 \$950 for 19U Girls 19U/Women and 16U Girls 16U; \$750 \$850 for Youth 14U (Bantam), and Youth 12U (Peewee), Girls 14U and 12U Girls 12U; and \$650 \$750 for Youth 10U (Squirts) and 10U Girls 10U, within seven (7) days of completion of Regional Playoffs.
REASON FOR PROPOSAL (attached extra shentry fees to more closely match invitational tourn hosts increasing expenses to run a State Tourname	ament fees and to provide additional revenue to



Article Number:	2
Heading:	State Tournaments
Section, Sub-section, Paragraph, Page Number	B.33, p. 63
NOTE: Rule Changes are voted upon by the V Annual Meeting. Rule Changes will be announ Annual Meeting.	VAHA Board of Directors prior to the WAHA need and copies provided to the membership at the
CURRENT WORDING:	PROPOSED WORDING: CHANGES – BOLD, BLACK & UNDERLINEI DELETIONS – STRIKETHROUGH
Overtime: Except for Championship games, all games tied at the end of regulation play will play a maximum of two (2) overtime periods of 8 minutes in length and shall be sudden victory. If still tied after the overtime periods, there will be a shootout.	Overtime: Except for Championship games, all games tied at the end of regulation play will play a maximum of two (2) overtime periods of 8 minutes in length and shall be sudden victory. Teams shall chane ends for each overtime period. If still tied after the overtime periods, there will be a shootout.
REASON FOR PROPOSAL (attached extra sh goalies during overtimes. Matches USA Hockey in	
SUBMITTER, TITLE & ORGANIZATION: Bo	bb Normand, State Tournament Committee Chair
DATE RECEIVED: 4/13/2023 PROPOSAL N	UMBER: 2023 R-13



Article Number:	1
Heading:	Registration, Eligibility, General Rules
Section, Sub-section, Paragraph, Page Numb	D., p. 44-45 (entire section)
	WAHA Board of Directors prior to the WAHA unced and copies provided to the membership at the
CURRENT WORDING:	PROPOSED WORDING: CHANGES – BOLD, BLACK & UNDERLINED DELETIONS – STRIKETHROUGH
See separate sheet.	See separate sheet.
REASON FOR PROPOSAL (attached extra	sheets if needed):
To further clarify how residency will be determined	ined.
SUBMITTER, TITLE & ORGANIZATION:	Fran Finco, WAHA President Bob Normand, Region 1 Associate Registrar
DATE RECEIVED: 4/15/2023 PROPOSAL NUMBER: 2023 R-15	

Current Wording:

A. RESIDENCY: It is the responsibility of local association Presidents, in general, and local association Registrars, specifically, to ensure that all players registering to participate in their Local Association reside legally within the WAHA approved boundaries of that Local Association, including 6U and 8U. Any player claimed via the USA Hockey registration portal by a WAHA association must reside legally within the WAHA approved boundaries of that Local Association. Local Association registrars MUST determine player eligibility by asking for resident address and resident school district. If a new skater attempts to register in a Local Association as Out of District, they must be directed to their proper association or meet one of the criteria in Article G.1-3. Out of district skaters may be allowed to register for an entry level program for the remainder of the season, provided the association notifies the skater's home association and region directors of their registration.

Should the question of proper legal residency come into question at any time, the parents or legal guardian(s) of that player or players will be required to produce at least three (3) items of documentation (two of which must be original [not copy or facsimile] government documents) as evidence of legal physical residency of the parent(s) or legal guardian(s). Failure to do so will result in suspension of the player(s) in question from participation with that program. Deliberate falsification of residency will result in disciplinary action by the WAHA Board to all participants involved in that falsification. Such disciplinary action shall be determined by a hearing and within the rules set forth in USA Hockey Bylaw 10.

In the event the local association officials believe that they cannot verify residence with the documentation provided by the parent/legal guardian, the association has the right to refuse registration.

The following is a list of documentation, specific to the State of Wisconsin, that may be used to show actual residency:

- *Utility bill issued within the last 60 days in the name of the parent/legal guardian for the home address in question.
- *Current and valid Wisconsin driver license or Wisconsin identification card <u>in the name of the parent/legal guardian for the home address in question.</u>

Temporary Residence with Another Party: On some occasions, individual skaters have temporarily located with another family member or family relation in order to be considered eligible to skate for a particular Association. This temporary relocation would not be considered acceptable or qualify an individual skater to be deemed a member of a Local Association.

Such temporary location, without further action taken by the person where the individual skater is residing, would therefore not allow the skater to be considered a resident of that Local Association. Individual action would have to be taken by the person with whom the skater is residing, to obtain legal custody of the individual skater through court approval, and a court order documenting the transfer of legal custody of the skater to the owner of the residence.

2023 R-15 Proposed Wording (Changes-Bold, Black, Underlined; Deletions-Strikethrough)

A. RESIDENCY: It is the responsibility of local association Presidents, in general, and local association Registrars, specifically, to ensure that all players registering to participate in their Local Association reside legally within the WAHA approved boundaries of that Local Association, including 6U and 8U. Any player claimed via the USA Hockey registration portal by a WAHA association must reside legally within the WAHA approved boundaries of that Local Association. Local Association registrars MUST determine player eligibility by asking for resident address and resident school district. If a new skater attempts to register in a Local Association as Out of District, they must be directed to their proper association or meet one of the criteria in Article G.1-3. Out of district skaters may be allowed to register for an entry level program for the remainder of the season, provided the association notifies the skater's home association and region directors of their registration.

Should the question of proper legal residency come into question at any time, the parents or legal guardian(s) of that player or players will be required to produce at least three (3) items of documentation (two of which must be original [not copy or facsimile] government documents) as evidence of legal physical residency of the parent(s) or legal guardian(s). Failure to do so will result in suspension of the player(s) in question from participation with that program. Deliberate falsification of residency will result in disciplinary action by the WAHA Board to all participants involved in that falsification. Such disciplinary action shall be determined by a hearing and within the rules set forth in USA Hockey Bylaw 10.

^{*}Current government issued statement or document.

2023 R-15 Proposed Wording (Changes-Bold, Black, Underlined; Deletions-Strikethrough) p. 4:

Failure of a parent/guardian to produce such documents to the satisfaction of the governing body (association or WAHA) will result in either the player not being eligible to register for that association team, the player having to qualify for the team under WAHA rules in Article 1 G at the fall registration period, or if after the season has begun and residency cannot be verified by WAHA, the player being considered an out-of-district player on the team in which the player is roster.

Deliberate falsification of residency will result in disciplinary action by the WAHA board against all parties know to have participated in that falsification. Such disciplinary action shall be determined by a hearing and within the rules set forth in USA Hockey By-Law 10.

In the event the local association official or WAHA officials believe that they cannot verify residence with the documentation provided, or if the documentation provided does not prove the residence of the parent or guardian was such at the beginning of the hockey season, the player can be refused registration in that local association.

The following is a list of documentation, specific to the State of Wisconsin, that the association may use to have the parents/guardians prove residency.

- <u>Utility bills for the past 60 days prior to the date the player is placed on the USA Hockey Roster in the name of the parents/legal guardians for the home address in question.</u>
- Current and valid drivers' licenses or identification cards for the parents/legal guardians as of the date the player is placed on the USA Hockey Roster with the home address in question.
- <u>Current government issued statement or documents for a parent/guardian with a date that indicates it was issued for the year of the hockey season.</u>
- Original State income tax form indicating the parents/legal guardians lived in the boundary area of the team registering the player, for the previous year of the current season.

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NOTE: Documentation may be reviewed by WAHA for authenticity.