

**CAROLINA AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**ELECTION RULES**

2025 OPEN DIRECTOR POSITIONS TERM OF OFFICE: 2025 - 2028	
North Carolina 1	Greensboro, NC; Winston Salem, NC
North Carolina 5	Charlotte, NC
South Carolina 1	Columbia, SC, Greenville, SC

1. In any voting to elect a CAHA Director, the Authorized Representative of the Member Association shall exercise the vote of the registered participant members of each Association. The number of current season votes to be cast will be based on the registered participant members filed with the USA Hockey Associate Registrar for North Carolina and South Carolina as of April 1, 2025.
2. Any Registered Participant Member of CAHA may nominate himself / herself or any other Registered Participant Member who resides within the geographic district of the open Director position(s). Nominations shall be in writing and must include: (a) the registered participant member's name and address, (b) the nominee's name, address, and acceptance statement, and (c) a brief resume of the nominee's qualifications and hockey-related experience. **Nominations close April 25, 2025.**
  - (a) In the event a candidate who resides within the geography of a district is not nominated, that open position will be declared 'at large' for the next term only. The nomination process for the 'at large' position will reopen statewide and follow a time frame consistent with Bylaw 17.1 to allow for the democratic election of the open Director position(s).
  - (b) If only one (1) nomination for a geographic district(s) is received the election will be terminated and the nominee(s) will be declared elected by acclamation.
  - (c) Prior to ballot distribution, a candidate may withdraw from the election by presenting to the Associate Registrar a written statement of his or her intention to withdraw. When only one (1) candidate remains after a candidate has withdrawn, the election will be terminated and the remaining nominee will be declared elected by acclamation.

Nominations shall be emailed to:

Terri Mills  
Associate Registrar, Southeastern District  
Email: [caharegistrar2020@gmail.com](mailto:caharegistrar2020@gmail.com)

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3. Ballots will be emailed to Association Registrars on May 15, 2025. Each ballot will identify the Member Association, the number of votes each Member Association may cast, a list of the nominees for the Director position(s) and any resumes provided with the nominations. The ballot will allow Member Associations to divide votes between the candidates provided the total votes do not exceed the number of votes to be cast. Each Member Association will vote for all open Director position(s) within their respective state. Each State shall elect its Directors who shall represent the interests of the State, but who shall be bound to act in accordance with the best interests of CAHA.
4. Ballots with the following errors shall be void and not counted for that election:
  - 1) Duplicate ballots.
  - 2) Ballots executed by an individual other than the Authorized Representative of the Member Association.
  - 3) Ballots casting more votes than the Member Association is allowed.
  - 4) Ballots returned by any method other than the specified election procedure.
5. In the event a candidate withdraws from the election after ballot distribution by presenting to the Associate Registrar a written statement of his or her intention to withdraw, all votes cast are counted and reported under the name of the candidate. Should the withdrawn candidate receive the highest number of votes, the candidate with the next highest vote count shall be declared the winner.
6. Executed ballots must be received no later than June 5, 2025. Ballots received after June 5, 2025 shall be void and not counted for that election.
7. Proxy voting is specifically prohibited.
8. The candidate(s) with the highest number of votes shall be declared the winner.
9. The USA Hockey Associate Registrar, State Supervisor(s) of Officials, Associate Risk Manager and Associate Coach-in-Chief shall be ineligible for election to the position of CAHA Director. Directors cannot be an officer (i.e., President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, et cetera) of a local governing body (Bylaw 17.8) and the Board may not have more than 1 representation of directors that are rink owners (Bylaw 17.8).
10. All ballots shall be counted by the Associate Registrar for CAHA and an additional member of the Southeastern District Caucus, who shall also have the authority to reject any ballots not in compliance with CAHA election procedures as stated above. The Associate Registrar or designee shall notify the Director candidates and current CAHA Board of Directors of the election results. Counted ballots and any voided ballots shall be retained until the next 'Affiliate Director Election,' or a period of 90 days after the election results are made public.
11. Appeals of the elections must be made in writing to the Associate Registrar within 10 days of the election results being made public. No ballots will be destroyed until 90 days after the appeal has been settled.
12. CAHA Directors shall be seated at the Annual Meeting of the CAHA Board of Directors which shall immediately follow the CAHA Annual Meeting of Member Associations.