

FULTON YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

By-Laws

ARTICLE I

The name of this organization shall be Fulton Youth Hockey Association Inc..

ARTICLE II

The jurisdiction of this organization shall extend to the area including the greater Fulton, New York area.

ARTICLE III -Aims and Objectives _ The

aims of this association shall be:

1. To provide an opportunity for every youth in the greater Fulton area to play organized hockey, according to the established rules and regulations.
2. To impress upon the youth of the organization the high ideals of sportsmanship and fair play under all circumstances and conditions.
3. To instill a sense of honesty, loyalty, courage, and respect so that they will be finer, stronger, and happier youths who will grow up to be good, clean, healthy adults.

These aims and objectives will be reached by providing supervised, competitive hockey programs. The supervisors of this program shall bear in mind, at all times, that the attainment of exceptional athletic skill and the winning of games is secondary and that the molding of future citizens is of prime importance.

The objectives of the association shall be:

1. To promote, encourage, and govern Youth Hockey in the greater Fulton area.
2. To protect the mutual interests of its members.
3. To carry out competition for championships among teams within the association.
4. To select and govern the tournament teams representing the Fulton Youth Hockey Association for competition in NYSAHA playoffs.
5. House teams and state tournament bound teams will be treated equally with the following exceptions:
 - a. House teams will be more developmental, with the goal of equal ice time and opportunity for each participant.
 - b. State tournament bound teams will be, by their nature, a more intense and competitive experience, with the reality that unequal ice time will result. These teams shall be selected by the coach at scheduled tryouts, by his/her criteria.
 - c. In the event of an odd number of players, the extra player will be assigned to the house team. In the event of an odd number of goalies, the board of directors would have the final determination.

ARTICLE IV - Membership

Section 1. The membership of this Association shall be in two Classifications:

- a. Class (1) shall be the Board of Directors, which shall consist of nine members. Members elected to the Board of Directors must be Class (2) (1) members in good standing.
- b. Class (2) shall consist of :
 1. The parents or legal guardians who register the player; Coaches and managers that appear on the most recent FYHA roster. Each Class (2) (1) member may cast one ballot for each Class (2) (2) player. (2) Players who are enrolled under the jurisdiction of this Association.

Section 2. The Class (1) membership shall have the sole power of vote in formulating the policies of this Association, and in its promotion and administration. Class (1) members must be in "good standing" financially within Fulton Youth Hockey Association to retain the right to vote as a Director.

Section 3. Class (2) (1) members must be in "good standing" within Fulton Youth Hockey Association to retain the right to vote. Voting privileges for Class (2) (1) members pertain to vote for Board of Directors at annual or special meetings and vote at team meetings. Class (2) (1) members have no voting privileges in other matters. Dues of Class (2) (2) members are the responsibility of the Class (2) (1) member who signs the Class (2) (2) member's registration form.

Section 4. Class (2) (1) members may petition the Board of Directors in writing at the start of each season to move their Class (2) (2) member out of their chronological age group by one (1) level. New beginning members may be moved down two (2) levels to start, with the intent that they move to within one (1) level when reasonable. The decision to move Class (2) (2) members will be made by the Board of Directors, after consulting with parents and coaches regarding the pertinent criteria such as team sizes (at both levels), maturity, ability, competitiveness, and applicable USA Hockey and NYSAHA rules.

Section 5. If special circumstances arise for a single non-league game where players are requested to "move up" by a coach, the following shall apply:

1. The requesting coach must get approval from the player's coach and/or parent/guardian before the start of the game.
2. Requests to "move up" must be rotated fairly among second year players from the younger age team. First year players normally should not be considered.

Section 6. Coaches are selected at the beginning of each season, to meet the overall objectives of the Fulton Youth Hockey Association and are selected for one season at a time. All coaches serve at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V- Dues

Annual dues (registration) shall be determined by the Board of Directors in such amounts as they deem necessary. A down payment is required at the time of registration, with full payment due at a time to be established by the Board of Directors not later than January 1st of the current season. Members may apply for a hardship extension. An extension agreement must include a "good faith" payment schedule that is agreeable to the Board of Directors and be signed by the responsible Class (2) (1) member. The treasurer shall monitor each agreement approved and report the Board of Directors any failure to meet the "good faith" agreement. If individual members fail to pay by the due date, if no hardship is granted or failed to maintain the hardship agreement, the Fulton Youth Hockey Association Board of Directors has no choice but to bar these Class (2) (1) and Class (2) (2) members.

A Class (2) (2) member who is not in good standing financially with Fulton Youth Hockey Association cannot be released to another association until full payment has been received.

ARTICLE VI-Government

Section 1. The governing body of this association shall be the nine-member Board of Directors.

Section 2. The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers shall be elected by the majority vote of the Board of Directors after the annual election of Directors. The officers shall serve at the discretion of the Board of Directors and may be removed from the office at any time by a 2/3 majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Vacancies created on the Board of Directors shall be filled by a majority vote by the Board of Directors and Class (2) (1) members at the annual elections or within one month after the vacancy occurs, as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors. A vacancy occurring within 90 days of the general election, will be filled by the person who had the next closest votes. Resignations must be submitted in writing to the President. In the case of a tie in the annual elections, the person with the youngest child in the program will be the winner. If still tied, the person with the more children in the program will be the winner.

Section 4. A quorum of the Board of Directors shall consist of five members of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII-Meetings

Section 1. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at any time during the year as may be deemed advisable for the purpose of carrying on the business of the Association.

Section 2. Meetings shall be called by the President at any time he/she may determine it to be necessary or any member of the Board of Directors, not to exceed a total of 3 meetings a month. All Board of Directors members must receive official notice of each meeting prior to convening.

Section 3. An annual meeting shall be held during the off-season to discuss the status of the organization and to make plans for the coming year.

ARTICLE VIII-Duties of the Officers

Section 1. The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Association. He/she shall preside at all meetings and shall be the Chairperson of the Board of Directors. He/she shall appoint and supervise the functions of various committees. He/she shall see that annual elections are held in accordance with the By-Laws of Fulton Youth Hockey Association, Inc..

Section 2. The Vice-President, if for any reason the President is unable to perform his/her duties, shall occupy the office of President and perform his/her duties and shall have the same authority as the President. In addition, he/she shall act as exofficio (Executive Officer) member of all committees. He/she shall carry out all other duties or assignments as may be delegated to him/her by the President.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep an accurate and up to date record of the proceedings of the Association and shall conduct other business as is necessary for the welfare of the Association.

Section 4. The treasurer shall pay all accounts by check. Checking accounts can be controlled by only one officer's signature, but all savings withdrawals must have two officers' signatures. He/she shall keep an accurate and up to date record of all monies received and dispersed. A monthly financial report must be supplied at each Board of Directors meeting.

Section 5. All Board of Directors members must always conduct themselves in a professional manner. Failure to maintain a proper professional manner shall subject the member to discretionary review by the Board of Directors. Any Board of Directors member who misses two meetings in a row will be notified by the President; a total of three over 12 months will be subject to Board of Directors review with necessary action taken. Any Board of Directors member can be removed for any reason by a 2/3 majority vote.

Section 6. All Board of Directors members are expected to support and Adhere to the letter of spirit of Board of Directors decisions. Failure to do so is subject to Board of Directors review.

ARTICLE IX-Amendments

Proposed amendments to these By-Laws must be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors at a meeting. The amendments shall be read and discussed by the members present, after which the proposed amendment shall be tabled until the next scheduled meeting. The Secretary Shall send to all Board of Directors members a copy of the proposed amendment at least two weeks prior to the next meeting. A two-thirds vote of the entire Board of Directors shall be required to pass an amendment to the By-Laws.

FULTON YOUTH HOCKEY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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1. Travel Team Try-outs: All players wishing to try out for the Fulton Youth Hockey Travel Teams, must attend and try out at two of the three scheduled try out sessions to be eligible to make and participate on the travel team. It is up to the coach's discretion to run the try outs and select the team.
2. Player Registration Fees: If a Fulton Youth Hockey Players registration fee is not paid in full by the deadline date, set by the Fulton Youth Hockey Board, it is then the Fulton Youth Hockey Boards policy to post the unpaid players names on a list and post it in the scheduling case at the rink.
3. Any player wishing to move their child up early to play at the next level a year early, must submit a letter in writing to the Fulton Youth Hockey Board. Also, if anyone in the Fulton Youth Hockey Association has any concerns or complaints, they also need to submit a letter in writing stating those concerns or complaints to the Fulton Youth Hockey Board.
4. Refund of Registration Fee Policy: The Fulton Youth Hockey Refund Policy is as follows: "The only viable reason(s) for the refund of registration fees are Relocation/Death".