

## By-Laws of the Illinois High School Hockey League

### Article I

#### Name and Affiliation

The name of this Association shall be the Illinois High School Hockey League, hereinafter referred to as IHSHL. The IHSHL shall be affiliated with the Amateur Hockey Association of Illinois (AHA) and USA Hockey.

### Article II

#### Offices

The principal office of the IHSHL shall be in the State of Illinois. The IHSHL may have such other offices, within or without the state of Illinois as the business of the Association may require from time to time. The registered office of the IHSHL and the registered agent whose business office is identical with that of the registered office required by the General Not-For-Profit Corporation Act to be maintained in the State of Illinois may be, but need not be, identical with the principal office in the State of Illinois. The address of the registered office and the registered agent may be changed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

### Article III

#### Purposes

**Section 1.** It is the intent of the IHSHL to foster and support local, national and international amateur sports competition by encouraging and assisting High School hockey in the State of Illinois. The IHSHL shall operate a league to provide a venue for competition between Illinois high school hockey teams. The league may be organized in multiple divisions to better serve the needs of Illinois High School teams. The emphasis of this league shall be to educate, encourage and improve the standards and conduct of amateur ice hockey at the high school level.

**Section 2.** To develop and encourage sportsmanship by all players and persons involved in the sport of amateur ice hockey in the State of Illinois.

**Section 3.** To affiliate with AHA and USA Hockey, register member teams with AHA and USA Hockey and monitor member teams' compliance with appropriate AHA and USA Hockey rules and regulations.

**Section 4.** To communicate and cooperate with AHA and USA Hockey, the Illinois Hockey Officials Association and other amateur hockey leagues so as to improve and promote the sport of hockey.

**Section 5.** To adhere to, enforce and support all AHA rules, regulations and policies including, but not limited to, AHA's Zero Tolerance Policy.

**Section 6.** No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislations, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

## **Article IV**

### **Members**

**Section 1. Membership** – The membership of the IHSHL shall be comprised of High School Hockey clubs who wish to have one or more teams compete in the league organized by the IHSHL.

**Section 2. Application** – Club/Team membership applications must be presented to the Board of Directors no later than August 31 of the current year.

**Section 3. Suspension and Forfeiture** - The Board of Directors reserves the right to refuse any membership application at its sole discretion. The discovery of any violation of the By-laws, Rules and Regulations, or decisions of the Board of Directors, or the Rules and Ethics Committee, shall subject the offending applicant, or registered team member to suspension or dismissal. However, before any such action may be taken, the Board of Directors must hold a hearing, during which time the alleged offender shall have the right to appear and present witnesses or any information deemed pertinent. Following the hearing, the Board of Directors may suspend, dismiss or impose any other appropriate action as decided by the Board of Directors by a majority vote.

**Section 4. Annual Meeting** – An annual meeting of the member clubs shall be held each year at the first board meeting of the current season for the purpose of electing directors, for consideration and approval of any proposed modifications of these Bylaws and for the transactions of such other business as may come before the meeting.

**Section 5. Special Meetings** – Special meetings of the member clubs/teams may be called by the President or a majority of the Board of Directors.

**Section 6. Place of Meeting** – The President or Board of Directors may designate any place within the State of Illinois as the place of meeting for any Annual Meeting or for any Special Meeting.

**Section 7. Notice of Meetings** - Written, mailed, faxed or emailed notice stating the place, day and hour of the meeting, and in the case of a special meeting, the purpose for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered not less than ten (10) nor more than thirty (30) days before the date of the meeting to each member entitled to vote at such meeting. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail, addressed to the member at its address as it appears on the records of IHSHL, with postage prepaid. If faxed or emailed, such notice shall be deemed to be sent when confirmation of transmission to the carrier is obtained.

**Section 8. Quorum** – A simple majority of the members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the members. The vote of the majority of the voting members present at any meeting shall be the act of the members.

**Section 9. Voting Rights** – Each High School club shall appoint one representative. The Club shall notify the Secretary of the IHSHL Board of the identity of the appointed representative at least fifteen (15) days prior to the next scheduled Annual Meeting. Each club shall have one vote per team competing in the IHSHL. The representative of each club shall be entitled to one vote per team upon each matter submitted to vote at a meeting of the member teams. No proxy voting shall be permitted. No absentee voting shall be permitted.

**Section 10. Voting Disputes** – At any meeting of the members, any questions or dispute relating to the validity of any vote shall be submitted to the incumbent Board of Directors for a determination. The decision of the majority of the Board present shall be final and binding on all parties.

**Section 11. Voting** – Voting on any question or in any election shall be via voice or written ballot, at the Board of Directors' sole discretion. All votes shall be a matter of public record

**Section 12. Jurisdiction** – The IHSHL shall have complete jurisdiction over all amateur hockey games under the IHSHL's sanction.

## **Article V** **Directors**

**Section 1. General Powers** – The business and affairs of the IHSHL shall be managed by the Board of Directors.

**Section 2. Specific Powers** - The Board of Directors shall determine what is in the best interest of the IHSHL, its Divisions and their team members and shall have the authority to develop, implement and enforce rules, policies, procedures, incentives and penalties that advance those interests. The IHSHL shall not promulgate policies, rules, or regulations that contradict or contravene by-laws, rules, and regulations of AHAI and USA Hockey.

**Section 3. Number, Tenure and Qualifications** – The Directors shall be the presidents of each of the Divisions that comprise the IHSHL. Division presidents must be elected by the members of each Division according to the rules adopted by each Division and must be confirmed by a vote of the IHSHL members at the IHSHL's Annual Meeting. Each Director shall hold office for one year. There is no limit to the number of terms served. In the event of a vacancy by death, resignation or removal, the respective Division must elect a new President from within the Division's membership to fill such unexpired term.

**Section 4. Members-At-Large:** The Board of Directors may appoint or elect one or more Members-at-Large to serve at the discretion of the Board in such capacities as the Board deems necessary and proper, including but not limited to the various officers, Scheduler, Statistician, Webmaster and Rules and Ethics Chairman, PR Committee and Legal Counsel. Members-at-Large may not vote on matters before the Board except as specified elsewhere in these Bylaws. Such person(s) may be elected or appointed at the Annual Meeting or as otherwise determined by the Board. Regardless of the date the Member(s)-at-Large are appointed or elected, their tenure shall cease no later than the next Annual Meeting following their appointment. In the event of a vacancy of any member-at-Large the Board is empowered to appoint a replacement.

**Section 5. Removal** - Any officer, director or agent elected or appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the entire Board of Directors whenever in its best judgment, the best interests of the IHSHL would be served thereby.

**Section 6. Regular Meetings** - A regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held without notice other than this By-Law, within thirty (30) days after the annual meeting of the members. The President or a majority of the Board of Directors may provide, by resolution, the time and place for the holding of additional regular meetings without notice other than such resolution.

**Section 7. Special Meetings** - A special meeting of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the President or a majority of the Board of Directors. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the Board of Directors may fix the time and place for holding any special meeting of the Board of Directors called by them.

**Section 8. Notice** - Notice of any special meeting shall be given in writing, delivered personally or mailed to each Director at his/her business or home address by fax, telephone or by email. Any Director may waive notice of any meeting. The attendance of a Director at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting.

**Section 9. Quorum** - A simple majority of Directors fixed by these By-Laws constitutes a quorum for transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

**Section 10. Manner of Acting** - The act of the majority of the Directors present at any meeting shall be the act of the Board of Directors. In the event of a tie vote by the Directors, the President shall cast the deciding vote.

**Section 11. Indemnity and Exoneration of Personal Liability** - The IHSHL shall indemnify and advance all costs or expenses, including attorney's fees, to each director, officer, member of the Board, and members of all committees, or any other authorized representative to the maximum extent authorized, permitted or required by the law (and these by laws) in respect to any threatened, pending or completed claim, action, suit or proceeding (including actions by or in the right of the League) to

which any such person may be made a party by reason of the fact that such person is or was a board member, agent, officer or authorized representative of the League. In any situation in which such indemnification or advance is required, the obligations of the League to indemnify and advance expenses shall be mandatory and each such person shall be held harmless and exonerated from all liabilities, judgments, costs, charges and expenses whatsoever, including attorneys' fees. Expenses advanced pursuant to this section, shall not be subject to reimbursement from such person (or persons) unless it is ultimately determined by a court of competent jurisdiction that the recipient of such advance is (or was) not entitled to be indemnified by the League for the expenses advanced only as a result of intentional or gross misconduct.

**Section 12. Insurance:** The IHSHL shall insure the obligations set forth herein by obtaining insurance coverage provided by USA Hockey and available through IHSHL's affiliation with AHAI or by otherwise purchasing insurance coverage. Any insurance purchased from a third party shall name AHAI and USA Hockey as additional insureds under the terms of the insurance policy purchased or provided for this purpose. IHSHL shall provide evidence thereof to AHAI and USA Hockey, if requested. All such insurance shall include coverage for acts, omissions and the indemnity described above or while acting as an agent or representative or otherwise on behalf of the IHSHL.

**Section 13. Board Member Conduct:** Board members are required to conduct themselves in a businesslike, sportsmanlike, impartial and constructive manner at all times. The actions of a board member must be above reproach. Actions such as verbal abuse of officials, players, coaches and/or spectators are strictly prohibited. Board members are ambassadors of the League and must always conduct themselves with this responsibility in mind.

**Section 14. Other Duties** - The Board of Directors shall hear and rule on appeals from any of the Divisions and shall resolve any and all disputes within the association. Any such ruling shall be final and binding.

**Section 15. Arbitration.** The IHSHL is a not-for-profit organization whose services are largely provided by volunteer efforts. Because of the not-for-profit status and the volunteer nature of the organization, the Board has determined that it is in the best interest of all involved with the IHSHL that the sole and exclusive remedy for any and all disputes or claims is an alternative dispute process. The purpose of this is to align IHSHL procedure and philosophy as closely as possible to that of AHAI and then USA Hockey. AHAI has established a Dispute Resolution Procedure to provide an efficient, orderly and uniform method of resolving every controversy, question or dispute regarding or having any impact on amateur hockey, amateur hockey players, the IHSHL or AHAI, (collectively referred to as a Dispute) which utilizes the special skills, expertise and background of people experienced in hockey and sports administration matters. It is the further purpose of this Policy to provide an administrative procedure that is a full, complete and exclusive remedy and substitute for any and all court or legal proceedings regarding any Dispute.

- A. Jury Waiver.** Every person and entity within the jurisdiction of the IHSHL (including, but not limited to, every team, member, player, coach, official, referee, parent, guardian, agent or any other person, and every affiliate member, league, team, club, sponsor, facility or any other group or organization), (collectively referred to as Person and Entity) by virtue of their membership, affiliation or participation, at any time, in an AHAI or IHSHL program or event **HEREBY EXPRESSLY WAIVES ANY AND ALL RIGHT TO ANY TRIAL BY JURY** for any and all civil actions or claims of any kind.
- B. Submission to Dispute Resolution Procedure.** Every person and entity within the jurisdiction of the IHSHL (including, but not limited to, every team,, member, player, coach, official, referee, parent, guardian, agent or any other person, and every affiliate member, league, team, club, sponsor, facility or any other group or organization), (collectively referred to as Person and Entity) by virtue of their membership, affiliation or participation, at any time, in an IHSHL, AHAI or USA Hockey program or event, agrees to submit exclusively to the Dispute Resolution Procedure established by the By-Laws and/or Rules, Regulations and Procedures of the IHSHL,

AHAI and/or USA Hockey ("Dispute Resolution Procedure") as the sole and exclusive remedy of all Disputes and to completely forego any remedy in any court of law or equity or initiate any legal proceedings regarding the matters expressly or implicitly covered by the Dispute Resolution Procedure, except for those matters pertaining to playing rules which are specifically provided elsewhere within AHAI or USA Hockey By-Laws or Rules and Regulations. The USA Hockey and AHAI arbitration and dispute resolution process is incorporated by reference to the extent that they apply to a local organization Dispute. The full process can be currently found in the USA Hockey By Laws, Article 10, Annual Guide and the AHAI By Laws, Article XIV all as may be modified from time to time.

- C. Exhaustion of Administrative Remedies Required.** Every Person or Entity agrees to fully exhaust all administrative remedies available through the Dispute Resolution Procedure.
- D. No Circumvention of Dispute Resolution Procedures.** No Person or Entity shall attempt to circumvent the Dispute Resolution Procedure. Any attempt to circumvent the Dispute Resolution Procedure shall not diminish or alter the requirements or authority for the exclusive use of the Dispute Resolution Procedure concerning all Disputes as a full, complete and exclusive substitute for any and all court or legal proceedings. In addition, failure to participate to the fullest extent possible in the Dispute Resolution Procedure concerning any Dispute shall be a failure to exhaust the administrative remedies available, and the IHSHL, (including any of its duly authorized committees) shall have the power to assess costs (including attorneys' fees incurred), impose fines, disciplinary action (including suspension) and seek other sanctions, in accordance with all By-Laws and Rules, Regulations and Procedures established by the IHSHL, AHAI or USA Hockey. Costs shall also include the time of IHSHL personnel; for these purposes, a volunteer's time shall be measured by that individual's customary work position.
- E. Severability.** Whenever possible, every term of this Dispute Resolution Procedure shall be interpreted in a manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law, but if any term is held to be prohibited by or invalid under applicable law, that term may be severed without invalidating the remainder of this Dispute Resolution Procedure.

## **Article VI**

### **Officers**

**Section 1. Number** – The officers of the IHSHL shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The officers of IHSHL may be Directors serving terms as described in Article V Section 3 or Members-at-Large serving terms as described in Article V Section 4.

**Section 2. Election and Term of Office** – Officers shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at the first meeting of the Board of Directors. If the election of officers is not held at such a meeting, such election shall be held as soon thereafter as conveniently possible. Vacancies may be filled or new offices filled at any meeting of the Board of Directors. Each officer shall hold office until his/her successor shall have been duly elected and shall have qualified or until his/her death or until he/she shall resign or shall have been removed in the manner herein provided.

**Section 3. President** - The President shall be the chief executive officer of the IHSHL and shall in general supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the IHSHL. He/she shall preside at all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors. He/she shall serve as ex-officio member on all committees. He/she may sign, with the Secretary or Treasurer or any proper officer of the IHSHL thereunto authorized by the Board of Directors, any bonds, contracts, or other instruments which the Board of Directors has authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Board of Directors or by these By-Laws to some other officer or agent of the IHSHL, or shall be required by law to be otherwise signed or executed; and in general shall perform all duties incident to the office of the President and such other duties as may be prescribed

by the Board of Directors from time to time. In addition, the President or his/her designee(s) shall represent the IHSHL and its members in meetings with other ice hockey associations, AHAI and USA Hockey.

**Section 4. Vice-President** - In the absence of the President or in the event of his/her inability or refusal to act, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restriction upon the President and in general perform all the duties incident to the office of the Vice-President and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the President or the Board of Directors.

**Section 5. Secretary** - The Secretary shall:

- A. keep the minutes of the members; and the Board of Director's meetings in one or more books provided for that purpose;
- B. see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these By-Laws or as required by the law;
- C. be custodian of the corporate records and of the seal of IHSHL and see that the seal of the corporation is affixed to all documents, the execution of which on behalf of the corporation under its seal is duly authorized in accordance with the provision of these By-Laws;
- D. keep a register of the post-office and email addresses and the phone numbers of each member;
- E. in general perform all duties incident of the Office of the Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned him/her by the President or the Board of Directors.

**Section 6. Treasurer** - The Treasurer shall:

- A. have charge and custody of and be responsible for funds and securities of IHSHL; receive and give receipts for moneys due and payable to IHSHL in such Banks, trust companies and other insured depositories as shall be selected in accordance with these By-Laws;
- B. receive annual budgets and financial reports submitted by Division Treasurers;
- C. in general perform all the duties incident to the Office of the Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the President or the Board of Directors.

**Section 7. Officers are Directors for Certain Purposes:** The President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary for certain limited purposes shall be deemed to be Directors, and have the full authority to act on behalf of the Board. The purposes are limited to the execution and filing of any document relating to the creation of IHSHL as a Not-For-Profit Corporation, and shall include any documents that must be filed with the Internal Revenue Service, the Illinois Department of Revenue, the Office of the Cook County Recorder, the Illinois Attorney General's Office, or any other governmental entity that requires that IHSHL file paperwork in order to maintain its status as both a 501(c)(3) and Illinois sales tax exempt organization, as well as to maintain its status as a Not-For-Profit Corporation in the State of Illinois.

## **Article VII Committees**

**Section 1. Standing Committees** – The Board, in its discretion, may appoint Committees and Task Forces as it deems necessary to conduct its business. Such Committees and Task Forces shall operate at the direction of the Board and may include Directors, Members at Large and other individuals as the Board determines may be necessary to accomplish the intended purpose established by the Board.

**Section 2. Rules and Ethics Committee** - At the first organizational meeting for the season, a Committee shall be formed which shall be known as the IHSHL Rules and Ethics Committee. The Rules and Ethics Committee is empowered to make decisions affecting the league on behalf of the participating teams, its play, and all controversies submitted to it by the respective League Chairmen and/or Board of Directors. Each person or entity within the jurisdiction of the IHSHL, including, each registered team member, player, coach, official, referee, parent, guardian, agent or other person agrees to abide by any

and all decisions or opinions of the Rules and Ethics Committee by virtue of its membership, affiliation, or participation in the league, and agrees to completely forego any remedy or recourse to court regarding the matters expressly or impliedly covered by the Rules and Ethics Committee. The Committee shall have jurisdiction over the administration and enforcement of the By-Laws and Playing Rules and Regulations of the IHSHL in respect to all matters. In accordance with procedures established by the Board of Directors, the Rules and Ethics Committee shall have authority to suspend, place on probation, or impose other disciplinary sanctions against any person, team or organization determined to have violated the By-Laws or Rules and Regulations of IHSHL or for conduct deemed by the Committee to not be in the best interests of amateur hockey, the purpose and intent of the By-Laws or Rules and Regulations of IHSHL. Decisions of the Rules and Ethics Committee shall be final, unless a notice of appeal there from is filed as herein provided. Any person, team, or organization affected by a decision of the Rules and Ethics Committee may appeal such decision in accordance with these By-Laws and the Rules and Regulations of IHSHL, by filing a written notice of appeal, with the President of IHSHL within ten (10) days after the date that the decision has been rendered, which appeal shall be acted upon by the Board of Directors and whose decision shall be final.

### Article VIII

#### Contracts, Loans, Checks and Deposits

**Section 1. Contracts** - The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name and on behalf of the IHSHL, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

**Section 2. Loans** - No loans shall be contracted on behalf of the IHSHL and no evidence of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by a resolution of the Board of Directors. Such Authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

**Section 3. Checks, Drafts, etc.** - All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidence of indebtedness issued in the name of the IHSHL, shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents of the IHSHL and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors.

**Section 4. Deposits** - All funds of the IHSHL shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the IHSHL in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

**Section 5. Annual Audit** - An audit will be conducted at the conclusion of each fiscal year and will be available for inspection upon request by member organizations.

**Section 7. Compensation** - Compensation to any person or persons shall only be determined by a majority vote of the entire Board of Directors.

**Section 8. Conflict of Interest** - All Directors, Officers, Members-at-Large and any other appointed or elected official within the IHSHL are required to disclose any and all financial and/or organizational relationships or personal interests in entities, organizations or individuals that do business with the IHSHL or propose to do business with the IHSHL. Directors, Officers and Members-at-Large with such relationships may not participate in Board votes or business decisions related to the entities with whom they have an interest or financial relationship – with the exception that 1) Directors may participate in Board votes and business decisions that may affect a member Club that they may represent and 2) Directors, Officers and Members-at-Large may serve on Boards and Committees of AHAI and USA Hockey. Directors, Officers, Members-at-Large, and other elected or appointed officials of the IHSHL may not negotiate with or execute IHSHL business with individuals or entities with whom they may have a personal, organizational or financial interest or relationship - with the exception of AHAI and USA Hockey. Individuals who provide services directly to the IHSHL may not serve as a Director, Officer or Member-at-Large and may not participate in decisions related to the amount and form of their compensation. Failure by a Director, Officer, Member-at-Large, or other appointed or elected official to disclose potential conflicts of interest or recuse themselves from decisions involving a conflicting interest shall be grounds for removal or termination.

## **Article IX Divisions**

**Section 1. Definition:** The IHSHL is composed of multiple operating units assembled from teams competing within the IHSHL (such units being called a Division). Responsibility for conducting hockey operations may be delegated from the IHSHL to its component divisions. Creation of a Division requires annual approval by the Board of the IHSHL.

**Section 2. Compliance with Rules and Regulations:** Divisions are part of the IHSHL corporation, are accountable and responsible to the IHSHL for compliance with federal, state and local regulations (including all requirements for Illinois Not-For-Profit and IRS 501(c)(3) status), for compliance with AHAI and USA rules and regulations and these By Laws.

**Section 3: League Responsibilities:** The IHSHL delegates most functions related to hockey operations to the Divisions but retains the right to administer, manage or supervise hockey operations for appropriate execution or compliance with federal, state and local laws and regulations, compliance with USA Hockey and AHAI rules and regulations and these By Laws. The IHSHL retains the rights for the following functions. This list is by example and is not intended to be exclusive.

- A. Maintaining status as a Illinois Not-For-Profit corporation and submitting all required reports required by that status;
- B. Maintaining status as an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code and submitting all required reporting consistent with that status;
- C. Establishing an annual budget for the IHSHL including season fees charged to each Division that are sufficient to cover the annual expenses of the IHSHL;
- D. Arranging for an annual audit of the IHSHL's accounts and financial records and the accounts and financial records of each Division;
- E. Reviewing regular financial reports submitted by each Division;
- F. Facilitating the process whereby member teams apply to move between Divisions. The process must ensure that Divisions involved in the transfer are consulted in advance and have adequate time to adjust their plans for the upcoming season before a transfer is approved;
- G. Facilitating and approving applications of teams to join the IHSHL;
- H. At the request of one or more Divisions and with the approval of the Board of Directors, the IHSHL may provide certain services to the Division including but not limited to:
  - a. Providing a dedicated bank account, collecting fees and paying expenses on behalf of the Division;
  - b. Operating end-of-season playoffs between one or more Divisions;
  - c. Operating one or more All-star games involving the players of one or more Divisions
  - d. Operating a website for the benefit of the Divisions;
  - e. Purchasing of awards, banners, forms and other supplies and services necessary for hockey operations; and
- I. Such other supervisory, administrative or management functions that may be necessary or appropriate from time to time.

**Section 4: Responsibilities Delegated to Division:** Divisions of the IHSHL retain the following responsibilities. This list is by example and is not intended to be exclusive.

- A. Developing and implementing rules that govern the operations of the Division, the formation of a Managing Committee to oversee Divisional operations and elections to select officers and team representatives for the Managing Committee.
- B. Organizing the teams assigned by the IHSHL to that Division into one or more Conferences for the purpose of organizing play during the season.
- C. Communicating with clubs and teams as needed.

- D. Determining the number of games played during the season and the playing rules for those games including but not limited to period length, number of officials and opponents. All games shall be played within the rules established by USA Hockey and AHAI.
- E. Coordinating the scheduling of Division games.
- F. Scheduling referees for games.
- G. Maintaining appropriate statistics and standings for games played within the Division and posting them on a designated website.
- H. Organizing end-of-season playoffs and Divisional All-Star games as desired.
- I. Maintaining a Rules and Ethics Committee for the Division which is empowered to oversee the behavior of players, coaches, fans and clubs, both on and off the ice. The Rules and Ethics Committee shall be empowered to assign supplementary penalties and fines as necessary to enforce appropriate behavior.
- J. Maintaining a bank account for the collection of team season fees and fines and the payment of all expenses incurred by the Division.
- K. Establishing a budget at the beginning of each season that includes all anticipated expenses and team season fees that will be sufficient to cover all anticipated expenses. The annual budget must be submitted to the IHSHL Treasurer for review no later than September 15 of each year.
- L. Payment of season fees established by the IHSHL
- M. Submitting monthly financial reports detailing all financial activity to the IHSHL Treasurer in a format established by the IHSHL Treasurer.
- N. Such other supervisory, administrative or management functions that may be necessary or appropriate from time to time.

**Section 5: Financial Independence of Divisions:** Each Division is entirely responsible for the cost of its operations. The Divisional budget established each year must cover all anticipated expenses for the Division. In the event of a shortfall at the end of the season, the Division's teams are responsible for all contributions or payments necessary to cover any deficit.

#### **Article X Waiver of Notice**

Whenever any notice is required to be given under the provision of the Articles of Incorporation or under the provision of the General Not-For-Profit Corporation Act of the State of Illinois, a waiver thereof in writing, signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.

#### **Article XI Distribution of Assets**

The assets of the IHSHL are permanently dedicated to exempt purposes with the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provisions of future laws). The IHSHL shall not be operated for pecuniary profit and shall have no capital stock and shall make no distribution of dividends to its members, directors, officers or persons having a private interest in the activities of the corporation. In the event the IHSHL is dissolved, the Board of Directors shall pay, satisfy and discharge all liabilities and obligations of the IHSHL or make adequate provision thereof and distribute all remaining assets of the IHSHL to an organization or organizations engaged in activities substantially similar to those of the IHSHL and organized and operated exclusively for charitable, education, religious or scientific purposes as shall at that time qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provision of future laws). Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

**Article XII  
Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year of IHSHL shall begin on the first day of August each year and end on the last day of July each year.

**Article XIII  
Seal**

The Board of Directors shall provide a corporate seal, which shall be in the form of a circle and shall have inscribed thereon the name of the corporation and the words "Corporate Seal, Illinois".

**Article XIV  
Amendments**

These By-Laws may be altered, amended or repealed in whole or in part and new By-Laws may be adopted at any meeting of the Members of the IHSHL by a simple majority of the Members present, provided each proposed amendment must first be submitted to the President, who, with the rest of the Board of Directors shall, before presentation for consideration by the membership, review the proposed amendment and determine whether or not to recommend its adoption when it is presented at the next meeting or special meeting.

**Article XV  
Effective Date**

These By-Laws shall be effective and operative on August 1, 2012 or on the date first adopted by a meeting of the members, whichever is later.