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CAHA Directory of Information

CAHA Directors

Can be found on the CAHA website with link noting the same

Calendar of Events

Can be found on the CAHA website with link noting the same

Leagues

Can be found on the CAHA website with link noting the same

Rink Locations

Can be found on the CAHA website with link noting the same

Responsibility for Rules

Responsibility for Rules: All players, coaches, parents, club board members, and CAHA officials are responsible for knowing and following applicable rules pertaining to their participation.

Every participant is responsible for his/her behavior and maintenance of his/her own eligibility.

The head coach is responsible for his/her team's compliance with all rules and regulations.

Under no circumstances does ignorance of these rules, CAHA rules, or USA Hockey rules excuse a player, a team, or a club from responsibility to follow the rules or from sanction for violating a rule.

Part 1: CAHA Registration Procedures

Section 1 Membership Requirements and Procedures

1.1 Member Associations and Leagues

1.1-1 New CAHA Associations

1. A new CAHA Member Association is defined as a program that did not previously exist and does not take the place of, or draw 25% or more of its players from, a previously existing or currently existing organization.
2. A new CAHA Member Association may not roster 25% or more of its players from any single existing CAHA association to maintain eligibility for CAHA State "A" Playoffs.
3. Tier II teams formed by new member associations shall not be eligible to compete in CAHA State playoffs.
4. If an organized Association has been determined to meet CAHA criterion for New Member Association status, CAHA shall conditionally grant said organized Association CAHA Member Association status, subject to the Association being approved/accepted for inclusion in their applicable League (NORCAL/SCAHA/ADHSHL/LAKHSHL/SHSHL).

1.1-2 Member Association Registration

Any organized Association may submit for consideration to become a Member Association in accordance with Bylaws, Section 20.2.3, Definitions and Bylaws, Section 20.9, Members of the CAHA Bylaws. Member Association status must be held to guarantee eligibility for CAHA, District, or National Championship Tournaments. Member Association status must also be held in order to be granted annual access to the USA Hockey rostering system to capture member players and generate official USA Hockey rosters.

1.1-3 Merging CAHA Associations

When two or more member associations merge, players from either of the organizations may count toward the Player Development Requirement for the surviving organization.

1.2 Member Association Applications

New and renewal applications for Member Association status shall be submitted to CAHA Member Services. Renewal applications and SafeSport agreement shall be submitted no later than September 1 annually. Team fees are due no later than October 31. Failure to submit applications with fees and/or supporting documentation by the specified deadline can result in a $250 fine and possible club suspension as directed by the CAHA Board of Directors.

1.3 Application Fees

The fee for new membership application is $50 and the annual fee for renewing membership is $20. Team fees are $30 for each A, BB, B and HS non-national bound team. Team fees are $50 for each Tier I, Tier II and HS national bound team. If teams are added after the date that the membership application is submitted, the Member Association will remit the additional fees directly to CAHA.

1.4 CAHA and USA Hockey Fees Schedule

Category	Amount	Payable To
Youth Players – 6U and younger	$17	USA Hockey ($0 CAHA Fee)
Youth Players – 8U	$67	USA Hockey (includes $9 CAHA Fee)
Youth Players – 10U thru 12U	$80	USA Hockey (includes $9 CAHA Fee)
Youth Players – 14U thru 18U (19U Girls)	$90	USA Hockey (includes $9 CAHA Fee)
Individual Adult Players/Coaches	$61	USA Hockey (includes $7 CAHA Fee)
CAHA Member Association Annual Renewal Fee	$20	CAHA
CAHA Member Application New Member Fee	$50	CAHA
CAHA Member Association Youth/Girls A/B/BB & HS Non-NTB Registration Team Fee	$30/team	CAHA
CAHA Member Association NTB High School & Youth/Girls Tier Registration Fee	$50/team	CAHA

1.5 Championship Eligibility

Teams must belong to a Member Association of CAHA that is in good standing with CAHA and its respective league to be eligible to participate in State, District or National Championships.

1.6 Member League Clubs

Member League Clubs are not permitted to form independent teams that solely participate outside of CAHA sanctioned league play.

1.7 Uniforms

Teams within a Member Association must have the same name and wear the same uniform with the exception of the organization's Tier program. Home teams shall wear dark colored jerseys and Away teams shall wear light colored jerseys. New jerseys or jersey changes must be approved by the team's respective league.

Requests for any and all advertising and/or patches other than part of the standard team jersey must be submitted to and approved by Youth Council. The submission must include a mock-up complete with the size and requested placement of the advertisement and/or patches.

The Tier program may use a different name and/or jersey as noted below:

1. Both Tier I and Tier II use a single name and/or jersey different from the A/BB/B program.
2. Tier I use a single name and/or jersey different from the Tier II and A/BB/B programs.

Players' names on jerseys must match players' names on the official 1-T USA Hockey roster.

Section 2 Player and Team Registration

2.1 Individual Participant Registration

All participants (players, coaches and managers) must be registered using their legal name with USA Hockey by completion of the online individual member registration process at usahockey.com.

2.1-1 Players

All players new to USA Hockey and/or CAHA for the current season must submit a copy of their government issued birth certificate, citizen born abroad document or a copy of a passport identification page to their local association prior to being placed on a roster. Baptismal certificates and hospital certificates are **NOT** acceptable forms of birth verification.

1. All players submitting foreign birth certificates are required to provide proof of legal residency such as Alien Registration card, current I-94 or Student Visa. Both the government issued birth certificate and proof of legal residency must be submitted at the time of registration. A notarized translation may also be required. A player in the U.S. on a B1/B2 Visa is NOT eligible to register with a youth team. See USA Hockey Written Transfer form for list of acceptable Visa stamps.
2. Non-U.S. citizens must have an **approved** USA Hockey Written Transfer form on file prior to being rostered.
3. Roster names must match the legal name on the player's birth certificate or passport (as applicable).
4. Any athlete seventeen (17) years of age or older on or before December 31 of the current playing season, and that plays on a team in a classification that allows minor age players, shall complete appropriate SafeSport training prior to the ability to be rostered on that team and prior to any participation.

2.1-2 Coaches

1. All coaches must use their legal names when they register with USA Hockey and complete the USA Hockey mandated screening, SafeSport certification and CEP requirements including the required age specific module(s).
2. Coaches must complete the required coaching certification class by December 31 of the current playing season.
3. Any rostered coach removed from the roster the previous season for CEP (Coaching Education Program) non-compliance cannot be rostered until his CEP requirement is current.
4. A coach having an EXPIRED "one time only" Temporary Coaching Card cannot be rostered until his/her CEP requirement is current.

2.1-3 Managers

All managers must use their legal names when registering with USA Hockey and completing the mandated screening and SafeSport certification.

2.2 Team Roster Registration

All individual players, coaches and managers must be listed on the Official Team Roster (USA Form 1-T). Additions and deletions shall be submitted on your official USA Hockey roster via the USA Hockey Portal. All youth/girls' teams are classified at the age division of the oldest player on the team.

2.2-1 Players

All names (player, coach, and manager) must be complete names; the use of nicknames or initials is not allowed.

1. Roster names must match the name on the player's birth certificate.
2. Players whose rostered names do not match their birth certificate must provide documentation of a legal name change or the parent/guardian must provide a notarized "also known as" statement with the birth certificate.
3. Players' birth certificates and/or written USA Hockey transfers must be verified prior to rostering.
4. Players' names on jerseys must match players' names on the official 1-T USA Hockey roster.

2.2-2 Coaches

All coaches allowed on the bench during games shall appear on the team's USA Hockey 1-T roster as follows:

1. One coach must be designated as "Head Coach" on the roster. No other person may be designated as Head Coach if the rostered Head Coach is present on the bench.
2. All other coaches shall be designated as Assistant Coach on the roster.
3. Excluding student coaches, rosters will be limited to six (6) coaches.
4. A maximum of four (4) coaches are allowed on the bench for games.

2.2-3 Managers

A manager is required for all rosters.

1. A team's Head Coach may not be designated as the Team Manager.
2. The Team Manager shall be the primary point of contact for all Team correspondence with CAHA.

2.2-4 Locker Room Monitors

A Locker Room Monitor is required for all National Tournament Bound team rosters.

2.3 Team Roster Registration for National Bound Teams

Youth/Girls' Tier and High School rosters must be submitted to the local USA Hockey Associate Registrar and respective CAHA commissioner for any National Bound team prior to participation in any sanctioned game, scrimmage, practice, or other on-ice event. Youth/Girl's Tier rosters shall be submitted no later than August 15 of the current playing season and NTB HS rosters no later than September 15.

2.4 Rosters

1. Once a roster is submitted to USA Hockey via the portal, a team may practice. All approved rosters must be submitted to the appropriate league commissioner prior to participation in any sanctioned game, scrimmage or other on-ice event. Failure to comply may result in fines and/or suspensions.
2. Additions and deletions shall be submitted to USA Hockey via the USA Hockey Portal and notification must be sent to the applicable League Commissioner.

   Current CAHA Registrar and League Commissioner contact information can be found at the CAHA website landing page with link noting the same.

3. The certification of rosters is necessary for playoff eligibility.

2.4-1 Player Movement

Players may not be cut or dropped from a roster after the specified dates (see Player Movement Chart). Youth/Girls' Tier I player cuts are not permitted. Youth/Girls' Tier I player agreement binds player for the entire season per USA Hockey Annual Guide section 3B(1)(a). Only Vertical Movement is allowed. A coach or manager can be added or dropped at any time except for District and National tournaments.

1. A "drop" is defined as a request originating from a player. The player is removed from the roster. A drop can only be executed once the player is deemed financially "free and clear" and can occur any time prior to December 31. Clubs must submit to their respective USA Hockey Associate Registrar proof in the form of a written document from the parent requesting the drop.
2. A "cut" is defined as a request originating from the club. Players are removed from the roster and released from the remainder of their financial obligations with the club. However, a cut does not imply a financial "free and clear" for balances (such as club dues, equipment and/or team dues) owed prior to the cut date. A club may execute a cut up to December 1. No cut may be executed by a club after December 1 without Youth Council approval.

Youth Council reserves the right to review or deny any player movement that deems to be contrary to CAHA Bylaws, Section 20.3, Purpose.

2.4-2 Tournament Rosters

Teams using players not on their Official USA Hockey 1-T roster must use a tournament roster. All teams using a tournament roster must provide said roster to the appropriate local USA Hockey Associate Registrar not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the start of the tournament. Any roster submitted less than fourteen (14) before the start of the tournament shall be subject to a $200 fee. Any roster supplemental submitted less than ten (10) days prior to the start of the tournament shall be subject to a $100 fee. No tournament roster submitted and/or supplemented seven (7) days or less prior to an event will be approved. Teams entering September Tournaments must use their regular season roster. During the current playing season (8/1 through 4/30) tournament rosters are not allowed for High School teams and Youth/Girls' Tier I teams.

1. A tournament roster is defined as a roster that includes non-regular season rostered players on that team for that event. These players will require a temporary release from their regular season Club.
2. These games do not count towards team/player minimum game requirements for the playoff eligibility.
3. Tournament rosters are good for 1 single/specific event only.
4. Tournament rosters with players moving down from a higher competitive level will not be issued without the subject tournament host's prior approval of proposed tournament team roster make-up. (Burden is upon the requester to provide said host approval.)
5. Players seeking to participate with a team other than their own regular season team may ONLY do so by rostering with said team ON A TOURNAMENT ROSTER. They are NOT to be removed from their regular season roster to do so.

Current CAHA Registrar and Commissioner contact information can be found at the CAHA website landing page with link noting the same.

2.5 Non-Sanctioned Teams

1. During the regular season (8/1 through 4/30), no affiliate team is allowed to participate in non-USA Hockey sanctioned events and/or play games with non-sanctioned (foreign or domestic) teams.
2. An Affiliate team is defined as a team that is either rostered by the Affiliate ***or*** participates in the same jerseys and under the same name as their USA Hockey member organization.

2.6 Travel Permits

California teams participating in any event outside the U.S., must obtain the appropriate Travel Permit from their Associate Registrar as follows:

Canada - no less than fourteen (14) days before the start of the tournament.
International other than Canada – ninety (90) days prior to the start of the tournament.

Section 3 Tournament Host Applications

3.1 Applications

All applications to host a tournament must be submitted to the designated USA Hockey Associate Registrar for California at least sixty (60) days prior to the beginning of the tournament.

Tournament sanctions will be approved for events during the regular season only (September through April). The following events require a tournament sanction:

Invitational Tournaments
Showcases
Exhibitions (more than 2 associations)
3 on 3
4 on 4

All applications must be accompanied by checks payable to CAHA and USA Hockey, and one (1) copy of the Tournament Rules.

Tournament applications are available through the USA Hockey portal and on the CAHA website.

3.2 Tournament Application Fees

1. Regular Fees	CAHA Affiliate Fee and	$35 and	Payee: CAHA
2. Regular Fees	USA Hockey Fee	$250	Payee: USA Hockey

If a tournament application is received less than sixty (60) days prior to the start of the tournament, the following late fees will apply in addition to the tournament application fee.

Tournament Application Surcharge for Late Applications		
31 to 59 days	$100	CAHA
8 to 30 days	$200	CAHA

3.3 Incoming Team Travel Permits

1. Travel Permits are required for **all Canadian teams** no less than fourteen (14) days before the start of the tournament.
2. An Application for International Competition is required for all other foreign teams no less than fourteen (14) days before the start of the tournament.

3.4 Tournament Host Requirements

1. Provide scoresheets after each game to each team (hard copy) and retain copies of all scoresheets until the end of the current playing season April 30.
2. Submit a spreadsheet of all served, received and outstanding suspensions within 72 hours of the end of the tournament to the Associate Registrar that sanctioned the tournament.
3. Host must require all teams to submit approved rosters as applicable; USA Hockey 1-T official rosters, or IIHF rosters or Hockey Canada rosters. The Tournament Host must check all approved Hockey rosters prior to the start of the tournament.

4. Assure all California teams adhere to CAHA Rules and Regulations.
    a. No full-ice 8U games
    b. Player up restrictions
    c. No 8U player-up
    d. No non-check players in checking divisions
    e. No middle school players may play up on a High School team of any classification.
5. All non-USA Hockey member or tournament promoter/organizer must submit proof of third-party liability insurance evidencing $1,000,000/occurrence and $2,000,000/aggregate prior to a sanction being issued.
6. Failure to adhere to host requirements may cause the organization to lose its authorization to host future sanctioned events.

CAHA tournament hosts must follow CAHA rules.

Section 4 In-House Registration USA Hockey Advisory

USA Hockey Guidelines require that when an in-house team plays any kind of game, scrimmage, or other type of contest with a team outside its own program and/or rink, it must comply with the same rules and regulations as other travel teams with regard to registration-including the filing of a Roster.

4.1 Rules and Regulations for In-House Rosters

4.1-1 Players

All players new to USA Hockey and/or CAHA for the current season must submit a government-issued birth certificate, verification of birth, or a copy of a passport identification page to their local association prior to being placed on a roster. Baptismal certificates and hospital certificates are NOT acceptable forms of birth verification.

1. All players submitting foreign birth certificates are required to provide proof of legal residency such as Alien Registration card, current I-94, or Student Visa. Both the government issued birth certificate and the proof of legal residency must be submitted at the time of registration. A notarized translation may also be required. A player in the U.S. on a B1/B2 Visa is NOT eligible to register with a youth team. See USA Hockey Written Transfer form for list of acceptable Visa stamps.
2. Non-U.S. citizens must have an approved USA Hockey Written Transfer form on file prior to being rostered.
3. Players' USA Hockey registration name must match the name on the player's birth certificate.
4. Any athlete seventeen (17) years of age or older on or before December 31 of that playing season, and who plays on a team in a classification that allows minor age players, shall complete appropriate SafeSport training prior to the ability to be rostered on that team and prior to any participation.

4.1-2 Coaches

1. All coaches must use their legal name when they complete the required age-specific module, the USA Hockey mandated screening, and all required SafeSport certification education, and must be listed in the USA Hockey database prior to any participation.
2. Coaches must complete the required coaching certification class by December 31 of the current playing season.
3. Any rostered coach removed from the roster the previous season for CEP (Coaching Education Program) non-compliance will not be eligible to roster for the current season until their specified CEP requirement is current and at the appropriate level.
4. Roster names must match the coach's legal name.

4.1-3 Managers

All managers must use their legal name when they complete the USA Hockey mandated screening and all required SafeSport certification education and be listed in the USA Hockey database prior to any participation.

Roster names must match the manager's legal name.

4.2 Team Roster Registration for In-House Teams

All individual players, coaches and managers must be listed on the Official Team Roster (USA Form 1-T).

All in-house rosters must be submitted to and approved by the local USA Hockey Associate Registrar for any in-house team traveling outside of their program prior to participation in any sanctioned game, scrimmage, practice, or other on-ice event. These rosters shall be submitted on your official USA Hockey roster via the USA Hockey Portal. Additions and deletions shall be submitted on your official USA Hockey roster via the USA Hockey Portal. Copies of these rosters must also be submitted to the appropriate league.

Current CAHA Registrar and Commissioner contact information can be found at the CAHA website landing page with link noting the same.

4.2-1 Players

All names (player, coach, and manager) must be complete names; the use of nicknames or initials is not allowed.

1. Roster names must match the name on the player's birth certificate.
2. Players whose rostered names do not match their birth certificate must provide documentation of a legal name change, or the parent/guardian must provide a notarized "also known as" statement with the birth certificate.
3. Players' birth certificates and/or written USA Hockey transfers must be verified prior to rostering.

4.2-2 Coaches

All coaches allowed on the bench during games shall appear on the team's roster as follows:

1. One coach must be designated as "Head Coach" on the roster. No other person may be designated as Head Coach if the rostered Head Coach is present on the bench.
2. All other coaches shall be marked as Assistant Coach on the roster.
3. Excluding student coaches, rosters will be limited to ten (10) coaches.
4. A maximum of four (4) coaches are allowed on the bench for games.

4.2-3 Managers

A manager is required for all rosters.

1. A team's Head Coach may not be designated as the Team Manager.
2. The Team Manager shall be the primary point of contact for all Team correspondence with CAHA.

Additionally, these games must be officiated by registered USA Hockey officials, and all other USA Hockey Rules must be observed, whether or not there are standings kept or playoffs involved. The USA Hockey District Registrar must approve any deviations from those rules. Additionally, USA Hockey requires that all in-house programs, coaches, administrators, managers, volunteers, locker room monitors, etc. are compliant with the USA Hockey registration, USA Hockey background screening, and USA Hockey SafeSport education, and appear in the USA Hockey database, prior to participation. Contact the District Registrar or the Associate Registrar if you have any further questions. Failure to comply may result in suspension and/or fines.

Section 5 Player Development Select Camps

5.1 USA Hockey Pacific District Player Development Program

The Pacific District, in accordance with USA Hockey Guidelines, has established a procedure for selecting players to attend the various player development camps and festivals sponsored by USA Hockey. Each Affiliate in the Pacific District is awarded by the District a specific number of player allocations – i.e., defense, forward and goalie per age division. The goal of the Pacific District Player Development Camps ("District Camps") is to identify and select the most competitive boys and girls ages 14, 15, 16 & 17, to represent the Pacific District ("District") at the USA Hockey National Player Development Camps, the USA Hockey Select 14 Western Regional High-Performance Camp, girls multi-district camp and such other camps or festivals as may be approved by the Pacific District Board of Directors.

Each affiliate in the Pacific District is awarded by the District player "allocations" – i.e., defense, forward, goalie – per age division.

CAHA's mandate is to evaluate and select the most competitive players to attend these Pacific District Development camps.

All CAHA Sanctions leagues – SCAHA, NORCAL, ADHSHL; LAKHSHL, and SHSHL – must facilitate the scheduling of their respective league games to blackout the calendar dates of the league Pre-Select weekends.

5.2 CAHA Select (Boys) Camp

Registration is by invitation only and it is open to elite level players aged 14, 15, 16 and 17 and USA Citizens with permanent residence in California who have competed at the highest performance level of Tier youth hockey. To be considered for selection to the Pacific District Player Development Camp, all invited participants must attend the CAHA Select Boys Camp and must register and pay for the CAHA Select Camp by the posted deadline, and participate in all scheduled sessions to be evaluated.

California permanent resident candidates playing outside the Pacific District are required to participate in the CAHA Select Boys Camp to be considered for possible selection to the Pacific District Player Development Camp. To be eligible to participate in the CAHA Select Camp, players whose permanent residency is not California but are playing in California must be permanent residents of one of the USA Hockey Pacific District Affiliates; Alaska, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Oregon and Washington. Eligible players shall attend the Affiliate Player Development Tryout Camps in the Affiliate in which they are playing and shall participate in the tryout camp of only one Pacific District Affiliate.

Players whose permanent residency is not California or any of the Pacific District affiliates – Alaska, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington – are not eligible to participate in the CAHA Select Camp. They must tryout in the affiliate camp of their permanent residency.

Nominated candidates who as the result of injury are not able to attend the CAHA Select Boys Camp may request a waiver to be evaluated by the CAHA Select Camp Selection Committee and then selected to advance to the Pacific District Player Development Camp.

Required Documentation for Injured Candidates are:

- Written documentation from a licensed medical physician indicating the nature of the injury and the player's prognosis for potential "return to play" must be received by the posted Select Camp registration deadline.
- The subject player's previous select camp attendance/results (SCAHA/NORCAL/CAHA/DISTRICT/ NATIONAL)

- The player's hockey bio/resume to show in chronological order the prior 3 seasons (who they played for and coaches' info)
- Two (2) letters of recommendation, one from the subject player's current coach, the other from prior coach or scout, etc.

There is no guarantee that the injured candidate will be selected to advance to the Pacific District Boys Player Development Camp.

5.3 CAHA Select (Girls) Camp

To participate in the CAHA Select Girls Camp players ages 14, 15, 16 and 17 and USA Citizens with permanent residence in California must register and pay the camp fee by the set deadline. Injured candidates must submit the required documentation and register complete with payment to the CAHA Select Girls Camp Chair to be evaluated. To be considered for selection to the Pacific District Player Development Camp, all participants must attend the CAHA Select Girls Camp and must register and pay for the CAHA Select Camp by the deadline and participate in all scheduled sessions in order to be evaluated.

California permanent resident candidates playing outside the Pacific District are required to participate in the CAHA Select Girls Camp to be considered for possible selection to the Pacific District Player Development Camp. To be eligible to participate in the CAHA Select Girls Camp, players whose permanent residency is not California but are playing in California must be permanent residents of one of the USA Hockey Pacific District Affiliates; Alaska, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Oregon and Washington. Eligible players shall attend the Affiliate Player Development Tryout Camps in the Affiliate in which they are playing and shall participate in the tryout camp of only one Pacific District Affiliate.

Players whose permanent residency is not California or any of the Pacific District affiliates – Alaska, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Oregon and Washington – are not eligible to participate in the CAHA Select Camp. They must tryout in the affiliate camp of their permanent residency.

Injured candidates, who are not able to attend the CAHA Select Girls Camp may request a waiver to be evaluated by the CAHA Select Girls Camp Selection Committee selected to advance to the Pacific District Player Development Camp.

Required Documentation for "Out of District" Players and Injured Candidates are:

- Written documentation from a licensed medical physician indicating the nature of the injury and player's prognosis for potential "return to play" must be received by the posted Select Camp registration deadline.
- The subject player's previous select camp attendance/results (CAHA/DISTRICT/NATIONAL)
- The subject player's hockey bio/resume to show in chronological order the prior 3 seasons (who they played for and coaches' info)
- Two (2) letters of recommendation, one from the subject player's current coach, the other from a prior coach or scout, etc.

There is no guarantee that the injured candidate will be selected to advance to the Pacific District Girls Player Development Camp.

In addition, all players must register and pay for the CAHA Select Girls Camp by the deadline and participate in all scheduled sessions to be evaluated.

Part 2: CAHA Rules and Regulations

Section 6 General Information

This section provides vital information applicable to all youth/girls and high school teams.

6.1 Overview

The CAHA Youth Council is responsible for the rules that define and regulate the various levels of (boys and girls) youth hockey in the State of California. CAHA Rules and Guidelines are a supplement to the rules and guidelines contained in the Pacific District Guidebook and USA Hockey Annual Guide.

6.2 Rules Adherence

It is the responsibility of all clubs, coaches and managers to adhere to all rules, regulations, policies and guidelines as set forth by both CAHA and USA Hockey. Any violations of said rules, regulations, policies and guidelines will subject all clubs, coaches and/or managers to disciplinary action as determined by CAHA.

6.3 Financial Responsibility

6.3-1 The Leagues shall supply a master list of all league players with outstanding financial obligations and/or equipment obligations to the USA Hockey Associate Registrar(s) prior to May 1. Players whose names appear on this list will not be permitted to participate with any Club until their obligations are satisfied. A player with an outstanding obligation who is permitted to tryout with any club may not hereafter play for that club during the relevant season until the financial obligation is satisfied.

6.3-2 By April 15, clubs must notify all parents/players in writing of any club delinquency. Such written notice must be sent by mail or e-mail and contain a detailed summary of the total amounts owed, paid, and the remaining balance owed. By April 15, clubs must submit a list of players who are financially delinquent to the USA Hockey Associate Registrar(s). These players (and siblings) will be placed on the League delinquency list and are not permitted to participate in tryouts or any other activities with any club until their financial obligations have been satisfied. Additionally, CAHA and Pacific District shall be notified so that the delinquency list is honored for all State and District activities.

6.3-3 Clubs not able to demonstrate that these procedures were followed, or that notification to the player or league was not made by the deadlines, will be prohibited from placing the player on the delinquency list. If, in the event of a dispute, it is discovered these procedures were not properly followed by the Club, the player will be removed from the delinquency list.

6.3-4 Players appearing on league wide delinquency lists may not be rostered on any CAHA Member Association's USA Hockey roster. Clubs with multiple instances of rostering players still on said delinquency lists may be precluded from using the league wide delinquency lists in future seasons.

6.3-5 The season shall be August 1 through April 30. For team/player credentialing purposes, only games played ON or AFTER 9/1 are considered Games that Count (Refer to CAHA Games That Count Chart, Section 6.30).

6.4 Compliance Requirements for Participation (Registration, SafeSport, Anti-Bullying & Inclusion Training, and Background Screening)

6.4-1 Prior to participation in any CAHA/USA Hockey sanctioned activity, all adult coaches, managers, monitors, volunteers in any capacity, administrators, board members, employees of any member organization, and Officials must complete and comply with USA Hockey's requirements using their legal names prior to participation: USA Hockey annual registration, USA Hockey background screening (every 2 seasons), SafeSport certification (annually), age-specific modules (coaches) and Officials education (Officials). Any adult participant performing any of these roles must also appear in the USA Hockey database prior to participation or being added to a roster.

6.4-2 The dates of expiration of annual membership, SafeSport education, and background screening are established by USA Hockey.

6.4-3 Non-league affiliated CAHA Member Associations must complete and abide by the same compliance requirements as league-affiliated Member Associations.

6.4-4 Compliant participants will appear in the USA Hockey database. Any adult participant who is not in compliance with any requirement for participation could face sanctions by USA Hockey and CAHA, including suspension, removal from participation, and fines.

6.5 Locker Room Attendants

It is the policy of USA Hockey that all affiliates, districts, leagues, and local hockey programs have at least one responsible adult present directly monitoring the locker room during all team events to assure that only participants (coaches and players), approved team personnel and family members (if necessary at the 8U and 10U ages) are permitted in the locker room and to supervise the conduct in the locker room. Any individual meetings with a minor participant and a coach in a locker room shall require a responsible adult be with the coach (one-on-one actions between a coach and athlete must be "observable"). Further, responsible adults must personally monitor the locker room environment at all times while participants are present and also make sure the locker room is appropriately secured during times when minor participants are on the ice. ***National Tournament Bound teams are required to have a designated person rostered as LRM (locker room monitor.)***

6.5-1 Clubs and/or coaches found in violations of this policy shall be sanctioned in the following manner:

1. First offense $250 fine to the team and one game suspension to the head coach
2. Second offense $500 to the club and two game suspension to the head coach
3. Third offense the head coach and a club representative shall attend a hearing which may result in further sanctions up to and including fines, suspensions and/or post season sanctions.

6.5-2 USA Hockey requires that all member associations have a completed and distributed/posted locker room policy that is either in place for the entire organization or specific per team. Teams, leagues and local hockey associations shall also comply with the USA Hockey Co-Ed locker room policy.

6.6 Helmet Rule

All ice hockey coaches and instructors of registered USA Hockey youth, high school, disabled, girls 19 and under and below programs must properly wear an approved ice hockey helmet during all on-ice sessions, including practices, controlled scrimmages, Select Camps, try-outs and coaches and referee clinics (seminars) as defined in the current USA Hockey Annual Guide. All Student Coaches must wear a helmet with a cage while on the bench and/or ice. Helmets must be HECC approved with no alterations, and chin strap must be properly fastened.

The responsibility for the enforcement of this USA Hockey policy falls to the Affiliate, CAHA. CAHA delegates the responsibility for reporting policy infractions to all leagues (SCAHA, NORCAL, ADHSHL, LAKHSHL, and SHSHL) and association (clubs) officers throughout the state. CAHA expects all league and association ACE coordinators; Coaching Directors and Hockey Directors will communicate and educate their respective association coaches on this policy and sanctions for violations of such. Each association is encouraged to keep spare helmets available for coaches' use.

Failure to comply will result in a 30-day suspension from all activities involving USA Hockey registered programs. Subsequent offenses shall result in a mandatory hearing for the offending coach.

6.7 Billeting Policy

It is recognized that some youth and junior hockey players do leave home to play hockey in a location away from their parents. In those circumstances, the organization or team typically arranges for the player to live with a host or billet family. Having youth players live outside their homes increases risk for abuse and misconduct to occur. All organizations and teams that arrange for players to live with billet families shall have written policies and procedures in place to govern the arrangement. All billeting policies and procedures shall be provided to the player's parents in advance of placing the player with the billet and shall meet the following requirements:

- Billet families and the player and player's parents shall all sign an agreement with the Member Program and/or team that they will comply with the terms and conditions of the Billet Policy, the USCSS Code and the USA Hockey SafeSport Handbook.
- As required by the jurisdiction where the player is billeted, the player's parents shall sign and provide a power of attorney and/or guardianship (as necessary by applicable state law) to the billet family adults to allow for them to make emergency medical and schooling decisions.
- Each Member Program or team shall have a billet coordinator who shall be responsible for overseeing compliance with the Billeting Policy, the USCSS Code and all USA Hockey SafeSport Policies.
- No more than two players may be housed with any one billet family (at the Junior level, there may be exceptions to the number of players permitted in one billet home if approved by the USA Hockey Junior Council).
- Owners, coaches, team/program management and staff are not allowed to host or billet players.
- Minors must be placed with a billet family and may not reside in an apartment or home solely with other players.
- All adults living in the household of the billet family must be registered with USA Hockey, screened in accordance with the USA Hockey Screening Policy, and must complete the SafeSport Training in compliance with Section II. Proof that these requirements have been met must be received by the team's billet coordinator prior to the player moving in with the family.
- It is strongly recommended that all billet families be two-parent homes. However, single parent billet families may be acceptable, but the organization or team shall take additional reasonable steps to regularly monitor the billeting arrangement and its compliance with the USA Hockey SafeSport Policies.
- The Member Program or team shall have a mandatory curfew for all billeted players. The host family may have an earlier curfew.
- Players must agree to comply with the house rules of the billet families, including curfews, chores/ cleaning, telephone usage, etc. Complaints about unusual rules shall be addressed with the Member Program/team billet coordinator.
- Players shall not stay overnight at any other home except with the permission of the player's parents and advance notification to the billet family and Member Program or team billet coordinator.

- Players are not to drive billet family vehicles without automobile liability insurance as required by applicable state law, and documentation and approval of the billet family.
- The Member Program's/team's billeting policy shall include requirements that the billet family maintain appropriate homeowners/renters insurance.
- Players living with a billet family shall be permitted to make regular check-in phone calls to parents. Team personnel and billets shall allow for any unscheduled check-in phone calls between the player and parents.

For a complete set of guidelines refer to:
USA Hockey Safe Sport Program Handbook (rev. 12/31/2024)

6.8 Games, Exhibition Games and Scrimmages

All games played between two member associations must be recorded on a scoresheet and must use a minimum two-man officiating system to count towards a team's USA Hockey playing rule requirement (10/20; 10/14; or 5/10).

6.8-1 A game is defined as a contest played against another USA Hockey registered team or member organization of the IIHF. Games include exhibition, sanctioned league play, invitational tournament, and sanctioned events.

6.8-2 Scrimmage games are defined as controlled practices between two teams of the same member association. No scoresheet or officials are required to be scheduled. However, if teams opt to utilize officials, the scrimmage game is deemed an exhibition game and use of a scoresheet is mandatory.

6.8-3 Whenever two (2) teams from separate member associations are playing, the scheduling of a two-man officiating system and the use of a scoresheet is mandatory.

6.9 Penalty Notification

All teams are required to promptly notify the CAHA 1st Vice President or designee, of any match penalties, or any incident involving assault on referees or officials, or any incident involving spectators, that occur during a game in which the team participates, whether such game occurs within CAHA jurisdiction or not. Such notification shall be in writing and must be submitted by the team within forty-eight (48) hours after each incident. Copies of this documentation must be submitted to the appropriate CAHA Commissioner, or the CAHA Youth Council Chair or to the respective leagues' (CAHA, SCAHA, NORCAL, ADHSHL, LAKHSHL, SHSHL).

6.10 Game Misconducts

6.10-1 Game misconduct penalties must be served in the next pre-scheduled game with that team (the game already appearing on the CAHA team page or league approved schedule of that team at the time of the infraction) unless they will no longer be playing with that team then it reverts back to the next scheduled USA Hockey game. (Refer to USA Hockey Rule 404 (b)).

6.10-2 Players' or Coaches' game misconducts in a final game of their season must be served in the first game of the following season. Leagues shall report all outstanding suspensions by May 1 of the current playing season to the CAHA 1st Vice President.

6.10-3 Players, coaches and managers receiving game misconducts in the off season must serve in the next USA Hockey sanctioned game. Proof of serving game misconduct must be submitted to the CAHA 1st Vice President prior to the first game of the next season.

6.10-4 Any game misconduct issued in a CAHA sanctioned league game (CAHA, SCAHA, NORCAL, ADHSHL, LAKHSHL, SHSHL) is to be served in a CAHA recognized league game or in a pre-scheduled tournament or event game.

6.10-5 Serving of game misconducts must be noted on the scoresheet(s) of the game(s) served.

6.10-6 Failure to serve will deem the player ineligible, and CAHA Section 6.23 (Ineligible Participants, page 26) shall apply.

6.10-7 If the Head Coach receives a Game Misconduct penalty during a game, one of the Assistant Coaches remaining on the bench must be immediately designated as acting Head Coach, and this designation must be reported immediately to the referee and scorekeeper. Subsequent Game Misconduct penalties assessed to that team during the same game for receiving 12 or more penalties under USA Hockey Rule 401(b) will be assessed to and served by the acting Head Coach as designated. If no such designation is reported, subsequent Game Misconduct penalties under USA Hockey Rule 401 (b) will be assessed to and served by the Assistant Coach who is both present on the bench and listed first alphabetically on the team's roster.

6.11 5-Minute Major Penalties

With regard to 5 Minute Major Penalties, please refer to USA Hockey Playing Rule 411, Progressive Suspensions or USA Hockey Playing Rule 615, Fighting (as applicable).

6.12 Offensive Language

Any player or coach who is given a penalty as a result of using **LANGUAGE THAT IS OFFENSIVE, HATEFUL, OR DISCRIMINATORY IN NATURE ANYWHERE IN THE RINK BEFORE, DURING OR AFTER THE GAME,** will be assessed a match penalty. Further, offensive language can also be considered a SafeSport violation whether it occurs on or off the ice, primarily outside of a game situation and/or when not recorded on a scoresheet.

6.13 Spectator Ejections

6.13-1 Spectator, coach, player, and parent conduct, before, during, and after a game is subject to review and possible sanction by CAHA. In addition, spectators, coaches, team managers, players and parents are prohibited from approaching game officials as the officials are coming off the ice and are walking to their locker room, or to/from the facility. Any abusive behavior or language towards an official will result in a spectator ejection ***(including any/all subsequent telephonic or electronic communications)***.

6.13-2 If a game official or a League official deems it necessary to eject a spectator, the following shall occur:

1. The spectator will be ejected and shall leave the rink property and shall not be allowed re-entry to the property for a minimum of three (3) hours.
2. If and when possible, the scoresheet shall be documented that an ejection occurred. Whenever possible, the spectator's name should be documented on the scoresheet. The referee will ideally file a report within forty-eight (48) hours with the League.
3. The club of the offending spectator will be fined $500 per ejection, payable to the League within thirty (30) days. Each offending spectator shall pay the fine to his/her respective club.
4. The spectator will immediately be suspended from all USA Hockey activities for thirty (30) days. A hearing shall be held upon request.
5. The team Manager is responsible for facilitating compliance with this rule including assisting with identification of the offending party for the scoresheet.

6. Persons receiving a second spectator ejection at any time in the same playing season shall be banned from attending any CAHA sanctioned games in the State of California for the remainder of that season.
7. Teams that have incurred multiple spectator ejections at any time in the same playing season may be subject to a ban on parent/spectator attendance for all future games of said team for the remainder of the season, at CAHA's discretion.

6.14 Leaving the Bench Suspension

Any player or coach who leaves the game bench or penalty box during an altercation or for the purpose of starting one will be assessed a game misconduct and is subject to supplementary discipline at the discretion of the CAHA 1st Vice President. Players involved will be subject to supplementary discipline action as allowed under USA Hockey Rule 4.10(a).

6.15 Canadian Penalties

Any USA Hockey player/coach committing major infractions while playing in Canada that would normally incur a suspension under USA Hockey rules, or count towards the progressive suspensions rules, shall serve all suspensions according to the USA Hockey Playing Rules. This includes the 4/12 penalty rule and anytime a game misconduct penalty is assessed.

6.16 Attendance and Equipment Check

Prior to the start of each game referees shall verify players who are in attendance as well as to perform a general safety/equipment check.

6.17 Scoresheets

6.17-1 All league (CAHA, SCAHA, NORCAL, ADHSHL, LAKHSHL, SHSHL) games, including exhibition games, are required to use a hard copy scoresheet. Failure to procure and submit a game scoresheet shall deem such game as not counting for team/player credentialing and/or statistical purposes.

6.17-2 Scoresheet roster labels must match USA Hockey 1-T roster names for all players, coaches and managers.

6.17-3 All coaches on the bench must sign their own name on all copies of the game scoresheet not earlier than one hour prior to the start of the game confirming its accuracy.

6.17-4 The head coach is responsible for the accuracy of the scoresheet. Inaccurate or unsigned score sheets may result in suspension, fines, and/or forfeitures.

6.17-5 Prior to the start of a game eligible Players not expected to be in attendance or not able to participate in any game shall be crossed off from the list of players on all copies of the game score sheet. Once the game has started, an eligible player may be added to the scoresheet during a stoppage of play provided no players are crossed off from the game score sheet. For each crossed off player added however, a bench minor penalty for illegal substitution shall be assessed per USA Hockey Rule 203(a). At completion of game any player not in attendance must be crossed off the scoresheet.

6.17-6 The rostered team manager shall deliver to the Commissioner and/or respective league (CAHA, SCAHA, NORCAL, ADHSHL, LAKHSHL, SHSHL) statistician a LEGIBLE copy of all scoresheets, and data inputted for games played within and outside CAHA jurisdiction, within forty-eight (48) hours of the game being played.

6.17-7 Teams are responsible to upload their scoresheets and game stats as applicable per their respective league (CAHA, SCAHA, NORCAL, ADHSHL, LAKHSHL, SHSHL) for ALL games.

6.17-8 Youth Tier, High School (Girls Varsity; 1A & 2A) and Girls Tier teams must upload their scoresheets and game stats on their CAHA team page within 48-hours of the last game of any weekend. The only exception is if the team is the AWAY team for any CAHA "league" game, where a CAHA league game is defined by their respective CAHA (300%, 200%, 100%) scheduled games, in which case the HOME team is responsible for the stats and the scoresheet, including the stats for the AWAY team in those games. If the last game was on a Sunday, stats and score sheets are due by Tuesday night. If the last game was a Monday, the stats and score sheet is due Wednesday night. Fines up to $50 per game/violation will be issued to teams that do not adhere to the deadline.

6.18 Player Up Guidelines

6.18-1 For the 10U age classification a player who by birth is in their last year of his or her age division may play up one age classification. A statement of indemnification and release signed by the parent or guardian must be submitted to their respective league prior to being rostered. Once a player has been rostered to play-up for league play in the current season he/she may not move back to his or her age appropriate division for league play.

6.18-2 For the 14U age classification a player who by birth is in their last year of his or her age division may play up one or two age classifications (Boys 16U or 18U; Girls 16U or 19U). A statement of indemnification and release signed by the parent or guardian must be submitted to their respective league prior to being rostered. Once a player has been rostered to play-up for league play in the current season he/she may not move back to his or her age appropriate division for league play.

6.18-3 No youth player may play up from a non-checking to a checking division.

6.18-4 No 8U player may play up. This administrative rule is not subject to waiver nor appeal.

6.18-5 No middle school players may play up on a High School team of any classification.

6.19 Tryout Dates

Tier I tryouts may begin on the first Friday of June; Tier II and Girls A/BB/B tryouts may begin on the second Friday of June; and HS and Youth A/BB/B tryouts may begin on the third Friday of June.

6.19-1 Youth Tier Team Tryouts

USA Hockey recognizes Youth Tier I programs/teams only at the 13 Only, 14U, 15 Only, 16U and 18U age levels. The following criteria must be met for any team to be classified as a Tier I team in any Affiliate:

- Tryouts for Tier I teams must be published and advertised. No youth Tier I or II team may recruit or solicit players or offer hockey contracts to players for the following season, or hold development camps, tryouts, player selections or any activity that could be construed as a tryout/solicitation or recruitment for the following season, until 48 hours after the last game of Youth National Championships (both Tier I and Tier II Nationals must be completed). For example, if the National Tournament ends at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, tryouts can begin after 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday. Any violation of this prohibition may subject the coach, team, program and/or responsible administrators to appropriate discipline, or ineligibility of the team or coach, as determined by the Affiliate. (refer to USA Hockey Annual Guide Rules & Regulations, Section E. Youth Tier I Standards and Criteria).

6.19-2 Girls Tier Team Tryouts

USA Hockey recognizes Girls Tier I programs/teams only at the 14U, 16U and 19U age levels. The following criteria must be met for any team to be classified as a Tier I team in any Affiliate:

- Tryouts for Tier I teams must be published and advertised. No Girls Tier I or II team may recruit or solicit players or offer hockey contracts to players for the following season, or hold development camps, tryouts, player selections or any activity that could be construed as a tryout/solicitation or recruitment for the following season, until 48 hours after the last game of Girls National Championships (both Tier I and Tier II Nationals must be completed). For example, if the National Tournament ends at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, tryouts can begin after 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday. Any violation of this prohibition may subject the coach, team, program and/or responsible administrators to appropriate discipline, or ineligibility of the team or coach, as determined by the Affiliate. (refer to USA Hockey Annual Guide Rules & Regulations, Section F. Youth Tier I Standards and Criteria).

6.20 Minimum Rosters

6.20-1 Minimum A/BB/B Rosters

1. All registered Youth and Girls A, BB and B teams at the 10U and 12U levels must have a minimum roster of ten (10) skaters including goalies by September 15 of each season to retain eligibility for California playoffs. If a team rosters more than two (2) goalies, the additional goalies shall not be counted for purposes of this rule only.

2. All registered Youth and Girls A, BB and B teams at the 14U, 16U and 18U levels as well as at the 12UAA and 12UAAA level must have a minimum roster of twelve (12) skaters including goalies by September 15 of each season to retain eligibility for California playoffs. If a team rosters more than two (2) goalies, the additional goalies shall not be counted for purposes of this rule.

3. If a team falls below its minimum player roster requirement after the applicable deadline, the team will lose its eligibility for California League/State playoffs. Teams shall have until December 31 to regain minimum numbers. Failure to do so may also result in removal from schedule.

4. Any team or club that rosters a player(s) for a minimum roster or player development (PDR) purposes, such that it is determined the player(s) did not participate in ANY games for the team, may be deemed playoff ineligible pending a review by CAHA Youth Council.

6.20-2 Minimum Tier Rosters

1. All registered Youth and Girls Tier I and Tier II teams at the 13O, 14U, 15O, 16U, 18U, and 19U levels must have a minimum roster of fifteen (15) skaters including goalies that also meets applicable PDR requirements, by August 15 of each season to retain eligibility for California, Pacific District and USA Hockey playoffs. If a team rosters more than two (2) goalies, the additional goalies shall not be counted for purposes of this rule only.

2. If a team falls below its minimum player roster requirement after the applicable deadline, the team will lose its eligibility for California, Pacific District and USA Hockey playoffs. Teams shall have until December 31 to regain minimum numbers. Failure to do so may result in removal from schedule.

3. Any team or club that rosters a player(s) for a minimum roster or player development (PDR) purposes, such that it is determined the player(s) did not participate in ANY games for the team, may be deemed playoff ineligible pending a review by CAHA Youth Council.

6.20-3 Minimum High School Rosters

1. All registered Girls Varsity; 1A/1B, 2A/2B must have a minimum roster of fifteen (15) skaters, including goalies, by September 15 of each season to retain eligibility for California and USA Hockey playoffs. If a team rosters more than two (2) goalies, the additional goalies shall not be counted for purposes of this rule only.

2. If a team falls below its minimum player roster requirement after the applicable deadline, the team will lose its eligibility for California and USA Hockey playoffs. Teams shall have until December 31 to regain minimum numbers. Failure to do so may result in removal from schedule.

3. All Junior Varsity High School teams must have a minimum of twelve (12) skaters, including goalies by September 15.

6.21 Player Movement

See Player Movement Chart, page 24.

6.21-1 Youth/Girls Tier I Movement

Until December 31, Tier I players may move to another Tier I team provided they are properly released and be post season eligible for CAHA State championships.

1. Before October 31 any properly released Tier I player may move down to Tier II or A for any reason and be postseason eligible.
2. After October 31, only Tier I players that have been **CUT** can be moved down to Tier II or A and be postseason eligible.
3. Until December 31, a properly released Tier II, A, BB or B player may be added to a Tier I roster and be post-season eligible for CAHA state championships, providing all minimum game requirements are met.
4. Once a player is rostered as a Tier I player in the current playing season, the player is ineligible to drop to BB or B.
5. After December 1, no players may be cut from a Tier I roster.
6. Any player that is removed from a roster shall not be allowed to be placed back on the roster of the team more than twice from which he or she was removed (does not apply to Tier I 15O, 16U, or 18U; or goaltenders at any level).

6.21-2 Youth/Girls Tier II Movement

Until October 31, any properly released Tier I player may be added to a Tier II roster and be post-season eligible for CAHA state championships. Player movement within the same Club for temporary/emergency move may be exempted from this rule subject to Youth Council review.

1. Until October 31, any properly released Tier II player may drop to A, BB or B levels and be post-season eligible for CAHA state championships.
2. After October 31, any properly released Tier II player may drop to A, BB or B levels but will not be post-season eligible for CAHA state championships.
3. After October 31, only Tier I players that have been **CUT** can be moved down to Tier II or A and be post-season eligible.

Player Movement Chart

Player Movement	Removed	Added	Post-Season Eligible
Tier I to Tier I	Drop by 12/31	By 12/31	Yes
	Cut by 12/1	By 12/31	Yes
Tier I to Tier II	Drop by 10/31	11/1 - 12/31	Yes
	Drop 11/1-12/31	**11/1 - 12/31**	**No**
	Cut by 12/1	By 12/31	Yes
Tier I to A	Drop by 10/31	11/1 - 12/31	Yes
	Drop 11/1-12/31	**11/1 - 12/31**	**No**
	Cut by 12/1	By 12/31	Yes
Tier I to BB or B	**Player Movement Not Allowed**		
Tier II to Tier I	By 12/31	By 12/31	Yes
Tier II to Tier II	Drop by 12/31	By 12/31	Yes
	Cut by 12/1	By 12/31	Yes
Tier II to A	Drop by 10/31	11/1 - 12/31	Yes
	Drop 11/1-12/31	**11/1 - 12/31**	**No**
	Cut by 12/1	By 12/31	Yes
Tier II to BB or B	Drop by 10/31	11/1 - 12/31	Yes
	Drop 11/1-12/31	**11/1 - 12/31**	**No**
	Cut by 12/1	By 12/31	Yes
A to Tier I	By 12/31	By 12/31	Yes
A to Tier II	By 12/31	By 12/31	Yes
A to A	Drop by 12/31	By 12/31	Yes
	Cut by 12/1	BY 12/31	Yes
A to BB or B	Drop by 10/31	11/1 - 12/31	Yes
	Drop 11/1-12/31	**11/1 - 12/31**	**No**
	Cut by 12/1	By 12/31	Yes
BB or B to Tier I	By 12/31	By 12/31	Yes
BB or B to Tier II	By 12/31	By 12/31	Yes
BB or B to A	By 12/31	By 12/31	Yes
BB or B to BB or B	By 12/31	By 12/31	Yes

4. After October 31 and until December 31 a properly released player may be moved to a Tier II roster under the following circumstances and be post season eligible for CAHA state championships:
   a) The player's current Tier I or Tier II team disbands.
   b) The player is cut from a Tier I team or Tier II team.
   c) The player is a registered USA Hockey player currently playing at the A, BB or B level.
5. Any player that is removed from a roster shall not be allowed to be placed back on the roster of the team more than once from which he or she was removed regardless of when the player is removed (does not apply to goaltenders). However, prior to December 1, Tier II players may participate on a Tier I team for a maximum of two (2) movements.
6. Any Tier I player added to a Tier II team that participates in a CAHA mandated weekend will be deemed a permanent addition to that Tier II team.

6.21-3 Youth/Girls A/BB/B Movement

After December 1, players may not be cut. Until December 31, a properly released A player may be added to another A roster and be postseason eligible for CAHA state championships provided the minimum game requirements set forth in Section 10.2, Youth A/BB/B Rules are met.

1. Until December 31, a properly released BB or B player may be added to an A roster and be post-season eligible for CAHA state championships provided the requirements of Section 10.2, Youth A/BB/B Rules are met.
2. After October 31, any properly released player registered and rostered on a Tier I, Tier II team may drop to A but will not be postseason eligible.
3. After October 31 and until December 31, a properly released player may be added to an "A" roster under the following circumstances and will be postseason eligible for CAHA state championships provided the requirements of Section 10.2, Youth A/BB/B Rules are met:
   a) The player's current Tier I or Tier II team disbands.
   b) The player is cut from a Tier I team or Tier II team.

6.21-4 Youth/Girls BB or B Movement

After December 1, players may not be cut. Until December 31, a properly released "B" player may be added to another BB or B roster and be postseason eligible for CAHA state championships provided the minimum game requirements of Section 10.2, Youth A/BB/B Rules are met.

1. Until October 31, any properly released player registered and rostered on a Tier II or A team may drop to BB or B and still be post-season eligible for CAHA state championships provided the requirements of Section 10.2, Youth A/BB/B Rules are met.
2. After October 31, any properly released Tier II or A player registered and rostered on a Tier II or A team may drop to BB or B but will not be postseason eligible.
3. After October 31 and until December 31, a properly released Tier II or A player may be added to a BB or B roster under the following circumstances and will be postseason eligible for CAHA state championships provided the requirements of Part 2: Section 10.2, Youth A/BB/B Rules are met:
   a) The player's current Tier II or A team disbands or
   b) The player is cut from a Tier II or A team.

- ✓ A "drop" is defined as a request originating from a player. The player is removed from the roster. A drop can only be executed once the player is deemed financially "free and clear" and can occur any time prior to December 31. (See CAHA Section 2.4-1.)
- ✓ A "cut" is defined as a request originating from the club. Players are removed from the roster and released from the remainder of their financial obligations with the club. However, a cut does not imply a financial "free and clear" for balances (e.g., club dues, equipment and/or team dues) owed prior to the cut date. A club may execute a cut up to December 1. No cut may be executed by a club after December 1 without Youth Council approval. (See CAHA Section 2.4-1)

6.22 Emergency Goalies

6.22-1 Prior to December 31, CAHA does not recognize emergency goalies. Any goalie must be legally rostered prior to participation.

6.22-2 After December 31, any emergency goalie for a Youth and Girls Tier team must be from an equal or lower level and pre-approved by the CAHA Youth Council. Any emergency goalie for an A/BB/B team must be from an equal or lower level respectively and pre-approved by their respective league (SCAHA, NORCAL). Under no circumstance will an 8U goalie be allowed to play up as an emergency backup goalie for a 10U team.

6.22-3 For all National Tournament Bound post season play (States/Districts/Nationals), any emergency goalie request must be submitted to the Pacific District Registrar and Affiliate President for their review and submittal to USA Hockey for actual approval.

6.23 Ineligible Participants

6.23-1 Any team that allows an ineligible player to participate in a CAHA game may be assessed a forfeit for the game following a review. A forfeited game shall be recorded as a 1-0 win for the opposing team.

6.23-2 Any coach who is found to have played an ineligible player in any game shall be suspended from coaching a minimum of one game per ineligible player per game played.

6.23-3 Any team that allows an ineligible coach to participate in a game will have the head coach for that game suspended for the next pre-scheduled game for each ineligible coach and for each game the ineligible coach participated in a game.

6.24 Consolidated Tier Teams

To promote the development of Tier teams among smaller Member Associations, this rule defines a consolidated Tier team as any Tier team formed by two (2) or more Member Associations

6.24-1 A consolidated Tier team must be registered and rostered using the USA Hockey association number of one of the consolidating Member Associations. The CAHA number used may be rotated among the Member Associations forming the teams from year to year.

6.24-2 The players on a consolidated team will be considered to be part of the Member Association rostering the team for the purpose of voting and all other CAHA administrative actions where player counts are used.

6.24-3 Consolidation of Member Clubs' Tier programs require written notification which includes detailed program structure be submitted to CAHA for review and approval by April 30. None of the clubs involved in the consolidation can field separate Tier teams while the consolidation exists.

6.24-4 The consolidated teams must have a name different than any of the consolidated Member Associations.

6.24-5 Once a consolidation of Tier Teams has been approved the consolidation remains approved until such time there has been a change in the consolidation to ADD a new Member Association to the consolidation. Upon the addition of a new Member Association to any existing consolidation, the consolidation must resubmit pursuant to 6.24-3 above and obtain CAHA approval of the proposed new Member Association. If a Member Association leaves the consolidation, CAHA need only be advised in writing.

6.25 Youth Player Development Requirement (PDR)

To be eligible for post season participation, all CAHA registered Youth 12U, 14U, and 16U A teams must meet the minimum Player Development Requirement by September 15; and 12U, 14U, and 16U Youth Tier II teams must meet the following minimum Player Development Requirement by August 15 (refer to PDR Table below):

6.25-1 Said teams must roster a minimum of 25% of its players from within its member association. Players designated as meeting the PDR requirement on the initial roster, September 15 for A teams and August 15 for Tier II teams, must be actively participating on the subject team as of October 31 of the current playing season unless injury or illness prevents such participation in which case medical documentation of the illness or injury must be provided. Failure to provide documentation shall result in loss of team's playoff eligibility.

6.25-2 Any team that falls below its Player Development Requirement will have until December 31 to replace their Player Development Requirement to maintain their postseason eligibility. Any player designated as meeting the PDR requirements must be actively participating on the subject team as of December 31 of the current playing season unless injury or illness prevents such participation in which case medical documentation of the illness or injury must be provided. Failure to provide documentation shall result in loss of team's playoff eligibility.

6.25-3 A team that falls below its Player Development Requirement minimum because of player movement to the Tier I or Junior level within the same age division, shall not render that team ineligible for playoffs because of the Player Development Requirement.

6.25-4 The minimum CAHA Player Development Requirement per Youth team is as follows:

12 player roster	=	3 player minimum
13 player roster	=	3 player minimum
14 player roster	=	4 player minimum
15 player roster	=	4 player minimum
16 player roster	=	4 player minimum
17 player roster	=	4 player minimum
18 player roster	=	5 player minimum
19 player roster	=	5 player minimum
20 player roster	=	5 player minimum

Youth Player Development Table (PDR %)					
Age	**AAA**	**AA**	**A**	**BB**	**B**
18U	-	-	-	N/A	N/A
16U	N/A	25%	25%	N/A	N/A
15O	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	-
14U	N/A	25%	25%	-	-
13O	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	-
12U	N/A	25%	25%	-	-
10U/8U	-	-	-	-	-

6.25-5 Youth Players eligible to meet the Player Development Requirement are defined as:

1. Players who actively participated on teams within the same Member Association the previous season, as shown by USA Hockey registration.
2. In the case of Tier teams, players must have been rostered on a Tier I, Tier II, A or B team with the Member Association during the prior year and must have participated in the minimum number of games required to be eligible for CAHA state playoffs except where injury or illness prevented such participation (proof of illness or injury is required).
3. In the case of A teams, house players may not count toward the Player Development Requirement if they were also rostered on a Tier I, Tier II, A or B team with another Member Association during the same season.
4. Players who are new to travel ice hockey may be counted as PDR for A teams. These players cannot have previously played for any other travel ice hockey club in California.
5. A consolidated team may meet its PDR requirement using players from the same team the previous season plus players from A or B teams on any of the team's forming Member Associations during the previous season.

6.26 Girls Player Development Requirement (PDR)

To be eligible for post season participation, all CAHA registered Girls 12U, 14U and 16U Tier I, Tier II, and A teams must meet the following minimum Player Development Requirement:

6.26-1 Said teams must roster a minimum of 50% except for 19U of its players from within its member association. For the purposes of calculating the minimum PDR requirement for teams with an odd number of players, the percentage will be rounded down as referenced below. Any team that falls below its Player Development Requirement will have until December 31 to replace its Player Development Requirement to maintain its post-season eligibility.

6.26-2 A team that falls below its Player Development Requirement minimum because of player movement to the Tier I or Prep School within the same age division shall not be ineligible for playoffs because of the Player Development Requirement.

6.26-3 The minimum CAHA Player Development Requirement per Girls team is as follows:

12 player roster = 6 player minimum
13 player roster = 6 player minimum
14 player roster = 7 player minimum
15 player roster = 7 player minimum
16 player roster = 8 player minimum
17 player roster = 8 player minimum
18 player roster = 9 player minimum
19 player roster = 9 player minimum
20 player roster = 10 player minimum

6.26-4 Girls Players eligible to meet the Player Development Requirement are defined as:

1. Players who actively participated on teams within the same Member Association the previous season, as shown by USA Hockey registration.
2. In the case of Tier II teams, players must have been rostered on a Tier I, Tier II, A or B team with the Member Association during the prior year and must have participated in the minimum number of games required to be eligible for CAHA state playoffs except where injury or illness prevented such participation (proof of illness or injury is required).
3. Players designated as meeting the PDR requirement on the initial roster, August 15, must be actively participating on the subject team as of October 31 of the current playing season unless injury or illness prevents such participation, in which case medical documentation of the illness or injury must be provided. Failure to provide documentation shall result in loss of team's playoff eligibility. Only two (2) goalkeepers can be counted towards a team's PDR requirement.
4. Any team that falls below its Player Development Requirement will have until December 31 to replace their Player Development Requirement to maintain their postseason eligibility. Any player designated as meeting the PDR requirement must be actively participating on the subject team as of December 31 of the current playing season unless injury or illness prevents such participation, in which case medical documentation of the illness or injury must be provided. Failure to provide documentation shall result in loss of team's playoff eligibility.
5. Players who are new to travel ice hockey, may be counted as PDR, except for Tier I teams. These players cannot have previously played for any other travel ice hockey club in California.

6.27 Recruitment

6.27-1 No Youth or Girls Tier I, Tier 2, High School, or A/BB/B teams may recruit or solicit players or offer roster spots to players for the following season or hold development camps, tryouts, player selections or any activity that could be construed as a tryout/solicitation or recruitment for the following season, until 48 hours after the last game of the Youth National Championships (both Tier I and Tier II Nationals must be completed) (i.e., if National Tournament ends at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, tryouts can begin after 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday). No recruiting permitted in season.

6.27-2 CAHA prohibits in-season recruitment of participants who are already a member of another USA Hockey team. CAHA defines membership as such time a player signs a financial contract or LOI for a specific team.

6.27-3 Recruitment is defined as the open solicitation and/or direct contact by coaches, team officials, association officials, parents or players, by mail, email, and/or telephone, of players currently registered with another association.

6.27-4 CAHA prohibits anyone from offering or providing financial incentives to any player or any player's family as an inducement to join any team that is not offered to all players of player's families.

6.27-5 Permitted activities include the following:

1. Contacting players who played on teams within your own club in the prior playing season.
2. Transmitting material to persons who have requested them within the past six (6) months or who had participated in a program in the most recent summer. Such transmissions may not include personalized notes or messages.
3. Mass marketing for spring teams, specialty teams, clinics, summer teams, and summer skates is allowed. Such transmissions may not include personalized notes or messages.

6.27-6 Any violations of the recruitment rules will result in supplementary discipline which may include suspensions, sanctions and/or fines.

6.27-7 When a Coach moves from one program to another the receiving Club can only roster 3 players from the Coach's previous Club/season team.

6.28 Dual Rostering

Except as otherwise set forth in these rules, no Youth player may be rostered on more than one Youth team within the state of California that is state and/or national championship eligible. This rule specifically prohibits the rostering of a player on a USA Hockey registered team or any college team (except college club teams) and any other A, BB, B or Tier team in the state (for Girls Dual Rostering clarifications see Rule 11.9).

6.29 Refusal to Play Game Forfeiture

If a team refuses to participate in or complete any of its CAHA league games, where "CAHA league game" is defined as CAHA mandated or approved scheduled game, the offending team shall forfeit the game and pay $1,000 forfeiture fee, plus any incurred costs for game ice, officials and/or scorekeeping. The game is recorded as 1-0 victory for the non-offending team. A forfeit may result in playoff ineligibility.

6.30 Games That Count Towards USA Hockey Playing Requirement for National Bound Teams

Which of My Games Count?		My National Bound Team														
		Youth 18U AAA	Youth 18U AA	Youth 16U AAA	Youth 16U AA	Youth 15O AAA	Youth 14U AAA	Youth 14U AA	Youth 13O AAA	HS Varsity	Girls 19AAA	Girls 19AA	Girls 16AAA	Girls 16AA	Girls 14AAA	Girls 14AA
Opponent	Youth 18U AAA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A
	Youth 18U AA	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A
	Youth 18U A/B	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A
	Youth 16U AAA	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Youth 16U AA	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Youth 16U A/B	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Youth 15O AAA	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Youth 14U AAA	N/A	N/A	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Youth 14U AA	N/A	N/A	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Youth 14U A/B	N/A	N/A	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Canada/Foreign	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	HS Varsity	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
	HS Jr. Varsity	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
	Youth 13O AAA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	No	No	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	No	No	No
	Youth 12U AAA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	No	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes
	Youth 12U AA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	No	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes
	Youth 12U A/B	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	No	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	Yes
	Girls 19U AAA	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	N/A	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A
	Girls 19U AA	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	N/A	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A
	Girls 16U AAA	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Girls 16U AA	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Girls 14U AAA	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
	Girls 14U AA	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes

N/A = games are not allowed

6.30-1 Find your team on the top, and then look to the left opponent column for the row of the team you are playing.

6.30-2 Per CAHA Section 8.3, Eligibility for Tier I for AAA and Section 9.3, Eligibility for Tier II for AA, a minimum twelve (12) games per player and eighteen (18) games per team, and per CAHA Section 11.13 for Girls, a minimum of twelve (12) games per player and eighteen (18) games per team and per CAHA Section 12.15-2 for High School, a minimum five (5) games per player and ten (10) games per team, must "count" to be eligible for State and/or District and/or National Playoffs. The deadline for all teams/players to achieve the foregoing shall be not less than fourteen (14) days prior to a team's respective CAHA State Championship event.

Section 7 CAHA Competitive Leagues

7.1 CAHA Leagues

A "League" is a group of teams participating in a regular scheduled game environment meeting the minimum requirements to be eligible for CAHA State Playoffs as set forth herein. Recognized CAHA Leagues are as follows:

- Southern California Amateur Hockey Association (SCAHA)
- Northern California Youth Hockey Association (NORCAL)
- Anaheim Ducks High School Hockey League (ADHSHL)
- LA Kings High School Hockey League (LAKHSHL)
- Sharks High School Hockey League (SHSHL)
- CAHA Youth Tier I/Tier II
- CAHA Girls Tier I/Tier II

7.2 New Leagues

New Leagues may be recognized and approved by CAHA based on the following conditions:

1. New league applications and all corresponding documentation required by CAHA Bylaws must be submitted to the CAHA Youth Council by November 1 of the calendar year before the start of the first season planned by the prospective league.
2. New leagues must meet all qualifications outlined in the CAHA Bylaws.
3. League application will be voted upon by the CAHA Board of Directors following certification by the Youth Council that the application is complete and all requirements have been met.
4. Upon approval by the Board of Directors, the new League may participate in CAHA State Youth Championships subject to meeting all the requirements outlined herewith.

7.3 Maintaining Recognized League Status

Maintaining Recognized League Status is conditional upon a league participating in at least one age division annually and meeting the following conditions

1. Participate in at least one age division and maintain eligibility for a State Championship between September 1 and April 30 of each playing season.
2. Be in good standing with CAHA and USA Hockey.

Recognized League Status may continue from year to year if, after qualifying to participate in the State Playoffs for at least one season, the league doesn't register teams within a division by meeting the following conditions:

1. Roster and register four (4) teams in a higher or lower recognized division within CAHA between September 1 through April 30 of each playing season;
2. Comply with all other CAHA Rules and Bylaws;
3. Seek CAHA Youth Council approval for waiver of A division status by October 31 of each playing season that the League does not participate in the A division.

Failure to comply with all of these items will require the said League to reapply for league recognition by CAHA. Termination of Recognized League Status will occur if a League cannot comply with this section. Terminated Leagues must reapply to the CAHA Youth Council.

Section 8 Youth Tier I (AAA) Classification

8.1 CAHA Mission Statement for Tier I

A high-level program whereby a Member Association may recruit and solicit as allowed by USA Hockey for registered players to compete at the highest level of amateur hockey within a specific age division on a National level.

8.2 Tier I (AAA) Commissioner

A member of the CAHA Youth Council shall be appointed to serve as the Tier I Commissioner. The Tier I Commissioner shall be responsible for assisting coaches and team officials to abide by USA Hockey and CAHA rules. The Tier I Commissioner is also responsible for tracking the progress of teams and monitoring penalties.

8.3 Eligibility for Tier I

8.3-1 CAHA shall establish and implement a Tier I Eligible Program Policy identifying the specific associations that will be eligible to field State and National Tournament Bound eligible Tier I teams. Any future changes/updates to the Tier I Eligible Program Policy shall be adopted by the CAHA Board of Directors no later than March 15 of each year for the upcoming season.

8.3-2 Member Associations fielding Tier I teams shall be limited to just one (1) Tier II team at each National Tournament Bound age divisions (14U, 16U, and 18U).

8.3-3 Member Associations fielding Tier I teams shall maintain a minimum of three (3) teams at the A, BB, or B level in the current and previous season, excluding High School. Only one (1) 8U team with a minimum roster of ten (10) players shall count towards a club's feeder requirement.

8.3-4 Each Tier I team must play all other teams in their league at the same age division, these games determine league standings.

8.3-5 USA Hockey requires that at Tier I team must play a minimum of eighteen (18) games. Each rostered Tier I player must play a minimum of twelve (12) games.

8.4 Rosters

Official 1-T USA Hockey roster links of all Tier I team rosters must be submitted to the CAHA Tier I Commissioner prior to participation and as a condition for participation in state playoffs. Rosters must be submitted to the local USA Hockey Associate Registrar for any nationally bound team prior to participation in any sanctioned game, scrimmage, practice, or other on-ice event. These rosters shall be submitted no later than August 15 of the current playing season.

CAHA limits the rostering of out-of-state players to no more than 25% per Tier I Team. An out-of-state player is defined as an un-emancipated minor whose parents' or guardian's primary residence is outside of the state of California.

8.5 Team Contacts

By July 15 of each season, all teams must submit contact information, including name, address, e-mail address and telephone number of the Head Coach and Team Manager of each team to the CAHA Tier I Commissioner. Failure to submit required information by this deadline may result in disqualification of the team from postseason participation.

8.6 CAHA Administration Fees

A $175 Administration Fee for each team fielded in each age division will be due, as directed by CAHA, on or before October 15 of the current playing season.

8.7 Team Official Responsibilities

The rostered team manager for each Tier I team shall be responsible for providing to the Tier I Commissioner with a complete game schedule and any updates throughout the season. The rostered team manager shall deliver to the Tier I Commissioner a legible copy of all scoresheets and data inputted for games played within and outside CAHA jurisdiction, within forty-eight (48) hours of the game being played. Failure to comply may result in a $50 fine levied for each late scoresheet and may result in suspension of the team, coach, manager, and/or Member Association.

The team credentials book must be prepared in proper order per CAHA Section 15.1, Team Credentials.

USA Hockey and CAHA Forms shall not be altered.

8.8 400% Rule

Unless otherwise approved by Youth Council, each playoff eligible Tier I team must schedule and play four (4) designated games, at least two (2) home and two (2) away, against each other playoff eligible Tier I team in their division registered in the State of California. Scheduling of these games includes the Home team being responsible for providing the required ice slot, officiating crew, and scorekeeper, unless said game is occurring at a neutral site (i.e., T1EHL, Showcase, etc.). CAHA reserves the right to mandate specific weekends of play or schedules between Tier I teams within a specific age division as a condition of participation in state playoffs.

8.8-1 To satisfy this rule, games must be pre-scheduled, submitted to the CAHA Tier I Commissioner, AND the schedule approved at least seven (7) days before the game is played or by October 15 of the current season, whichever is earlier. Only games scheduled and approved in this manner will count toward satisfying this rule and towards playoff eligibility. Teams that do not comply with this deadline shall incur a $500 fine and have their schedule mandated as CAHA Section 8.7, Team Official Responsibilities above.

8.8-2 Only games that satisfy the CAHA game requirements as stated in this rule shall count toward satisfying CAHA Section 8.8, 400% Rule. All Tier I games shall follow the following game play format:

Division	Stop Time Periods	Length
12U/13O/14U	16 minutes	1.75
15O/16U/18U	17 minutes	2.00

1. 15O, 16U and 18U games during the regular season and State Playoffs require an ice cut any time after the first period and before the end of the third period. (If a game that requires an ice-cut has reverted to “running time,” the ice-cut shall be cancelled).
2. All games shall continue to determine a winner. To that extent, all games at all age levels, if tied after three (3) periods of regulation play, teams will then play an additional “sudden death” five (5) minute stop-time overtime period with the team scoring first declared the winner. There will be a one (1) minute intermission between the end of regulation and start of overtime. The overtime period shall be played with each team at a numerical strength of four (4) skaters and one (1) goalkeeper. In the event that the score remains tied at the end of the

overtime period, there shall be a three (3) player shootout. The rules governing the shootout shall be the same as those listed in the USA Hockey Penalty Shot Rules (USA Hockey Rule 406 C). The home team shall have the choice of shooting first or second. Each team will be given three (3) shots, unless the outcome is determined earlier in the shootout. After each team has taken three shots, if the score remains tied, the shootout will proceed to a "sudden death" format. Any player whose penalty has not been completed when the overtime period ended or who receives a penalty during a shootout procedure is not eligible to be one of players selected to participate in any portion of the shootout procedure(s). No player may shoot twice until all the eligible players of the team with the shortest eligible roster has shot at least once, at which time BOTH the teams may select from among the players who have already shot. This procedure would continue until the team with the fewer players has again used all their eligible players.

3. All games will be stop time. If at any time during the game either team has a seven (7) goal advantage, the game clock shall be changed to "running time" for the remainder of the game without regard to in which period the seven (7) goal advantage occurred. Once a "running time" clock is instituted in a game, the clock will only be stopped if the referee instructs the timekeeper to stop the clock. Furthermore, "running time" shall remain in effect for all of the remaining time in the game even if the losing team at the time scores goals to decrease the original seven (7) goal deficit.
4. All Tier I games will use a three (3) man officiating system. Points for each CAHA sanctioned game will be awarded as follows: three (3) points shall be awarded for a regulation win, two (2) points for an overtime or shootout win, one (1) point for an overtime or shoot out loss and zero (0) points for a regulation loss.
5. Any deviation of the above game requirements will be subject to review by CAHA Youth Council, and may prompt the involved teams to replay a non-conforming game, or forfeiture of the game by the Home team.

8.8-3 Once a schedule has been approved, no change may be made to that schedule without the approval of the Tier I Commissioner.

8.8-4 Any team refusing to play in or complete any CAHA mandated game may lose its playoff eligibility pending Youth Council review.

8.8-5 Following the completion of the CAHA Schedule, if two (2) or more teams have an equal number of points, their position in the standings shall be determined by the current USA Hockey tie breaking procedures.

8.9 Playoffs

Coaches cannot be added less than 48 hours before the start of the District tournament, and less than 7 days prior to the start of Nationals.

8.10 Team Movement

Tier I teams under no circumstances are allowed to drop down to Tier II.

8.11 Player Movement

Until December 31, Tier I players may move to another Tier I team provided they are properly released and be post season eligible for CAHA State championships. (Refer to Section 6.21, Player Movement for full Player Movement rules.)

8.11-1 Before October 31 any properly released Tier I player may move down to Tier II or A for any reason and be postseason eligible.

8.11-2 After October 31, only Tier I players that have been CUT can be moved down to Tier II or A and be postseason eligible.

8.11-3 Until December 31, a properly released Tier II, A, BB or B player may be added to a Tier I roster and be post-season eligible for CAHA state championships, providing all minimum game requirements are met.

8.11-4 Once a player is rostered as a Tier I player in the current playing season, the player is ineligible to drop to BB or B.

8.11-5 After December 1, no players may be cut from a Tier I roster.

8.11-6 Any player that is removed from a roster shall not be allowed to be placed back on the roster of the team more than twice from which he or she was removed.

8.12 Game Misconducts

Any player or coach upon receiving a Third Game misconduct in the current playing season will be referred to the CAHA 1st Vice President for possible supplemental discipline. Any team or player displaying a pattern of excessive penalty minutes may be referred to the CAHA 1st Vice President for possible supplemental discipline.

8.12-1 Players' or Coaches' game misconducts in a final game of their season must be served in the first game of the following season.

8.12-2 Any game misconduct issued in a CAHA sanctioned league game (CAHA, SCAHA, NORCAL, ADHSHL, LAKHSHL, SHSHL) is to be served in a CAHA recognized league game or in a pre-scheduled tournament or event game.

8.13 Teams Folding

In the event a team folds at any time during the season, all CAHA games played by that team will be erased from the league standings.

8.14 Game Forfeits

If a team refuses to participate in or complete any of its CAHA league games where "CAHA league games" is defined as CAHA 400% scheduled games the offending team shall the game and pay a $1,000 forfeiture fee, plus any incurred costs for game ice, officials and/or scorekeeping. The game is recorded as 1-0 victory for the non-offending team. A forfeit may result in playoff ineligibility.

Section 9 Youth Tier II (AA) Classification

9.1 CAHA Mission Statement for Tier II

The development of players within local Member Associations who have the desire and ability for a more competitive experience where winning and sportsmanship is stressed and travel for competition is reasonable. Team objectives include local, league, state, and national championships.

9.2 Tier II (AA) Commissioner

A member of the CAHA Youth Council shall be appointed to serve as the Tier II Commissioner. The Tier II Commissioner shall be responsible for assisting coaches and team officials abide by USA Hockey and CAHA rules. The Tier II Commissioner is also responsible for tracking the progress of teams and monitoring penalties.

9.3 Eligibility for Tier II

CAHA shall establish the terms that an association must achieve to field state championship eligible Tier II teams.

9.3-1 Member Associations fielding Tier II teams shall maintain a minimum of three (3) teams at the A, BB or B level in the current and previous season, excluding High School teams. Only one (1) 8U team with a minimum roster of 10 players shall count towards a club's feeder requirement.

9.3-2 Each Tier II team must play all other CAHA Tier II teams in their league at the same age division, as scheduled by CAHA. These games determine league standings.

9.3-3 Clubs may only field two (2) Tier II youth teams at each age division and must follow existing standards and rules regarding feeder programs (see Tier I exception in Section 8.3-3).

9.3-4 Pursuant to the foregoing requirements, any team wishing to participate in Tier II must submit a declaration to that effect to the CAHA Tier II Commissioner no later than August 15 in order to be included in CAHA Tier II schedule.

9.3-5 USA Hockey requires that a Tier II team must play a minimum of twenty (20) games. Each rostered Tier II player must play a minimum of ten (10) games.

9.4 Rosters

Official 1-T USA Hockey roster links of all Tier II team rosters must be submitted to the CAHA Tier II Commissioner prior to participation. Rosters must be submitted to the local USA Hockey Associate Registrar for any nationally bound team prior to participation in any sanctioned game, scrimmage, practice, or other on-ice event. These rosters shall be submitted no later than August 15 of the current playing season.

CAHA limits the rostering of out-of-state players to no more than 25% per Tier II team. An out-of-state player is defined as an un-emancipated minor whose parents' or guardian's primary residence is outside of the state of California.

9.5 Team Contacts

By July 15 of each season, all teams must submit contact information, including name, address, e-mail address and telephone number of the Head Coach and Team Manager of each team to the CAHA Tier II Commissioner. Failure to submit required information by this deadline may result in disqualification of the team from postseason participation.

9.6 CAHA Administration Fees

A $175 Administration Fee for each team fielded in each age division will be due, as directed by CAHA, on or before October 15 of the current playing season.

9.7 Team Official Responsibilities

The team official for each Tier II team shall be responsible for providing to the Tier II Commissioner with a complete game schedule and any updates throughout the season. The team official shall deliver to the Tier II Commissioner a legible copy of all scoresheets and data inputted for games played within and outside CAHA jurisdiction, within forty-eight (48) hours of the game being played. Failure to comply may result in a $50 fine levied for each late scoresheet and may result in suspension of the team, coach, manager, and/or Member Association.

The team credentials book must be prepared in proper order per CAHA Section 15.1, Team Credentials.

USA Hockey and CAHA Forms shall not be altered.

9.8 Team Movement

Any Tier II team that desires to drop back to the A classification must obtain approval of the Youth Council by September 15. Nothing in this rule shall require a league to allow a Tier II team that drops the ability to participate in the league playing schedule.

9.9 Player Movement

(Refer to Section 6.21, Player Movement for full player movement rules.)

9.9-1 Until October 31, any properly released Tier I player may be added to a Tier II roster and be post-season eligible for CAHA state championships.

9.9-2 Until October 31, any properly released Tier II player may drop to A, BB or B levels and be post-season eligible for CAHA state championships.

9.9-3 After October 31, any properly released Tier II player may drop to A, BB or B levels but will not be post-season eligible for CAHA state championships.

9.9-4 After October 31, only Tier I players that have been CUT can be moved down to Tier II or A and be postseason eligible.

9.9-5 After October 31 and until December 31 a properly released player may be moved to a Tier II roster under the following circumstances and be post season eligible for CAHA state championships:

1. The player's current Tier I or Tier II team disbands;
2. The player is cut from a Tier I team or Tier II team;
3. The player is a registered USA Hockey player currently playing at the A, BB or B level.
4. Any player that is removed from a roster shall not be allowed to be placed back on the roster of the team more than once from which he or she was removed regardless of when the player is removed. However, prior to December 1, Tier II players may participate on a Tier I team for a maximum of two (2) movements.

9.9-6 Any Tier I player added to a Tier II team that participates in a CAHA mandated weekend will be deemed a permanent addition to that Tier II team.

9.10 CAHA Scheduled Weekends

CAHA will dictate mandatory playing weekends for all National Tournament Bound playoff eligible Tier II teams (14U/16U/18U) in each division to determine league standings. Subject to ice availability, CAHA will schedule a complete round of play between NORCAL and SCAHA Tier II teams in each division. Each League (NORCAL/SCAHA) shall be responsible to schedule a complete round of play between all Tier II teams within their respective Leagues in each age division. In divisions that have five (5) teams or less, CAHA may schedule two (2) rounds of play to ensure an accurate sampling of games. CAHA may schedule multiple rounds of games within the CAHA weekends to assure each team gets 12 to 18 games. 12U Tier II games will be scheduled by and within their respective leagues (NORCAL/SCAHA).

9.10-1 Tier II Season structure is as follows:

1. Within 72 hours after the August 15 Tier II declaration deadline, each League (NORCAL/SCAHA) shall create a schedule whereby League Tier II games will commence no later than the first weekend in September.
2. Each League (NORCAL/SCAHA) shall implement a process whereby no later than October 31st teams determined to be non-competitive at the Tier II level are relegated out of Tier II.
3. At the conclusion of CAHA Tier II weekends, final standings will be calculated and the top six (6) teams in each age division shall advance to CAHA Tier II State Championships.

9.10-2 Any team refusing to play or complete any CAHA mandated game shall lose its post season eligibility. Any team refusing to play a regular season game shall forfeit the game and pay a $1,000 forfeiture fee, plus any incurred costs for game ice, officials and/or scorekeeping. A forfeit may result in playoff ineligibility.

9.10-3 The CAHA Weekend format for Tier II is intended to give those teams in each division who have demonstrated the best performance during the CAHA Weekends the opportunity to play in a CAHA Championship.

9.10-4 Following the completion of the CAHA Scheduled Weekends, if two (2) or more teams have an equal number of points, their position in the standings shall be determined by the current USA Hockey tie breaking procedures.

9.10-5 All games will be 16-minute periods with stop time. If at any time during the game either team has a seven (7) goal advantage, the game clock shall be changed to “running time” for the remainder of the game without regard to which period in with the seven (7) goal advantage occurred. Once a “running time” clock is instituted in a game, the clock will only be stopped if the referee instructs the timekeeper to stop the clock. Furthermore, “running time” shall remain in effect for all of the remaining time in the game even if the losing team at the time scores goals to decrease the original seven (7) goal deficit.

In the event a penalty is called during “running time,” the start of the penalty will be the time of the ensuing face-off. If the penalty time expires during a stoppage of play, the penalized players may not return to the ice nor may the penalized team place an additional player on the ice until play has resumed.

Each team shall be allowed one (1) sixty (60) second time out during each game of the weekend. The time out may be used during regulation time or overtime, but only one (1) timeout per game is permitted.

Pairings of teams, including designation of home and visiting teams, shall be done by the CAHA Youth Council.

There shall be a minimum of four (4) hours scheduled between games played on the same day, and twelve (12) hours scheduled on games played on consecutive days. Time is counted from the end of one game to the start (puck drop) of the next.

Games will end after regulation time.

9.11 Game Misconducts

Any player or coach upon receiving a third Game misconduct will be referred to the CAHA 1st Vice President for possible supplemental discipline. Any team or player displaying a pattern of excessive penalty minutes may be referred to the CAHA 1st Vice President for possible supplemental discipline.

9.11-1 Players' or Coaches' game misconducts in a final game of their season must be served in the first game of the following season.

9.11-2 Any game misconduct issued in a CAHA sanctioned league game (CAHA, SCAHA, NORCAL, ADHSHL, LAKHSHL, SHSHL) is to be served in a CAHA recognized league game or in a pre-scheduled tournament or event game.

9.12 Teams Folding

In the event a team folds at any time during the season, all CAHA games played by that team will be erased from the league standings.

9.13 Game Forfeits

If a team refuses to participate in or complete any of its CAHA league games where "CAHA league games" is defined as CAHA Weekend scheduled games, the offending team shall forfeit the game and pay a $1,000 forfeiture fee, plus any incurred costs for game ice, officials and/or scorekeeping. The game is recorded as 1-0 victory for the non-offending team. A forfeit may result in playoff ineligibility.

Section 10 Youth A/BB/B Classification

10.1 CAHA Mission Statement for Youth A/BB/B Division

This level supports competition between teams registered with USA Hockey and CAHA with emphasis on player development, fun, and competitive spirit. Programs for teams at this level are intended to be moderately priced, limit travel to drivable distances, and to operate within a league encouraging stability and balanced competition.

CAHA limits the rostering of out-of-state players to no more than 25% per A/BB/B team. An out-of-state player is defined as an un-emancipated minor whose parents' or guardian's primary residence is outside of the state of California.

10.2 Youth A/BB/B Rules

10.2-1 Only member teams participating in a CAHA recognized league shall participate in the Youth A/BB/B/12UAA Division for purposes of playing for a berth in the CAHA State A/BB/B/12UAA Championships. A minimum of four (4) Member Teams are required in any division participating towards CAHA State Playoffs.

10.2-2 For clubs to field A, BB or B teams they must have or be affiliated with an 8U feeder program.

10.2-3 Out-of-state play for 8U players is limited to Arizona, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, and Utah only.

10.2-4 To participate in the CAHA State A/BB/B Championships, each member team must meet the following minimum requirements:

1. A team must play an overall minimum number of fourteen (14) games, including league play.
2. Any player rostered must satisfy its respective leagues minimum regular season requirement in order for that player to qualify for CAHA State Championships.
3. A player must play a minimum number of seven (7) games, prior to local league playoffs, to qualify for local league and CAHA State Championships.
4. All 'A' Division member teams except at the 8U and 10U levels must satisfy the Player Development Requirement. Refer to PDR table in Section 6.25, Youth Player Development Requirement (PDR).
5. Recognized leagues with teams participating in the CAHA State Youth A/BB/B/12UAA Tournament shall inform CAHA of the teams participating and shall be responsible for the teams' tournament fees.

10.3 Player Movement

After December 1, players may not be cut. Until December 31, a properly released A player may be added to another A roster and be postseason eligible for CAHA state championships provided the minimum game requirements set forth in Section 10.2-4 are met.

10.3-1 Until December 31, a properly released B/BB player may be added to an A roster and be postseason eligible for CAHA state championships provided the requirements of Section 10.2-4 are met.

10.3-2 After October 31, any properly released player registered and rostered on a Tier I, Tier II team may drop to A but will not be postseason eligible.

10.3-3 After October 31 and until December 31, a properly released Tier I/II player may be added to an A roster under the following circumstances and will be postseason eligible for CAHA state championships provided the requirements of Section 10.2-4 are met:

1. The player's current Tier I or Tier II team disbands or
2. The player is cut from a Tier I or Tier II.

10.4 Game Misconducts

Any player or coach upon receiving a third game misconduct will be referred to the CAHA 1st Vice President for possible supplemental discipline. Any team or player displaying a pattern of excessive penalty minutes may be referred to the CAHA 1st Vice President for possible supplemental discipline.

10.4-1 Players' or Coaches' game misconducts in a final game of their season must be served in the first game of the following season.

10.4-2 Any game misconduct issued in a CAHA sanctioned league game (CAHA, SCAHA, NORCAL, ADHSHL, LAKHSHL, SHSHL) is to be served in a CAHA recognized league game or in a pre-scheduled tournament or event game.

Section 11 CAHA Girls Teams

The Girls Committee is responsible for recommending rules that define and regulate Girls hockey teams in the State of California. Unless noted otherwise, the provisions of this section shall be the Rules that govern Girls ice hockey teams in California.

11.1 Girls Commissioner

A member of the CAHA Youth Council shall be appointed to serve as the Girls Commissioner. The Girls Commissioner shall be responsible for assisting coaches and team officials to abide by USA Hockey and CAHA rules. The Girls Commissioner is also responsible for tracking the progress of teams and monitoring penalties.

11.2 Registration

All Girls Players and Teams shall conform to the provisions of Part 1: CAHA Registration Procedures of the California Affiliate Guidebook. In particular, attention is directed to Section 1.5, Championship Eligibility, which requires all teams to belong to a Member Association to participate in any State, District or National Championships.

11.3 Eligibility for Girls Tier I

11.3-1 CAHA shall establish the terms that an association must achieve to field state championship eligible Tier I teams.

11.3-2 Written request/application for Girls Tier I participation are to be submitted to the CAHA Competition Committee by email at president@caha.com no later than March 15 of the preceding season. The CAHA Competition Committee will review and submit notice of acceptance/denial no later than March 30 of the preceding season.

11.3-3 None of the foregoing shall allow a greater number of Girls Tier I teams in any age division than California is allowed per USA Hockey based upon California's total number of registered players at each respective age division.

11.4 CAHA Administration Fees

A $175 Administration Fee for each team fielded in each Tier I and Tier II division will be due, as directed by CAHA, on or before October 15 of the current playing season.

11.5 Financial Responsibility

The Leagues shall supply a master list of all league players with outstanding financial obligations and/or equipment obligations to the local registrars prior to May 1. Players whose names appear on this list will not be permitted to participate with any Club until their obligations are satisfied. A player with an outstanding obligation who is permitted to tryout with any club may not hereafter play for that club during the relevant season.

11.6 Team Roster Registration

All individual players, coaches and managers must be listed on the Official Team Registration/Roster (USA Form 1-T). Additions and deletions shall be submitted on your official USA Hockey roster via the USA Hockey Portal. All Girls teams are classified at the age division of the oldest player on the team.

Official 1-T USA Hockey roster links of all Girls' team rosters must be submitted to the CAHA Girls' Commissioner prior to participation. Rosters must be submitted to the local USA Hockey Associate Registrar

for any nationally bound team prior to participation in any sanctioned game, scrimmage, practice, or other on-ice event. These rosters shall be submitted no later than August 15 of the current playing season.

CAHA limits the rostering of out-of-state players to no more than 25% per team. An out-of-state player is defined as an un-emancipated minor whose parents' or guardian's primary residence is outside of the state of California.

11.6-1 Rosters

1. Rosters are required for all Girls and Women's teams participating towards a League, State or National Championship. The certification of rosters is necessary for playoff eligibility.
2. Players may not be added to or dropped from a team roster after the specified dates (see Section 6.21, Player Movement). A coach or manager can be added or dropped at any time. Additions and deletions shall be submitted on your official USA Hockey roster via the USA Hockey Associate Registrar and Commissioner.

11.6-2 Minimum Girls Tier I and Tier II Rosters

1. All registered Girls Tier I and Tier II teams at the 14U, 16U, and 19U levels must have a minimum roster of fifteen (15) skaters including goalies that also meets applicable PDR requirements, by August 15 of each season to retain eligibility for California, Pacific District and USA Hockey playoffs. If a team rosters more than two (2) goalies, the additional goalies shall not be counted for purposes of this rule only
2. If a team falls below its minimum player roster requirement after the applicable deadline, the team will lose its eligibility for California, Pacific District and USA Hockey playoffs. Teams shall have until December 31 to regain minimum numbers. Failure to do so may result in removal from schedule.
3. Any team or club that rosters a player(s) for a minimum roster or player development (PDR) purposes, such that it is determined the player(s) did not participate in ANY games for the team, may be deemed playoff ineligible pending a review by CAHA Youth Council.
4. Copy to CAHA Girls Commissioner.

11.7 Team Contacts

By July 15 of each season, all teams must submit contact information, including name, address, e-mail address, and telephone number of the Head Coach and Team Manager of each team to the Chair of the Girls committee. Failure to submit required information by this deadline may result in disqualification of the team from postseason participation.

11.8 Rostering and Registration: Girls Teams

National Bound Girls players can only register on one USA Hockey Girls National Bound team.

11.8-1 A player may play in an older age classification without the consent of the CAHA Youth Council based on the following stipulations:

1. No player 12 years of age or younger (as defined in the age classification chart for the current season) is eligible to play on a team intending or declared to compete in the District or National Championships or playoffs leading thereto. A player 13 years of age or older may play on a youth or girls' team in an older classification at a District or National Championship

Tournament only if the applicable Affiliate's rules or decisions, and the applicable local program's rules or decisions permit that player to do so.

2. A player residing in one Affiliate may not play on a team in an older classification in a different Affiliate unless both the Affiliate where the player resides and the Affiliate where the player desires to play have granted permission to play in an older classification. In the event a youth or girls' player has been denied the permission to play in an older classification in the Youth or Girls District or National Championships on a team in an Affiliate other than the Affiliate where the player resides, the player may appeal such denial to the National Championship Appeals Committee.
3. One-year Player ups will be allowed at the club's discretion to provide an opportunity to develop more girls' teams in the state. Two-year player ups must be approved by CAHA provided the CAHA player up form is completed satisfactorily, submitted to the Girls Chair for review and approval by the CAHA Youth Council. Two-year player ups must abide by local league rules and only applies to girls' teams. Additional documentation may be required, except for what is stipulated in Section 1 above.

11.8-2 8U and under teams may only include players who are 8 and under, regardless of skill level.

11.9 Dual Rostering for Girls Players

Dual rostering is allowed by CAHA for all girls players eligible to play men's adult/senior, college, and youth divisions. A female player may only play on one (1) Girls team, whether said team is participating in League play as an Exhibition team, or competing for a League and/or State and/or District and/or National Championship. Girls may not be rostered on a National bound youth Tier I or Tier II team while rostered on a Girls National bound team, at any time. ***Under no circumstances can a Club mandate that a Girls player must dual-roster on a Youth/Girls teams within their own Association.***

11.10 Girls Divisions

- National Bound Girls Tier I (AAA): 14U, 16U, and 19U
- National Bound Girls Tier II (AA): 14U, 16U, and 19U
- Girls Rec. or House teams: 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U and 19U

11.11 Playoffs

If playoffs are required to determine which teams may participate in the district playoffs, all teams will be notified immediately upon advisement of such requirement by the Pacific District. The CAHA Tournament committee shall meet and determine the rules and procedures for such playoffs, and the Girls Chair will notify all competing teams in writing by December 31.

11.12 Games That Count for Girls Tier I (AAA) and Tier II (AA)

(Refer to CAHA Games That Count Chart, Section 6.30.)

11.12-1 Games That Count in the 10/14 Rule

Definition of "Same Competitive Level"

1. Games: Girls vs. Girls Teams
   - Girls teams playing girls teams of the same age will count for player and team counts.
   - Girls teams of different age groups playing one another will count for the lower age team.

2. Games: Girls vs. Youth Teams: The "same competitive level" should be based on the skill level of the competition, and need not be age appropriate. This has to be approved by the committee composed of the District Registrar, the District Girls Section Rep, and the USA Hockey Girls Section Director. Team should send an email requesting such approval to the District Girls Section Rep and the CAHA Girls Chair.
3. For all games, the names on the scoresheet roster labels must match the teams' official USA Hockey roster. No use of nicknames is allowed.

11.12-2 Participation in Youth Leagues Level of Play

Girls' teams participating in Youth Leagues must comply with that local league's rules.

For all games, the names on the scoresheet roster labels must match the team's official USA Hockey roster. No use of nicknames is allowed. Players' surnames on jerseys must match player names on the official 1-T USA Hockey rosters.

11.13 Number of Games Eligibility

Each team must have competed as a team unit for at least eighteen (18) games, and each player must have played at least twelve (12) games during the season.

11.13-1 Tier I Girls 14U, 16U and 19U National Bound teams must comply with the "300% playing rule", in the event there are five (5) or more teams in an age division then said teams must comply with the "200% playing rule".

1. Unless otherwise approved by Youth Council, Tier I Girls 14U, 16U and 19U National bound teams must schedule and play three (3) designated games, at least one (1) home and one (1) away, against each other National bound team in their division registered in the State of California. CAHA reserves the right to mandate specific weekends of play or schedules between these teams within a specific age division as a condition of participation in playoffs.
2. To satisfy this rule, games must be pre-scheduled, submitted to the CAHA Girls Commissioner, AND the schedule approved at least seven (7) days before the game is played or by October 15 of the current season, whichever is earlier. Only games scheduled and approved in this manner will count toward satisfying this rule and towards playoff eligibility. Teams that do not comply with this deadline shall incur a $500 fine and have their schedule mandated.
3. Only games that satisfy the CAHA game requirements as stated in this rule shall count toward satisfying this requirement.

11.13-2 Tier II Girls 14U, 16U and 19U National Bound teams must comply with the "300% playing rule", in the event there are five (5) or more teams in an age division then said teams must comply with the "200% playing rule".

1. Unless otherwise approved by Youth Council, Tier II Girls 14U, 16U and 19U National bound teams must schedule and play three (3) designated games, at least one (1) home and one (1) away, against each other National bound team in their division registered in the State of California. CAHA reserves the right to mandate specific weekends of play or schedules between these teams within a specific age division as a condition of participation in playoffs.
2. To satisfy this rule, games must be pre-scheduled, submitted to the CAHA Girls Commissioner, AND the schedule approved at least seven (7) days before the game is played or by October 15 of the current season, whichever is earlier. Only games scheduled and approved in this manner will count toward satisfying this rule and towards playoff eligibility. Teams that do not comply with this deadline shall incur a $500 fine and have their schedule mandated.

3. Only games that satisfy the CAHA game requirements as stated in this rule shall count toward satisfying this requirement.

11.13-3 All Tier games shall follow the following game play format.

Division	Stop Time Periods	Length
14U/16U/19U	16 minutes	1.5

1. All games will be stop time. If at any time during the game either team has a seven (7) goal advantage, the game clock shall be changed to "running time" for the remainder of the game without regard to in which period the seven (7) goal advantage occurred. Once a "running time" clock is instituted in a game, the clock will only be stopped if the referee instructs the timekeeper to stop the clock. Furthermore, "running time" shall remain in effect for all of the remaining time in the game even if the losing team at the time scores goals to decrease the original seven (7) goal deficit. Any deviation of the above game requirements will be subject to review by CAHA Youth Council.
2. 16U and 19U games during the State Playoffs require an ice cut any time after the first period and before the end of the third period. (If a game that requires an ice-cut has reverted to "running time," the ice-cut shall be cancelled).

11.13-4 After a schedule has been approved, no change may be made to that schedule without the approval of the Girls Commissioner.

11.13-5 Any team refusing to play in or complete any CAHA mandated game may lose its playoff eligibility pending Youth Council review.

11.14 Team Credentials Book

The team credentials book must be prepared in proper order per CAHA Section 15.1, Team Credentials.



USA Hockey and CAHA Forms shall not be altered.

11.15 Team Declarations

For purposes of CAHA, district and USA Hockey Championships, once a Girls team declares Tier I (AAA), the team cannot drop to Tier II (AA) after October 1 of the current playing season. For purposes of CAHA, District and USA Hockey Championships.

Any Girls Teams holding Tier I or Tier II tryouts that subsequently drops prior to the October 1 declaration must send written notification to all players' families and copy the Girls Chair of their following options:

1. All players become free agents and are eligible to sign with any Member Association's team and are released from all financial obligation
2. All players can remain with the original Member Association and re-sign on dropped team.
3. All players remaining with the Member Association must submit a new Letter of Intent and/or financial agreements in order to play on the dropped team.

Any Member Association that does not comply with this policy may result in the disqualification of the team from post season participation.

11.16 Teams Folding

In the event a team folds at any time during the season, all CAHA games played by that team will be erased from the league standings.

11.17 Game Forfeits

If a team refuses to participate in or complete any of its CAHA league games where "CAHA league games" is defined as CAHA 200%/300% Tier I Girls' and Tier II Girls' scheduled games, the offending team shall forfeit the game and pay a $1,000 forfeiture fee, plus any incurred costs for game ice, officials and/or scorekeeping. The game is recorded as 1-0 victory for the non-offending team. A forfeit may result in playoff ineligibility.

Section 12 CAHA High School Teams

High School teams competing for a CAHA and a USA Hockey Championship must comply with all USA Hockey and CAHA regulations regarding high school rosters and high school player eligibility. Any additional requirements in USA Hockey regulations are included by reference and must also be followed.

12.1 High School Commissioner

A member of the CAHA Youth Council shall be appointed to serve as the High School Commissioner. The High School Commissioner shall be responsible for assisting coaches and team officials abide by USA Hockey and CAHA rules. The High School Commissioner is also responsible for tracking the progress of teams and monitoring penalties.

12.2 High School Divisions

The High School CAHA Championship will be divided into two divisions, with Division 1 and Division 2 separated and each division competing for their own state and/or National Championship. Following are the definitions to be used for each division.

1. **High School Division 1:** Comprises Pure High School Varsity teams that participate in CAHA sanctioned High School Leagues. A Pure High School Varsity team is defined as a formal high school team consisting of full-time students attending the same school.
2. **High School Division 2:** Comprises Combined High School Varsity teams that participate in CAHA sanctioned High School Leagues. A Combined High School Varsity team is defined as a formal high school team consisting of full-time students attending more than one school. The combination of players to form a Division 2 team shall be subject to the respective High School League Districting Guidelines and/or District Map, in the absence of which, will require approval from CAHA.
3. **Girls High School Varsity:** Comprises Pure or Combined High School Varsity teams that participate in a CAHA sanctioned League. A Girls High School Varsity team is defined as a formal high school team consisting of full-time students attending either the same school or attending more than one school within their geographic district. The combination of players to form a Division 2 Varsity team shall be subject to the respective High School League Districting Guidelines and/or District Map, in the absence of which will require approval from CAHA.
4. **Junior Varsity (JV)**: Comprises Pure or Combined High School Junior Varsity teams that participate in a CAHA sanctioned League. A High School Junior Varsity team is defined as a formal high school team consisting of full-time students attending either the same school or attending more than one school within their geographic district. The combination of players to form a Junior Varsity team shall be subject to the respective High School League Districting Guidelines and/or District Map, in the absence of which, will require approval from CAHA.
5. **Deadline for any waivers to High School Rules** set forth herein is October 31. Players desiring to participate on a team that is not within their established CAHA HS League Districting Guidelines and/or District Map MUST submit a waiver request via the CAHA HS Out-of-District Waiver Request Google Form two weeks after the High School team's posted evaluation and/or placement dates. Waivers submitted after the deadline date of October 31st will not be considered. Waivers must be submitted and approved PRIOR to rostering a player. Contact CAHA HS Commissioner for Google Docs link for waiver submission.

12.3 High School Classifications

Each division is subdivided into two classifications:

1. **Classification A:** High School Varsity teams (Girls Varsity, Pure, and Combined) vying for a National Championship.
2. **Classification B:** High School Varsity teams (Girls Varsity, Pure, and Combined) vying for a State Championship only.

12.4 High School Team Contact/Declaration/Intent

All High School Varsity teams vying for a ***State and/or*** National Championship must submit their preliminary declarations to the CAHA High School Commissioner no later than July 25 of the current playing season. The preliminary declaration must include the following information:

1. Team name
2. CAHA High School Division and classification; Girls Varsity, Division 1A/1B (Pure HS teams) or Division 2A/2B (Combined HS teams)
3. Head Coach and Team Manager name and contact information

12.5 Rules and Regulations for Classification A National Bound Teams

All participants (players, coaches, and managers) must be registered using their legal name with USA Hockey by completion of the online individual member registration process at usahockey.com. In addition to the USA Hockey registration requirement, teams must complete two (2) one hour team Anti-Bullying and Inclusivity training/discussion sessions as designated by CAHA prior to the end of the regular season.

12.5-1 Players

All players new to USA Hockey and/or CAHA for the current season must submit a government issued birth certificate, verification of birth or a copy of a passport identification page to their local association prior to being placed on a roster. Baptismal certificates and hospital certificates are NOT acceptable forms of birth verification.

1. All players submitting foreign birth certificates are required to provide proof of legal residency such as Alien Registration card, current I-94 or Student Visa. Both the government issued birth certificate and proof of legal residency must be submitted at the time of registration. A notarized translation may also be required. A player in the U.S. on a B1/B2 Visa is NOT eligible to register with a youth team. See USA Hockey Written Transfer form for list of acceptable Visa stamps.
2. Non-U.S. citizens must have an approved USA Hockey Written Transfer form on file prior to being rostered.
3. Roster names must match the name on the player's birth certificate.
4. Any athlete seventeen (17) years of age or older on or before December 31 of that playing season, and that play on a team in a classification that allows minor age players, shall complete appropriate SafeSport training prior to the ability to be rostered on that team and prior to any participation.
5. Participation on a High School team is restricted to players who are full-time students (grades 9-12), and twenty (20) years old or under as of December 31 of the playing season. Eligibility is not to exceed eight (8) consecutive semesters starting with a player's freshman year.

12.5-2 Coaches

1. All coaches must use their legal names when they complete the required age specific module, the USA Hockey mandated screening and all required SafeSport certification education and be listed in the USA Hockey database prior to any participation.
2. Coaches must also complete the required coaching certification class by December 31 of the current playing season.
3. Any rostered coach removed from the roster the previous season for CEP (Coaching Education Program) non-compliance will not be eligible to roster for the current season until their specified CEP requirement is current and at the appropriate level.
4. Roster names must match the coach's legal name.

12.5-3 Managers

All managers must use their legal names when they complete the USA Hockey mandated screening and all required SafeSport certification education and be listed in the USA Hockey database prior to any participation.

Roster names must match the manager's legal name.

12.6 Team Roster Registration for Classification A National Bound Teams

All High School rosters (classification A) must be submitted to the local USA Hockey Associate Registrar and the CAHA High School Commissioner for any National Bound High School team prior to participation in any sanctioned game, scrimmage, practice or other on-ice event. These rosters must be submitted no later than September 15 of the current playing season. These rosters shall be submitted on your official USA Hockey roster via the USA Hockey Portal. Additions and deletions shall be submitted on your official USA Hockey roster via the USA Hockey Portal. Copies of these rosters must also be submitted to the appropriate league.

Current CAHA Registrar and Commissioner contact information can be found at the CAHA website landing page with link noting the same.

12.6-1 Players

All names (player, coach, and manager) must be complete names; the use of nicknames or initials is not allowed.

1. Roster names must match the name on the player's birth certificate.
2. Players whose rostered names do not match their birth certificate must provide documentation of a legal name change or the parent/guardian must provide a notarized "also known as" statement with the birth certificate.
3. Players' birth certificates and/or written USA Hockey transfers must be verified prior to rostering.
4. Players surnames on jerseys must match player names on the official 1-T USA Hockey rosters.

12.6-2 Coaches

All coaches allowed on the bench during games shall appear on the team's roster as follows:

1. One coach must be designated as "Head Coach" on the roster. No other person may be designated as Head Coach if the rostered Head Coach is present on the bench.
2. All other coaches shall be marked as Assistant Coach on the roster.
3. Excluding student coaches, rosters will be limited to six (6) coaches.
4. A maximum of four (4) coaches are allowed on the bench for games.

12.6-3 Managers

A manager is required for all rosters.

1. A team's Head Coach may not be designated as the Team Manager.
2. The Team Manager shall be the primary point of contact for all Team correspondence with CAHA.

12.6-4 Teams

All National Bound High School Varsity Teams must participate in their respective CAHA Sanctioned High School league as determined by Geographic and District boundaries. Requests to participate outside of a team's respective league must be submitted to the CAHA High School Commissioner for review and submittal to CAHA Youth Council for waiver determination.

12.7 CAHA Administration Fees

A $175 Administration Fee for each team fielded in this classification for Division 1 and Division 2 will be due, as directed by CAHA, on or before November 15 of the current playing season.

12.8 Team Credentials Book for Classification A National Bound Teams

The team credentials book must be prepared in proper order per CAHA Section 15.1, Team Credentials.



USA Hockey and CAHA Forms shall not be altered.

12.9 CAHA 200% Playing Rule Requirement for Classification A National Bound Teams

Classification A High School teams must schedule and play two (2) designated games, at least one (1) home and one (1) away, against each of the High School teams in their respective CAHA Divisions (Division 1 and Division 2) registered in the State of California. All CAHA League games must be recorded using the official CAHA scoresheet as well as non-CAHA league games, whenever possible.

To satisfy this rule, games must be pre-scheduled, the schedule submitted to the CAHA High School Commissioner, AND the schedule approved before the game is played or by November 15 of the current season, whichever is earlier. Only games scheduled and approved in this manner will count toward satisfying this rule and toward playoff eligibility. Teams that do not comply with this deadline shall incur a $500 fine and have their schedule mandated.

Only games that satisfy the CAHA game requirements as stated in this rule shall count toward satisfying this requirement.

All Classification A Division 1 and 2 High School games shall follow the following game play format:

1. All regular season and State Playoff games require an ice cut any time after the first period and before the end of the third period.
2. Three (3) seventeen (17) minute stop time periods.
3. All games shall continue to determine a winner. To that extent, all games at all age levels, if tied after three (3) periods of regulation play, teams will then play an additional "sudden death" five (5) minute stop-time overtime period with the team scoring first declared the winner. There will be a one (1) minute intermission between the end of regulation and start of overtime. The overtime period shall be played with each team at a numerical strength of four (4) skaters and one (1) goalkeeper. If the score remains tied at the end of the overtime period,

there shall be a three (3) player shootout. The rules governing the shootout shall be the same as those listed in USA Hockey Penalty Shot Rules (USA Hockey Rule 406(c)). The home team shall have the choice of shooting first or second. Each team will be given three (3) shots, unless the outcome is determined earlier in the shootout. After each team has taken three shots, if the score remains tied, the shootout will proceed to a "sudden death" format. Any player whose penalty had not been completed when the overtime period ended or who receives a penalty during a shootout procedure is not eligible to be one of the players selected to participate in any portion of the shootout procedure(s). No player may shoot twice until all the eligible players of the team with the shortest eligible roster have shot at least once, at which time BOTH teams may select from among the players who have already shot. This procedure would continue until the team with the fewer players has again used all their eligible players.

4. All games will be stop time. If at any time during the game either team has a seven (7) goal advantage, the game clock shall be changed to "running time" for the remainder of the game without regard to in which period the seven (7) goal advantage occurred. Once a "running time" clock is instituted in a game, the clock will only be stopped if the referee instructs the timekeeper to stop the clock. Furthermore, "running time" shall remain in effect for all of the remaining time in the game even if the losing team at the time scores goals to decrease the original seven (7) goal deficit.
5. All games will use a minimum three (3) person officiating system. Points for each CAHA sanctioned game will be awarded as follows: three (3) points shall be awarded for a regulation win, two (2) points for an overtime or shootout win, one (1) point for an overtime or shoot out loss, and zero (0) points for a regulation loss.
6. Any deviation of the above game requirements will be subject to review by CAHA Youth Council.

All games must be completed before February 6 of the current season.

Once a schedule has been approved, no change may be made to that schedule without the approval of the CAHA Youth Council.

12.10 Eligibility for High School Classification A National Bound Championships

Teams interested in competing to represent California (classification A) at the USA Hockey National Championship must submit a declaration package to CAHA by October 15. Package to include:

1. A Student Eligibility Verification Letter from the school Athletic Director or Principal confirming intent to comply with all CAHA and USA Hockey regulations governing Girls Varsity, Division 1A and Division 2A High School teams.
2. Current approved USA Hockey Team Roster form 1-T including proof of U.S. residency, eligibility to enroll in school, proof of enrollment in the school, eligibility to play varsity sports at the school, proof of USA Hockey registration for each player, coach, and manager.
3. For each player on the current approved USA Hockey Team Roster form 1-T, the following needs to be submitted:
   a. a PDF copy of the Student Athlete's School ID
   b. a PDF copy of the Student Athlete's Official High School Class Registration for the current season (First Semester Class Registration due by October 15; and Second Semester class registration due January 30).

12.11 Rules and Regulations for Classification B State Bound Teams

All participants (players, coaches and managers) must be registered using their legal name with USA Hockey by completion of the online individual member registration process at usahockey.com. In addition to the USA Hockey registration requirement, teams must complete two (2) one hour team Anti-Bullying and Inclusivity training/discussion sessions as designated by CAHA prior to the end of the regular season.

12.11-1 Players

All players new to USA Hockey and/or CAHA for the current season must submit a government issued birth certificate, verification of birth or a copy of a passport identification page to their local association prior to being placed on a roster. Baptismal certificates and hospital certificates are NOT acceptable forms of birth verification.

1. All players submitting foreign birth certificates are required to provide proof of legal residency such as Alien Registration card, current I-94 or Student Visa. Both the government issued birth certificate and proof of legal residency must be submitted at the time of registration. A notarized translation may also be required. A player in the U.S. on a B1/B2 Visa is NOT eligible to register with a youth team. See USA Hockey Written Transfer form for list of acceptable Visa stamps.
2. Non U.S. citizens must have an approved USA Hockey Written Transfer form on file prior to being rostered.
3. Roster names must match the name on the player's birth certificate.
4. Any athlete seventeen (17) years of age or older on or before December 31 of that playing season, and that play on a team in a classification that allows minor age players, shall complete appropriate SafeSport training prior to the ability to be rostered on that team and prior to any participation.
5. Participation on a High School team is restricted to players who are full-time students (grades 9-12), and twenty (20) years old or under as of December 31 of the playing season. Eligibility is not to exceed eight (8) consecutive semesters starting with a player's freshman year.
6. For each player on the current approved USA Hockey Team Roster form 1-T, the following needs to be submitted:
   a. a PDF copy of the Student Athlete's School ID
   b. a PDF copy of the Student Athlete's Official High School Class Registration for the current season (First Semester Class Registration due by October 15; and Second Semester class registration due January 30).

12.11-2 Coaches

1. All coaches must use their legal names when they complete the required age specific module, the USA Hockey mandated screening and all required SafeSport certification education and be listed in the USA Hockey database prior to any participation.
2. Coaches must also complete the required coaching certification class by December 31 of the current playing season.
3. Any rostered coach removed from the roster the previous season for CEP (Coaching Education Program) non-compliance will not be eligible to roster for the current season until their specified CEP requirement is current and at the appropriate level.
4. Roster names must match the coach's legal name.

12.11-3 Managers

All managers must use their legal names when they complete the USA Hockey mandated screening and all required SafeSport certification education and be listed in the USA Hockey database prior to any participation.

Roster names must match the manager's legal name.

12.11-4 Teams

All State Bound Teams must participate in their respective league as determined by Geographic and District boundaries. Requests to participate outside of a team's respective league must be submitted to the CAHA High School Commissioner for review and submittal to CAHA Youth Council for waiver determination.

12.12 Team Roster Registration for Classification B State Bound Teams

All High School rosters (Classification B) must be submitted to the local USA Hockey Associate Registrar and the respective High School League Commissioner for any State Bound High School team prior to participation in any sanctioned game, scrimmage, practice or other on-ice event. These rosters must be submitted no later than September 15 of the current playing season. These rosters shall be submitted on your official USA Hockey roster via the USA Hockey Portal. Additions and deletions shall be submitted on your official USA Hockey roster via the USA Hockey Portal. Copies of these rosters must also be submitted to the appropriate league.

Current CAHA Registrar and Commissioner contact information can be found at the CAHA website landing page with link noting the same.

12.12-1 Players

All names (player, coach, and manager) must be complete names; the use of nicknames or initials is not allowed.

1. Roster names must match the name on the player's birth certificate.
2. Players whose rostered names do not match their birth certificate must provide documentation of a legal name change or the parent/guardian must provide a notarized "also known as" statement with the birth certificate.
3. Players' birth certificates and/or written USA Hockey transfers must be verified prior to rostering.
4. Players surnames on jerseys must match player names on the official 1-T USA Hockey rosters.

12.12-2 Coaches

All coaches allowed on the bench during games shall appear on the team's roster as follows:

1. One coach must be designated as "Head Coach" on the roster. No other person may be designated as Head Coach if the rostered Head Coach is present on the bench.
2. All other coaches shall be marked as Assistant Coach on the roster.
3. Excluding student coaches, rosters will be limited to six (6) coaches.
4. A maximum of four (4) coaches are allowed on the bench for games.

12.12-3 Managers

A manager is required for all rosters.

1. A team's Head Coach may not be designated as the Team Manager.

2. The Team Manager shall be the primary point of contact for all Team correspondence with CAHA.

12.13 Team Credentials Book for Classification B State Bound Teams

The team credentials book must be prepared in proper order per CAHA Section 15.1, Team Credentials.



USA Hockey and CAHA Forms shall not be altered.

12.14 Eligibility for High School Classification B State Bound Championship

Each CAHA Sanctioned High School League will advance their Division (1B and 2B) champion and runner up to compete in the CAHA Division 1B and Division 2B State Championships.

12.15 General Information for All High School Teams (Classification A & B)

The Youth Council is responsible for the rules that define and regulate the various levels of (boys and girls) youth and high school hockey in the State of California. CAHA Youth Rules are a supplement to the rules and guidelines contained in the district Guidebook and USA Hockey Annual Guide. (For further reference see Section 6, General Information).

12.15-1 Game Misconducts

Any player or coach upon receiving a third game misconduct will be referred to the CAHA 1st Vice President for possible supplemental discipline. Any team or player displaying a pattern of excessive penalty minutes may be referred to the CAHA 1st Vice President for possible supplemental discipline.

Players' or Coaches' game misconducts in a final game of their season must be served in the first game of the following season. Leagues shall report all outstanding suspensions by May 1 of the current playing season.

Any game misconduct issued in a CAHA sanctioned league game (CAHA, SCAHA, NORCAL, ADHSHL, LAKHSHL, SHSHL) is to be served in a CAHA recognized league game or in a pre-scheduled tournament or event game.

12.15-2 Regulations

All coaches and managers must comply with the USA Hockey/CAHA screening and SafeSport program before participating in any game, practice, or tryout.

No player rostered on a team competing for a HS National Championship may be rostered on more than one other team competing for another USA Hockey National Championship.

Players may be rostered on two or more High School Varsity teams (from the same high school ONLY) competing for a HS National or HS State Championship. Players rostered on two or more HS Varsity teams vying for a HS National/State Championship must declare by December 31 the specific team they intend to play post season with.

High School Roster limit thirty (30) – Only twenty (20) players may dress for any one game and be identified on the scoresheet.

Final team and player eligibility must be determined and final rosters must be submitted by February 1. (Refer to USAH Annual Guide.)

Players must be twenty (20) years old or under as of December 31.

Each team must have competed as a team unit in at least ten (10) games with legal USA Hockey recognized opponents (USA Hockey registered or foreign teams approved by USA Hockey). Opposing teams must be age appropriate as defined by the oldest player on the High School team.

Each player must have played in at least five (5) games with the team during the season.

Scoresheets for each game intended to count toward the 10/5 requirement must be received by the CAHA High School Commissioner for Girls Varsity, Classification 1A/2A High School teams within 48 hours of the game and the appropriate High School respective League (ADHSHL, LAKHSHL, SHSHL) Commissioner for Classification 1B/2B High School teams. Scoresheets must be legible and must be signed by the coaches indicating that all players are eligible and by the on-ice officials indicating the scores and penalty records are correct.

Girls Varsity, Classification 1A/2A High School Teams are responsible to upload game stats and scoresheets for ALL games on their team page within 48 hours of the last game of any weekend. The only exception is if the team is the AWAY team for any CAHA league game (200% CAHA Games), in which case the HOME team is responsible for the stats and the scoresheet, including the stats for the AWAY team in those games. If the last game was a Sunday, the stats are due by Tuesday night. If the last game was a Monday, the stats and scoresheets are due Wednesday night. Fines up to $50 per game per violation will be issued to teams that do not adhere to the deadline.

Classification 1B/2B High School Teams are responsible to report all game stats and submit all scoresheets for ALL games to their respective CAHA Sanctioned High School League Commissioner/ statistician within 48 hours of the last game of any weekend. All games are defined as exhibition, tournament, and regular High School league games.

12.15-3 Game Forfeits

If a team refuses to participate in or complete any of its CAHA league games where “CAHA league games” is defined as CAHA 200% scheduled games the offending team shall forfeit the game and pay a $1,000 forfeiture fee, plus any incurred costs for game ice, officials and/or scorekeeping. The game is recorded as 1-0 victory for the non-offending team. A forfeit may result in playoff ineligibility.

12.15-4 Tournament Play

The use of tournament rosters is not allowed for High School Teams of any classification. High School teams are expected to participate in tournament play with their regular season roster.

High School Varsity Classification A & B teams participating in youth tournaments are only permitted to participate in the 18U division.

12.15-5 Emergency Goalies

1. Prior to February 1, CAHA does not recognize emergency goalies on High School rosters. Any goalie must be legally rostered prior to participation.
2. For all National Tournament Bound post season play (States/Districts/Nationals), any emergency goalie request must be submitted to the Pacific District Registrar and Affiliate President for their review and submittal to USA Hockey for actual approval.

12.16 Rules and Regulations for Jr. Varsity (JV) Rosters

All participants (players, coaches and managers) must be registered using their legal name with USA Hockey by completion of the online individual member registration process at usahockey.com. In addition to the USA Hockey registration requirement, teams must complete two (2) one hour team Anti-Bullying and Inclusivity training/discussion sessions as designated by CAHA prior to the end of the regular season.

12.16-1 Players

All players new to USA Hockey and/or CAHA for the current season must submit a government issued birth certificate, verification of birth or a copy of a passport identification page to their local association prior to being placed on a roster. Baptismal certificates and hospital certificates are NOT acceptable forms of birth verification.

1. All players submitting foreign birth certificates are required to provide proof of legal residency such as Alien Registration card, current I-94 or Student Visa. Both the government issued birth certificate and proof of legal residency must be submitted at the time of registration. A notarized translation may also be required. A player in the U.S. on a B1/B2 Visa is NOT eligible to register with a youth team. See USA Hockey Written Transfer form for list of acceptable Visa stamps.
2. Non-U.S. citizens must have an approved USA Hockey Written Transfer form on file prior to being rostered.
3. Roster names must match the name on the player's birth certificate.
4. Any athlete seventeen (17) years of age or older on or before December 31 of that playing season, and that play on a team in a classification that allows minor age players, shall complete appropriate SafeSport training prior to the ability to be rostered on that team and prior to any participation.
5. Participation on a High School team is restricted to players who are full-time students (grades 9-12), and twenty (20) years old or under as of December 31 of the playing season. Eligibility is not to exceed eight (8) consecutive semesters starting with a player's freshman year.

12.16-2 Coaches

1. All coaches must use their legal names when they complete the required age specific module, the USA Hockey mandated screening and all required SafeSport certification education and be listed in the USA Hockey database prior to any participation.
2. Coaches must also complete the required coaching certification class by December 31 of the current playing season.
3. Any rostered coach removed from the roster the previous season for CEP (Coaching Education Program) non-compliance will not be eligible to roster for the current season until their specified CEP requirement is current and at the appropriate level.
4. Roster names must match the coach's legal name.

12.16-3 Managers

All managers must use their legal names when they complete the USA Hockey mandated screening and all required SafeSport certification education and be listed in the USA Hockey database prior to any participation.

Roster names must match the manager's legal name.

12.16-4 Teams

All Jr. Varsity (JV) Teams must participate in their respective league as determined by Geographic and District boundaries. Requests to participate outside of a team's respective league must be submitted to the CAHA High School Commissioner for review and submittal to CAHA Youth Council for waiver determination.

12.17 Team Roster Registration for Jr. Varsity Teams

All individual players, coaches and managers must be listed on the Official Team Roster (USA Form 1 T).

All High School rosters (Jr. Varsity) must be submitted to and approved by the local USA Hockey Associate Registrar for any Jr. Varsity High School team prior to participation in any sanctioned game, scrimmage, practice or other on-ice event. These rosters shall be submitted no later than September 15 of the current playing season. These rosters shall be submitted on your official USA Hockey roster via the USA Hockey Portal. Additions and deletions shall be submitted on your official USA Hockey roster via the USA Hockey Portal. Copies of these rosters must also be submitted to the appropriate league commissioner.

Current CAHA Registrar and Commissioner contact information can be found at the CAHA website landing page with link noting the same.

12.17-1 Players

All names (player, coach, and manager) must be complete names; the use of nicknames or initials is not allowed.

1. Roster names must match the name on the player's birth certificate.
2. Players whose rostered names do not match their birth certificate must provide documentation of a legal name change or the parent/guardian must provide a notarized "also known as" statement with the birth certificate.
3. Players' birth certificates and/or written USA Hockey transfers must be verified prior to rostering.
4. Players surnames on jerseys must match player names on the official 1-T USA Hockey rosters.

12.17-2 Coaches

All coaches allowed on the bench during games shall appear on the team's roster as follows:

1. One coach must be designated as "Head Coach" on the roster. No other person may be designated as Head Coach if the rostered Head Coach is present on the bench.
2. All other coaches shall be marked as Assistant Coach on the roster.
3. Excluding student coaches, rosters will be limited to ten (10) coaches.
4. A maximum of four (4) coaches are allowed on the bench for games.

12.17-3 Managers

A manager is required for all rosters.

1. A team's Head Coach may not be designated as the Team Manager.
2. The Team Manager shall be the primary point of contact for all Team correspondence with CAHA.

Section 13 State Tournament Guidelines

13.1 Policy

It is the policy of CAHA to hold California State Championship tournaments in the Youth/Girls' Tier I, Tier II, A, B, BB and High School Division 1 and 2 classifications A and B at the end of the regular playing season to determine a California State Champion in each respective age group or classification beginning with the Squirt division. State Championships will not be held if one of the leagues within the State had not fielded at least one team within the division or classification.

CAHA State Championship tournaments for Youth Classifications shall be completed by May 1.

13.2 Spectator Conduct

Spectators at CAHA State Tournament are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that is not detrimental to the game or its participants. This privilege may be revoked at any time and spectators are expected to comply immediately at the request of Tournament personnel. (Refer to CAHA Section 6.13, Spectator Ejections, page 19.)

13.3 Noise Makers

The use of noise makers is prohibited.

13.4 Eligibility Requirements for Hosting CAHA State Youth Tournaments

Any CAHA Member Association, Rink or League in good standing may bid to host any or all of the CAHA State Championship tournaments.

The Youth Council will distribute the bid packets for all CAHA State Tournaments including State Youth/Girls' Tier I, Tier II, A, BB or B and High School Division 1 and 2 Classifications A and B no later than August 15 of each year.

It is the policy of CAHA to solicit open bids from any eligible Member Association to host State Championship tournaments each year. Proposed expenses such as tournament fees, location, cost of local accommodations, travel costs, tournament organization, support of local associations, and proposed ice times shall all be considered when evaluating host association bids for CAHA State Tournaments. In addition, as part of the evaluation process, CAHA shall consider rotating the tournaments to different geographic areas within California to ensure that the participants of any given area of the State are not unduly burdened with excessive travel costs each and every year.

It is the policy of CAHA that any Member Association who bids on and is granted permission to host a State Tournament will be responsible for all costs incurred to host said tournament in accordance with these guidelines set forth herein.

13.5 Bidding Requirements for CAHA State Youth Tournaments

Qualified Bidders wishing to host a State Tournament shall submit their written bids to the CAHA Youth Council by the stated CAHA bid deadline.

The CAHA Youth Council shall review all bids and submit a recommendation for hosting each tournament to the CAHA Board of Directors at the Fall meeting. The Board of Directors shall make any necessary adjustments and approve the applicable Host Association bids. Any bid submitted after the stated CAHA bid deadline to

host a State tournament may only be considered with approval of the CAHA Board of Directors and only if first accepted by the Youth Council.

13.5-1 The Request for Bids will provide Qualified Bidders with the following information:

1. Tournament format, including:
   - Total number of games
   - Number of divisions
   - Number of teams per division
   - Game slot allotment and requirements for additional ice time
2. Staffing requirements, including:
   - Scorekeepers
   - Timekeepers
   - Check in
   - Hospitality
   - Locker rooms
   - Certified Athletic Trainer or Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
3. Other requirements, including:
   - Poster Boards for tournament statistics
   - Score sheets
   - Internet access
   - Host hotel information
   - Staff hospitality

13.5-2 All bidders are required to disclose any and all fees that would be billed to CAHA if the bid is awarded. CAHA reserves the right to decline certain fees/services. The following information is required as a minimum:

1. Complete schedule of games. Agreement to work with CAHA or its designee to schedule games until schedule is mutually agreeable)
2. Hourly ice rate
3. Total ice requirements and cost (including ice cuts)
4. Administrative and total costs
5. Availability of meeting space
6. Provision for trophies (including receipt of delivery, storage and distribution if needed)
7. Ability to provide working and adequate PA (announcement system) for awards presentations.
8. Hotels and services available within proximity of the venue. Hosts are required to provide a room for CAHA staff, including game officials, attending their event (up to ten (10) rooms).
9. Proposed merchandise (excluding wearables, which shall not conflict with the approved vendor which shall be contracted by CAHA who shall keep the proceeds from these sales)
10. Ability to secure photographer and videographer
11. Proposed staffing (employees, volunteers and agents)

13.5-3 Location and description of the proposed rinks along with a list of local accommodations, restaurants and/or other local attractions should be included with the bid.

13.5-4 No team shall be required to play more than two (2) games per day. There shall be a minimum of four (4) hours scheduled between games on one day and a minimum of twelve (12) hours scheduled

between games on consecutive days (time to be calculated from the end of game to the beginning of the next game). No games shall be scheduled to begin either before 7:00 a.m. or after 10:00 p.m. The CAHA Youth Council must approve exceptions to these requirements.

13.5-5 Tier I 15O, 16U and 18U and Girls Varsity, High School 1A and 2A games shall have cuts between the second and third period of all games and bids should include this provision.

Ice cuts shall be made between the second and third periods of Tier National Bound Playoff Championship games and after every two (2) overtime periods or as deemed appropriate by the CAHA Tournament Director. Bids shall include a proposed schedule for ice cuts.

13.5-6 The CAHA State Tournament may begin on Thursday night after 5:00 p.m.

13.5-7 Host Associations may utilize the sale of food and/or approved merchandise during the tournament. Any merchandising of the CAHA name, logo and/or reference to CAHA State Championships or Tournaments or any derivative thereof shall be done exclusively by CAHA. Vendors contracted by venues may only use the CAHA name or logo with the express written consent of the CAHA Tournament Director.

13.5-8 Any inadequacies found in complying with the requirements set forth herein for hosting a State Tournament may potentially result in fines under the contract in an amount that facilitates bringing the bid into compliance plus a penalty to be assessed.

13.6 CAHA Responsibilities for State Youth Championship Tournaments

13.6-1 The individual responsible for overseeing on-ice officials for the State Championship Tournament shall be responsible for assigning referees and linesmen for all tournament games and for coordinating their involvement through the CAHA Tournament Director. All tournament games must be officiated by officials properly registered with USA Hockey. Whenever possible, officials should not be assigned to officiate games when teams from their home association or rink are participating. The designated tournament on-ice supervisor or head of on-ice officials shall attend all tournament games to supervise and support the on-ice officials and will not be scheduled to officiate any games. However, in the event of an emergency situation where a scheduled official is unable to report or complete an assignment, the supervisor or head of officials may step in to cover the game in a linesperson capacity to ensure the game proceeds as scheduled.

13.6-2 CAHA will establish the fees prior to the bid process to be paid to referees and officials for all State Tournaments. Payment of these fees along with any travel or accommodation costs for such officials shall be the responsibility of the Host when the State designates payment to the Host.

13.6-3 The CAHA Tournament Director will appoint a Tournament Discipline Committee for each State Tournament as outlined in Section 14, Tournament Discipline Committee.

13.6-4 CAHA will select and purchase team and individual awards for first place teams and second place teams at all Championship events.

13.7 Host Association's Responsibilities for State Youth Championship Tournaments

13.7-1 The host ensures that adequate host hotel arrangements will be available to all traveling teams in a timely manner; otherwise, the host shall forfeit the authority to collect fines from teams resulting from non-compliance.

13.7-2 When the tournament fees are established by CAHA, such fees shall be the cost of the tournament to the participating teams. No refunds shall be granted nor additional costs be charged to the teams. Once the teams have been notified of qualification for participation in a State Tournament,

the invited team owes the State the approved amount and no refunds will be given unless approved by the CAHA Youth Council.

13.7-3 At a minimum a Certified Athletic Trainer or Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) shall be in attendance at all games.

Note: Required medical personnel shall be on premises and in voice contact with tournament personnel at all times during the tournament. The Host Association must be able to direct any medical emergencies to the appropriate emergency facility in the area.

13.7-4 The Host shall appoint a representative to coordinate all matters with the State Tournament Director.

13.7-5 The Host is responsible for providing off-ice officials for all games. At a minimum, this shall include personnel to do timekeeping and scorekeeping.

13.7-6 When directed to do so, the Host shall be responsible for paying on-ice officials promptly within two weeks in accordance with a fee structure established by the CAHA Board and the CAHA Referee-in-Chief.

13.7-7 CAHA will create and distribute the final tournament game schedule. All decisions made by CAHA with respect to the schedule shall be deemed final.

13.7-8 The Host is responsible for providing hospitality per the RFP.

13.7-9 The Host shall supply extra staff for all championship games as well as a minimum of two (2) utility carts for awards.

13.8 Participating Team's Responsibilities for State Youth Championship Tournaments

13.8-1 Teams and players are required to make rooming arrangements, in a timely manner, at the Host Hotels as designated and published by CAHA. Those violating this requirement may incur a maximum of $1,000 fine per team, which will be payable to the Host, and possible supplemental sanctions to the offending member association. Problems regarding rooming arrangements must be immediately directed to the Tournament Director, who shall have the sole authority for resolution. Proof of host hotel room block reservation must be provided before the first game of the tournament.

13.8-2 All teams entering the CAHA State Championship Tournament MUST agree to participate in all their scheduled tournament games; teams and their clubs, failing to do so will be subject to suspension, fines and/or other disciplinary action.

13.8-3 All players, coaches, officials, team officials and administrators, spectators and other attendees must adhere to the "Zero Tolerance Policy" set forth in the USA Hockey Annual Guidebook.

13.8-4 In the event any player(s) or team(s) participating in a State Championship Tournament willfully damages any property, all costs for repairs, maintenance, or replacement as a result of such damage shall be the responsibility of the team(s) involved, and such team(s) shall make arrangements for immediate restitution to the rink or hotel management. If there are any infractions of this requirement, the CAHA Tournament Discipline Committee shall make a determination for possible disqualification of the team(s) involved from the tournament and/or further action.

13.8-5 All participating teams shall submit any tournament fees set by CAHA through the designated electronic payment method upon receipt of the tournament invoice, unless otherwise directed by CAHA. All tournament fees are non-refundable.

13.8-6 When requested by notification of the Youth Council, each participating team is responsible for submitting their team and player credentials in the proper format to the USA Hockey Associate Registrar as outlined in Section 16, State Championship Tournaments Format herein. Failure to comply fully with the Credentials requirements, format and procedures will result in a one (1) game suspension assessed to the Head Coach of the offending team.

Section 14 Tournament Discipline Committee

14.1-1 For each CAHA State Tournament, the CAHA Tournament Director will select a Tournament Discipline Committee prior to the tournament. The committee will be composed of three (3) people and be appointed prior to the first game by the tournament director. The CAHA Referee-in-Chief or his/her appointee or any referees or officials participating in the tournament are NOT eligible to serve on this committee.

14.1-2 The Tournament Discipline Committee will be responsible for deciding any action, suspension or otherwise, to be taken against a player or team official receiving a match penalty during the tournament. The committee shall have full power to waive or increase the suspension under USA Hockey playing rules. For match penalties, no player or team shall be suspended for more than one (1) game or from participation in the remaining games until he/she/they have appeared before the Tournament Discipline Committee and have been given the opportunity to relate their version of the incident. It shall be the responsibility of the Committee to ensure that any such hearing is held prior to the participant's next scheduled game.

The Discipline Committee shall have authority to initiate action involving supplementary discipline against a player or team official whether or not it involves the playing rules; provided, however, that no suspension shall occur without first giving notice of the intended action and providing the opportunity for a hearing.

It is the intent of CAHA that the Tournament Discipline Committee as herein established will exercise the rights and powers outlined in the USA Hockey's Playing Rules and Annual Guide. Significant latitude and discretion are made available to the Committee with respect to Rule 410 – USA Hockey rules of Supplementary Discipline and all decisions of the Committee will be deemed final and binding.

14.1-3 All disciplinary action taken by the Tournament Discipline Committee shall be reported to the following parties upon the completion of the tournament:

1. The Member Association of the player(s) or team(s) involved for further action at their discretion.
2. The CAHA 1st Vice President along with any recommendations from the Committee for further action.
3. The appropriate USA Hockey officials or personnel (as applicable depending on the nature of the incident).

Section 15 Tournament Credentials Procedures

The USA Hockey Associate Registrar shall credential all teams participating in any State/District/National Championship playoff tournament.

15.1 Team Credentials Book

Each participating team shall furnish the following credentials to the local USA Hockey Associate Registrar or its designee according to the procedures communicated to the participating teams/leagues no less than 2 weeks prior to the tournament:

Team information (in order of presentation):

1. Certified Team Roster (1-T)
2. Sanctioned game score sheets, arranged chronologically from the last game played to the first game played
3. Any relevant game scoresheets where a game misconduct, match penalty or progressive penalty was assessed and/or served must be included.
4. District and/or National Bound teams must have a completed USA Hockey Consent to Treat form for all players and staff on the team's roster (signature required per USA Hockey requirements).

All materials must be in a three-ring binder with plastic cover on the front and along the left spine. The team's name shall be displayed both on the front and along the left spine. Each item should be placed inside a sheet protector. A divider tab should identify each section with the title of the section.



USA Hockey and CAHA Forms shall not be altered.

15.2 Meeting of Coaches and/or Managers

At the discretion of CAHA, a meeting of all coaches and/or managers may be held prior to the start of play at a time and place to be set by the CAHA Tournament Director. The head coach of the participating teams must attend unless a prior exception has been approved by the tournament director. Failure of a team to have a coach and/or manager present shall result in the suspension of that team's head coach for the first game of the tournament.

Section 16 State Championship Tournaments Format

16.1 Youth/Girls' Tier Divisions and High School Varsity

The following format shall be used. If another format is desired, such format shall be submitted to CAHA for approval at the time of submitting bids to host the tournament. All tournament formats listed below include a championship game.

Number of Teams	Format	Number of Games
2	Best two out of three (no ties)	3
3	Double Round Robin (RR)	7
4	Single Round Robin	8
6	Single Round Robin (two divisions)	12

16.2 Time Slots for the State Tournaments

Division	Total Game Time
Tier I – 15O; 16U; 18U	2.00 hours*
HS – Girls Varsity; Division (1A/B) & 2(A/B)	2.00 hours*
Tier I – 13O; 14U	1.75 hours
All A/BB/B	1.5 hours
Tier II – 16U; 18U; Girls' 16U & 19U Tier I & Tier II	1.75 hours*
Tier II – 12U & 14U; Girls' 14U Tier I & Tier II	1.5 hours
Championship games: Tier I - 15O; 16U; 18U	2.25 hours*
Championship Games: HS Varsity Div. 1(A/B) & Div. 2(A/B)	2.25 hours*
Championship games: Tier I – 13O; 14U	2.00 hours
Championship Games: All Tier II and All A/BB/B	1.75 hours
Championship Games: All Girls' Tier I & Tier II	1.75 hours

*Includes ice cut between 2nd & 3rd periods

Level	Period Lengths
Tier I 15O; 16U; 18U & All HS Varsity	17 minutes
Tier I – 13O; 14U; All Tier II	16 minutes
All A/BB/B	15 minutes
All Girls' Tier I & Tier II	16 minutes

16.3 State Tournament Game Format – All Divisions, All Levels

16.3-1 All games will be stop-time. If at any time during the game either team has a seven (7) goal advantage, the game clock shall be changed to "running time" for the remainder of the game without regard to in which period the seven (7) goal advantage occurred. Once a "running time" clock is instituted in a game, the clock will only be stopped if the referee instructs the timekeeper to stop the clock. Furthermore, "running time" shall remain in effect for all of the remaining time in the game even if the losing team at the time scores goals to decrease the original seven (7) goal deficit. All Youth Tier I 15O, 16U, 18U and HS 1A/2A games as well as Girls Tier I 16U and 19U games during State Playoffs require an ice cut at any time after the first period and before the end of the third period. If a game that requires an ice cut has reverted to running time, the ice cut shall be canceled.

16.3-2 In the event a penalty is called during "running time," the start of the penalty will be the time of the ensuing face-off. If the penalty time expires during a stoppage of play, the penalized players may not return to the ice, nor may the penalized team place an additional player on the ice until play has resumed.

16.3-3 Each team shall be allowed one (1) sixty (60) second time out during each game of the playoffs. The time out may be used during regulation time or overtime, but only one (1) timeout per game is permitted.

16.3-4 Pairings of teams, including designation of home and visiting teams, shall be done by the CAHA Youth Council.

16.3-5 There shall be a minimum of four (4) hours scheduled between games played on the same day, and twelve (12) hours scheduled on games played on consecutive days. Time is counted from the end of one game to the start (puck drop) of the next.

16.3-6 All games shall continue to determine a winner. To that extent, for all games at all age levels, if tied after three (3) periods of regulation play, teams will then play an additional "sudden death" five (5) minute stop-time overtime period with the team scoring first declared the winner. There will be a one (1) minute intermission between the end of regulation and start of overtime. The overtime period shall be played with each team at a numerical strength of four (4) skaters and one (1) goalkeeper. In the event that the score remains tied at the end of the overtime period, there shall be a three (3) player shootout. The rules governing the shootout shall be the same as those listed in USA Hockey Penalty Shot Rules (USA Hockey Rule 406(c)). The home team shall have the choice of shooting first or second. Each team will be given three (3) shots, unless the outcome is determined earlier in the shootout. After each team has taken three shots, if the score remains tied, the shootout will proceed to a "sudden death" format. Any player whose penalty had not been completed when the overtime period ended or who receives a penalty during a shootout procedure is not eligible to be one of the players selected to participate in any portion of the shootout procedure(s). No player may shoot twice until all the eligible players of the team with the shortest eligible roster have shot at least once, at which time BOTH teams may select from among the players who have already shot. This procedure would continue until the team with the fewer players has again used all their eligible players.

16.3-7 In the event of a tie at the conclusion of regular play during Championship games, the game will continue with ten (10) minute consecutive overtime periods until a winner is determined and shall remain 5 on 5. An ice cut will be executed after every two (2) periods at the discretion of the CAHA Tournament director.

16.3-8 Teams are required to wear the correct jersey color scheme (home/dark; away/light) and take the appropriate home/away bench as designated per the CAHA published schedule, no deviations will be permitted. If a team takes the ice with the incorrect jersey color, the team will be sent back to the locker room to change jerseys and will start the game with a two minute delay of game penalty.

16.3-9 In the event of tournament schedule delays that jeopardize subsequent games with respect to ice curfew times, game format may be altered with prior notice to the affected teams, at the discretion of the CAHA Tournament director.

16.3-10 No parent, sibling, spectator, or fan is allowed on the ice at ANY time for any reason. Violators may be subject to a $500 fine and/or Supplementary Discipline.

16.4 Typical Game Schedules

16.4-1 Two (2) Teams (Best 2 of 3)

Game 1	1 vs 2
Game 2*	2 vs 1
Game 3*	1 vs 2 (if necessary)

* indicates that the game played as a championship game

16.4-2 Three (3) Teams – One Division (Double Round Robin)

Game 1	1 vs. 2
Game 2	2 vs. 3
Game 3	3 vs. 1
Game 4	2 vs. 1
Game 5	3 vs. 2
Game 6	1 vs. 3
Game 7	The two (2) teams with the most point totals play for championship and the team with the most points is the Home Team.

16.4-3 Four (4) Teams - One Division (Single Round Robin)

Game 1	1 vs. 4
Game 2	2 vs. 3
Game 3	1 vs. 3
Game 4	2 vs. 4
Game 5	1 vs. 2
Game 6	3 vs. 4
Game 7	The team with the most standings points advances to the Championship game. The teams with the next two (2) most standings point totals play in Semi-Final Game and the team with the most points is the Home Team.
Game 8	Championship Game

16.4-4 Six (6) Teams - Two Divisions (Single Round Robin)

Game 1	A1 vs. B3
Game 2	A2 vs. B2
Game 3	B1 vs. A3
Game 4	A1 vs. B2
Game 5	B1 vs. A2
Game 6	A3 vs. B3
Game 7	A1 vs. B1
Game 8	A2 vs. B3
Game 9	B2 vs. A3
Game 10	Semifinal (1st overall vs. 4th overall)
Game 11	Semifinal (2nd overall vs. 3rd overall)
Game 12	Championship Game

16.4-5 Tie Breaking Rules to Determine Standings Position

Per current ***USA Hockey Tournament Guidebook*** (see Section U(2)(c))

1. It is the intent of CAHA that as many games as possible are played to a logical conclusion with someone winning and someone losing. To that extent, all round robin games at all age levels,

if tied after three (3) periods of regulation play, will continue with one (1) five (5) minute "sudden death" overtime period. The winner of the sudden death overtime will be awarded two (2) points for the win, and the loser of the sudden death overtime will be awarded one (1) point for the overtime loss. In the event that the score remains tied at the end of the overtime period, there shall be a three (3) man shootout followed by a sudden death shoot out if needed. No player may shoot twice until all the players of the team with the shortest roster have shot at least once, at which time the team with the shortest roster may revert to their initial shooter order. Any player whose penalty had not been completed when the overtime period ended or who receives a penalty during a shootout procedure is not eligible to be one of the players selected to participate in any portion of the shootout procedure(s).

2. Pairings of teams, including designation of home and visiting teams, shall be done by the CAHA Youth Council.
3. There shall be a minimum of four (4) hours scheduled between games played on the same day, and twelve (12) hours scheduled on games played on consecutive days. Time is counted from the end of one (1) game to the start (puck drop) of the next.
4. For A/BB/B CAHA State playoffs no team playing their second game of the day shall be required to play the championship game against a team playing their first game of the day.
5. In the event of a tie at the conclusion of regular play during Championship games, the game will continue with ten (10) minute consecutive overtime periods until a winner is determined. An ice cut will be executed after every two periods at the discretion of the CAHA Tournament Director.

16.4-6 Refusal to Play

If a team(s) refuses to participate or complete any CAHA playoff scheduled games and becomes involved in any tie-breaking formula to determine its eligibility to advance to the next level of play, the team forfeits all games and the games are recorded as 1-0 victories for the non-offending team.

Refusal to participate or complete any CAHA playoff scheduled games will result in a $2,000 fine plus ice cost, referee cost and scorekeeper cost for lost games and possible post season ineligibility for the club for the following season.

Part 3: Adult Rules and Regulations

Section 17 Tournaments

17.1-1 CAHA will determine a Northern and Southern location to host a State Champions.

17.1-2 Host facilities will be in charge of administering and facilitating events, including promotion, format, and collecting funds, and facilitating the tournament.

17.1-3 Each host location will submit for approval to the Adult CAHA Chairperson: date of event, the rules, divisions provided, and format.

17.1-4 CAHA will vote to subsidize each tournament to help reduce the cost of the tournament. This cost subsidy must be used to reduce the tournament fee to a below market rate.

17.1-5 CAHA encourages that the following divisions be provided:

- Over 60
- Over 50
- Elite
- Advanced
- Intermediate
- Beginner
- True Novice
- Women's Open
- Women's Intermediate
- Women's Beginner

17.1-6 Host facility will be required to provide participation gift to each attendee, first place prizes, and/or team award for each champion.

17.1-7 Host facility must provide equal opportunity for Northern and Southern clubs to participate.

17.1-8 If a tournament is held both in the south and the north, the facilities with approval by the Adult Committee may determine to only hold a division in one location to allow for the maximum participation. For example, an Over 60 or Women's Division may be decided to be hosted in one host location.

Section 18 General Rules and Regulations

This section provides vital information applicable to adult league teams.

18.1 Overview

The Youth Council is responsible for the rules that define and regulate adult league hockey in the State of California. CAHA Adult Rules are a supplement to the rules and guidelines contained in the USA Hockey Playing Rules and USA Hockey Annual Guide; however, Adult Hockey Leagues can impose or add penalties that are stricter than USA Hockey and CAHA

18.2 Game Misconducts

Game misconduct penalties must be served in the next pre-scheduled game with that team (the game already appearing on the Adult league schedule of that team at the time of the infraction) unless they will no longer be playing with that team then it reverts back to the next schedule USA Hockey game. (Refer to USA Hockey Rule 404 (b)).

18.3 Five (5) Minute Major Penalties

With regard to 5 Minute Major Penalties, please refer to USA Official Rules of Ice Hockey, Rule 411, Progressive Suspensions or USA Hockey Playing Rule 615, Fighting (as applicable).

18.4 Offensive Language

Any player or coach who is given a penalty as a result of using language that is offensive, hateful or discriminatory in nature anywhere in the rink before, during or after the game will be assessed a match penalty.

18.5 Leaving the Bench Suspension

Any player who leaves the game bench of the penalty box during an altercation or for the purpose of starting one shall result in the player(s) being suspended for thirty (30) days or until a hearing is held.

18.6 Zero Tolerance

Players or any other spectators are prohibited from discussing any part of the game with the official as the officials are coming off the ice and are walking to their locker room. Any abusive language toward an official will result in a match penalty.

18.7 Spectator Ejections

18.7-1 Spectator and player conduct, before, during, and after a game is subject to review and possible sanction by CAHA.

18.7-2 If a game official or Adult League official deems it necessary to eject a spectator, the following shall occur:

1. The spectator will be ejected and shall leave the rink property and shall not be allowed re-entry to the property for a minimum of three (3) hours.
2. If and when possible, the scoresheet shall be documented that an ejection occurred. Whenever possible, the spectator's name should be documented on the scoresheet. The referee will ideally file a report within forty-right (48) hours with the League.

3. The offending spectator may be fined $500 per ejection, payable to CAHA within thirty (30) days.
4. The spectator will immediately be suspended from all USA Hockey activities for thirty (30) days. A hearing shall be held upon request.

18.8 Match Penalties

All match penalties are governed by CAHA and must be reported to the CAHA 1st Vice President. Adult Hockey League Directors are required to facilitate notification of Match Penalties to players within 24 hours of the completion of the games where the Match Penalty was assessed.

18.9 Scoresheets

All USA Hockey sanctioned Adult Hockey leagues are required to provide scoresheets when asked.

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Part 4: Additional Information

Section 19 Dispute Resolution Guidelines

This Guidebook is intended to assist everyone in supporting amateur hockey in California. However, the CAHA Board of Directors also recognizes that disputes do arise in hockey; often because each person has their own perspective of what is right. This summary is intended to help you understand how disputes are resolved under the rules of USA Hockey and CAHA.

Amateur hockey in the United States is governed by the Federal Amateur Sports Act. USA Hockey is required to comply with that law as the sanctioning body for America's national and Olympic hockey teams. The Act requires USA Hockey, and therefore CAHA, to maintain a fair and speedy process for resolving disputes. (See Section 10 of the Bylaws of USA Hockey).

Note: This Dispute Resolution process does not address SafeSport reports and investigations. The SafeSport Dispute Resolution process is outlined in the USA Hockey SafeSport Handbook.

CAHA's Bylaws in Section 20.36, Dispute Resolution and Section 20.37, Individual Discipline set the procedural guidelines under which disputes are resolved in California. Some of the fundamentals of those combined rules are set out below.

1. Every Member Association (league, club or independent team) must maintain an **impartial procedure** for discipline and for dispute resolution. A team, which is part of a club, functions under its club's dispute resolution rules.
2. There is no right to appeal a game misconduct, because this rule is considered to be part of the referee's game jurisdiction.
3. **Supplemental discipline** may be awarded under USA Hockey Rule 410, Supplementary Discipline, following a hearing. (See Section 15.2, Meeting of Coaches and/or Managers.)
4. **All hearings should have the following components.** (See Bylaws, Section 20.36, Dispute Resolution)
    a) **Adequate notice of the time and place** of the hearing must be provided. This should be in writing. "Adequate notice" means giving a reasonable chance to prepare, including obtaining evidence or affidavits and getting the assistance of others.
    b) **Notice of the charges or issues that** will be considered and the possible discipline that may occur must be provided. This should also be in writing. It is the Association's responsibility to give prior notice of the allegations and the possible discipline. For example, absent an immediate threat to the safety of youth players, it would be improper to schedule a meeting to "discuss" a coach's conduct, and to then suspend the coach based on the "discussion."
    c) Where playing conduct is under review, the player or his parent must be **provided with the information** supporting the suspension, including a copy of the game scoresheet and any report submitted by the referees, as well as videotapes and written statements, or summaries of oral statements, to the extent those were relied upon in awarding or sustaining the penalty.
    d) The person or panel that is ruling on the matter **must be impartial** and they must not have previously made up their mind on a dispute. It is invalid for someone who is involved in the dispute to rule on a matter.
    e) The person who is the object of the hearing must have the **right to hear all negative evidence and to present all favorable evidence**. They must be permitted to have someone

assist them or represent them. However, legal rules of evidence do not apply and they do not have unlimited time to present their case.

f) The **decision** resulting from the hearing shall be promptly conveyed and should be memorialized in writing.

5. If the hearing is held by a club that is a member of a league, **the first level of appeal is to the league** under the league's rules. CAHA will not hear an appeal until the league appeal is completed or the league has demonstrated a refusal to consider the appeal. (See Bylaws, Section 20.36-3)
6. **Appeals to CAHA** shall be directed to the 1st Vice President, Discipline/Dispute Resolution Committee Chair, with a copy to CAHA Legal Counsel within fourteen (14) days of the ruling by the league or club that is being appealed.
7. The decision of the Discipline/Dispute Resolution Committee may be **appealed to the CAHA Appeals Committee** under certain restrictive rules.

Part 5: Bylaws and Addendums

Section 20 Bylaws

20.1 Name

The name of this organization is the California Amateur Hockey Association (hereinafter called "CAHA").

20.2 Definitions

1. **USA Hockey:** The national governing body for the sport of amateur ice hockey, pursuant to the Amateur Sports Act of 1978, as amended, and the duly authorized representative of the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) with exclusive jurisdiction over the conduct of play of the sport of amateur ice hockey as sanctioned by the IIHF within the United States of America.
2. **Affiliate:** The California Amateur Hockey Association (CAHA).
3. **Member Association**. Any association resident in California that is granted membership in CAHA in accordance with CAHA's Bylaws. Except as permitted elsewhere in these Bylaws, an Association shall have one or more Member Teams that are properly registered with USA Hockey and CAHA and that actively participate in activities sanctioned by CAHA in the State of California. Member Teams are not separate Associations, unless they apply for and are granted separate Member Association status. As used herein, "Association" means a Member Association.
4. **League**: A League may register limited duration team(s) with USA Hockey and CAHA for tournaments and exhibitions, and it may register Tier I (AAA) teams. A League may not register teams for competition within the League, but may register teams for competition outside the League.
5. **Member Team:** Any team currently registered and in good standing with both USA Hockey and CAHA that belongs to a Member Association.
6. **Registered Participant Member (Players and Coaches):** Any person who is a legal resident of the United States and who is currently registered and in good standing with both USA Hockey and CAHA. Registered Participant Members shall have certain voting rights. Registered Participant Members' voting rights shall be exercised by an Authorized Representative of their Member Association.
7. **Authorized Representative:** Registered Participant Members shall be entitled to select one person from their respective Member Association as their representative. This representative shall be entitled to vote on the Registered Participant Member's behalf, in person or by proxy, on all matters whereby such a Registered Participant Member vote is warranted or required.

20.3 Purpose

The purpose of CAHA, in addition to any purposes set forth in the Articles of Incorporation of the organization, is as follows:

1. To encourage, foster and promote the development and growth of the sport of amateur ice hockey within the State of California.
2. To conduct certain affairs of USA Hockey, to assist in the governance of the Registered Participant Members and Member Teams of USA Hockey and to regulate the sport of amateur ice hockey within the State of California.

3. To encourage and develop the mental knowledge, skills, ability and sportsmanship of all participants with respect to the sport of amateur ice hockey.
4. To conduct State ice hockey tournaments and to select representative Member Teams to participate in USA Hockey District, Regional, and National Tournaments.
5. To carry out all other responsibilities, duties and obligations imposed on CAHA pursuant to the Affiliate Agreement with USA Hockey.

20.4 Nonprofit Statement

1. CAHA is and shall remain nonprofit, nonsectarian, and nonpartisan.
2. CAHA shall not be operated in a manner that will generate pecuniary gain or profit for any Member Association or individual and is organized solely for nonprofit purposes.
3. No substantial part of the activities of CAHA shall be devoted to carrying on propaganda, attempting to influence legislation, or becoming involved in any political activities.
4. No part of any net earnings of CAHA shall profit any Member Association or any Member Team or any individual. Contributions by CAHA to Associations, Teams or Individuals for the purpose of assisting them in participating in tournaments, exhibitions or other specialized events, or for other valid purposes to achieve the objectives of CAHA, shall not violate this rule, so long as such contributions assist in covering expenses and are not known to result in profit to the recipient.

20.5 Location of Offices

1. **Principal Office**: The principal office for transaction of business of CAHA shall be located within the State of California, at such place or places as may be designated by the Board of Directors from time to time. Unless otherwise resolved, however, the principal office will be the home address of the then current President of CAHA.
2. **Change of Principal Office**: The Board of Directors shall have full power and authority to change the principal office of CAHA from one location to another within the State of California. Any such change shall be made by resolution, but shall not be considered an amendment to these Bylaws.

20.6 USA Hockey Pre-Eminence

1. CAHA, an Affiliate of USA Hockey, shall abide by and act in accord with the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws and Regulations, the Playing Rules, and decisions of the Board of Directors of USA Hockey, and such documents and decisions shall take precedence over and supersede all similar governing documents and/or decisions of CAHA.

   Further, CAHA: 1) shall assist USA Hockey in the administration and enforcement of the Bylaws, the Rules and Regulations, the Playing Rules, and decisions of the Board of Directors of USA Hockey, within and upon its members and/or within its jurisdiction, and 2) agrees to be guided by the core values of USA Hockey as set forth in the Affiliate Agreement.

2. Nothing contained herein, however, shall be construed to delegate the duties or responsibilities of CAHA's Directors or Officers to USA Hockey, its officers, directors, agents or employees, nor shall this provision be construed to prevent CAHA from implementing rules, policies and procedures that may be more stringent than those of USA Hockey, providing such rules, policies or procedures do not conflict with those of USA Hockey.

20.7 Indemnification

1. CAHA, an Affiliate of USA Hockey, shall indemnify and hold harmless USA Hockey, the Board of Directors of USA Hockey and each member thereof, the Executive Committee of USA Hockey and each member thereof, the councils and committees of USA Hockey and each member thereof, and all other elected, appointed, employed or volunteer representatives of USA Hockey from any and all claims, liability, judgments, costs, attorneys' fees, charges and expenses whatsoever, arising from the acts and omissions of CAHA, except to the extent 1) that USA Hockey or its afore-described representatives caused such claims, liability, judgments, costs, attorneys' fees, charges or expenses by their own intentional neglect or default, or 2) that such acts or omissions were the direct result of compliance with the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws, the Rules and Regulations, the Playing Rules, or decisions of the Board of Directors of USA Hockey.
2. CAHA understands and acknowledges that USA Hockey and its afore-described representatives have assumed each assignment, function, office or capacity upon the express understanding, agreement, and condition that they may be so indemnified and held harmless to the extent described by these Bylaws.
3. USA Hockey shall reasonably cooperate with CAHA in any litigation and provide reasonable support in connection therewith, including but not limited to, advice and testimony upon reasonable request; provided, however, that such cooperation shall not require USA Hockey to incur any out-of-pocket expense not reimbursed by CAHA.

20.8 CAHA Pre-Eminence

Each Member Association shall adopt bylaws not inconsistent with these Bylaws. Each Member Association shall abide by and act in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws, the Rules and Regulations, the Playing Rules, and decisions of the Board of Directors of CAHA, and such documents and decisions shall take precedence over and supersede all similar governing documents and/or decisions of the Associations.

20.9 Members

All Member Associations, Member Teams, and Registered Participant Members as defined in Bylaws, Section 20.2, Definitions shall be entitled to exercise all rights and privileges as that status may accord.

1. **Allied Members:** Any person or organization interested in or involved in the conduct of ice hockey within the State of California shall be eligible to become an Allied Member of CAHA, including but not limited to parents, coaches, out-of-state teams, officials, and patrons. Members of the Board of Directors of CAHA and any Association affiliated with CAHA shall be Allied Members. Allied Members shall be non-voting members of CAHA except that members of the Board(s) of Directors will have the right to represent the members of CAHA and vote on issues brought to the Board(s).
2. **Admission:** All players, teams, associations, leagues, groups, individuals, or other organizations admitted to CAHA shall, by their application and admission, be deemed to have indicated their willingness and obligation to comply with the Bylaws and the Rules and Regulations of CAHA and USA Hockey.
3. **Suspension:** All players, teams, associations, leagues, groups, individuals, or other organizations suspended by USA Hockey shall be automatically suspended by CAHA without further notice from CAHA and shall remain suspended until such suspension is lifted by USA Hockey.

4. **Non-Transferability of Membership:** Neither membership in CAHA nor any rights in the membership may be transferred or assigned.
5. **Right of Membership Refusal:** The Board of Directors shall have the right and discretion to refuse membership in CAHA to any players, teams, associations, leagues, groups, individuals, or other organizations within the criteria established by USA Hockey.
6. **Bankruptcy:** In the event of any act of bankruptcy of any Member Association, whether voluntary or involuntary, including the filing of any petition for dissolution or reorganization under the bankruptcy laws of the United States, OR in the event of any assignment for the benefit of creditors under state law, such act shall immediately terminate that Association's membership in CAHA.

20.10 Member Associations

Any active amateur Association that is properly registered and in good standing with both USA Hockey and CAHA shall be a Member Association so long as it meets the requirements set forth herein.

The purpose of Member Association status within CAHA is to allow Registered Participant Members to be represented within the CAHA by a duly elected representative of their Member Association and to allow Member Teams the right to participate in CAHA sanctioned events in accordance with established CAHA Rules and Regulations.

A proposed Association shall be duly incorporated as a non-profit or for-profit corporation, or shall be a limited liability company, a sole proprietorship, a partnership, or an association, so long as such organization is in compliance with the laws of the State of California.

1. **Application for Membership**

   Member Association status may be acquired by written application to CAHA on an official membership application form which shall include, as a minimum, the following information.

   - Name of the proposed Association
   - Location
   - Names, addresses and phone numbers of principal officers
   - Proposed number and level of teams
   - The legal nature of the proposed Association

   The Member Association application shall also be accompanied by the following:

   - All prescribed fees (if any)
   - A certified copy of the applicant’s Articles of Incorporation or other legal documents creating the organization and a certified copy of the applicant’s Bylaws
   - A signed Affiliate agreement confirming compliance with all provisions of the Constitution, the Bylaws, and the Rules and Regulations of both CAHA and USA Hockey.

2. **Governing Documents**

   As a minimum, each Member Association’s governing documents shall include:

   a) Sections that reflect the Proposed Association's compliance with USA Hockey Pre-Eminence (see Section 20.6 above), Indemnification of USA Hockey and CAHA (see Section 20.7 above), and CAHA Pre-Eminence (see Section 20.8 above).
   b) A method of electing Association representatives as outlined in Section 20.11, Voting Rights.

c) A disputes resolution process compatible with CAHA and USA Hockey requirements.
d) Provisions ensuring each Registered Participant Member to receive regular financial information setting forth the utilization of fees charged in the program in which they are participating.

3. **Member in Good Standing**

Any association granted Member Association status within CAHA shall be deemed a Member Association in good standing and shall be entitled to exercise all rights and privileges as that status may accord.

All teams belonging to a Member Association must be registered with both CAHA and USA Hockey. Any Member Association that fails to register any teams with both CAHA and USA Hockey by December 31 of the then current playing season or fails to register all of their teams with both CAHA and USA Hockey by February 28 of the then current playing season shall be subject to immediate suspension by the CAHA President, which shall remain in effect until the next meeting of the CAHA Board of Directors, when such suspension shall be confirmed or lifted by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, and/or loss of their Member Association status as determined by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

20.11 Voting Rights

1. **Member Association Authorized Representatives**

a) Each Association shall be entitled to send an Authorized Representative to the CAHA Annual Meeting. This representative shall be entitled to represent and vote on behalf of the Registered Participant Members of that Member Association as set forth in these Bylaws.
b) A representative shall be selected by the Registered Participant Members of the Association in an open, democratic manner with each Registered Participant Member in good standing registered with that Association as of January 31 of the then current playing season eligible to cast one (1) vote for the representative of their choice. The Authorized Representative shall be elected by a majority of the Registered Participant Members of the Association. In the event of a tie, the Association's governing body shall elect the Authorized Representative from among the tied candidates by majority vote. Each Member Association shall obtain a list of registered Participant Members from the USA Hockey Registrar or his/her designee on or before February 28 of each playing season. The certified selection results for the Member Association's Authorized Representative shall be submitted in writing to CAHA by an officer of the Member Association on or before March 31 of the then current hockey season. Proxy or cumulative voting is not allowed for the selection of Member Association Authorized Representatives. Voting by ballot for Member Association Authorized Representatives is encouraged.
c) Association Authorized Representatives shall be seated and recognized at a CAHA annual or special meeting, provided the above requirements have been certified by the Authorized Representative as having been met.
d) Unless a Registered Participant Member appears as his/her own representative at the CAHA annual or special meeting of Registered Participant Members, or gives his/her proxy to someone attending such meeting, the Authorized Representative of the Association shall vote on behalf of all of the Registered Participant Members of the Association. The Authorized Representative's votes shall be reduced by one for each Registered Participant

Member or Registered Participant Member's proxy holder present and electing to vote on behalf of such Registered Participant Member.

2. Unclaimed Registered Participant Member Votes

The CAHA President is duly authorized to cast all unclaimed registered participant votes at his/her discretion.

20.12 Proxy Voting

In the event an Association does not elect an Authorized Representative of the Registered Participant Members in accordance with Bylaws, Section 20.11.b), or if a Registered Participant Member so desires, a Registered Participant Member entitled to vote at any CAHA Annual or Special Meeting of Registered Participant Members shall be permitted to vote or act by written proxy.

Any proxy given by a Registered Participant Member shall be in writing, shall identify the recipient of the proxy, shall specify the purpose of the proxy, and shall be signed by the Registered Participant Member or, if they are a minor, by their parent or legal guardian, with one vote allocated to each Registered Participant Member.

The Member Association shall deliver a copy of all written proxies given by its Registered Participant Members to the Secretary of CAHA at least two (2) weeks prior to the CAHA Annual Meeting or such other Special Meeting as may be called. A failure to comply with this timing requirement, however, shall not invalidate such proxies for voting purposes. The CAHA Secretary shall maintain the proxies for a period of not less than three (3) years from their date, after which they may be discarded.

Any proxy shall be good for a period of no longer than eleven (11) months and shall be fully revocable at any time by written notice from Registered Participant Member based on the requirements of Bylaws, Section 20.11.b) to the CAHA Secretary prior to the commencement of voting.

Any Registered Participant Member not wishing to vote for an Association Authorized Representative or to give its proxy vote to another may elect to give it to the CAHA Secretary in the same manner as prescribed above. The CAHA Secretary shall be entitled to cast such proxy votes as specifically directed in writing by the Registered Participant Member, or if no written direction is given, the CAHA Secretary shall cast the votes at his/her discretion.

All written proxies shall comply with California Law.

Any Registered Participant Member not wishing to vote for an Association Authorized Representative or to cast his/her vote by proxy is entitled to attend any CAHA Annual or Special Meeting of Registered Participant Members to cast such vote directly.

20.13 Fees and Dues

The CAHA Board of Directors shall establish dues and such other fees to be paid by each Registered Participant Member and/or Allied Member. Such dues and fees shall be based upon an approved annual budget that will be established and accepted at the CAHA Annual Meeting.

In addition to any such Registered Participant Member and/or Allied Member dues or fees, the Board of Directors may establish fees for Member Associations within the CAHA. The amount of such fees, if any, shall be sent by written notice to the Member Associations or shall be announced at the Annual Meeting.

Failure to pay fees or dues as prescribed shall cause the loss of good standing of the Member Association, the Registered Participant Member, or the Allied Member and may result in suspension or expulsion from CAHA and USA Hockey.

20.14 Board of Directors

The affairs of CAHA shall be governed and managed by a voting Board of twenty (20) Directors as follows:

1. Beginning 2015, eighteen (18) Directors elected by a vote of the Registered Participants Members.
2. Two (2) Directors automatically seated by their position as heads of their Affiliate Leagues as follows:
    a) Southern California Amateur Hockey Association Commissioner
    b) Northern California Youth Hockey Association President

Any person interested in serving as a CAHA Director shall be eligible for election providing they are in good standing with both USA Hockey and CAHA.

20.15 USA Hockey Directors/Registrars

USA Hockey Directors and Registrars/Associate Registrars residing in the State of California shall be additional members of the Board of Directors until such time as they are replaced by USA Hockey except that said person(s) shall have no vote upon any matter coming before the CAHA Board of Directors.

20.16 Other Members of the Board

From time to time the Board of Directors may add or appoint additional non-voting persons to the Board of Directors. These people shall be appointed where the Board of Directors feels that their presence and contribution is necessary for the good of CAHA. It is recommended that the district USA Hockey Risk Manager, the USA Hockey State Referee in Chief, and the Coaching Program Director be appointed to the Board of Directors as non-voting members.

20.17 Duties of the Board of Directors

The duties of the Board of Directors shall be as set forth in Addendum B hereto.

20.18 Terms of Directors

Each Director shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. Nothing contained herein shall prohibit a Director from serving consecutive terms of office. Terms of the Directors shall be staggered. If any election is not held as scheduled, then those directors currently in office shall remain in office until such time as his or her successor is elected.

20.19 Voting by Directors

Each Director shall be entitled to one (1) vote. In the event of a tie vote, the CAHA President shall cast the tie-breaking vote.

20.20 Director Emeritus

Any Director or Officer who has served at least fifteen (15) years on the Board of Directors and who has retired or is retiring is eligible for nomination as a "Director Emeritus" after his/her term of office as a Director or Officer expires. A Director Emeritus shall hold office for life but not have voting privileges and may not run for any other CAHA office while emeritus.

20.21 Election of CAHA Directors

Nominations for CAHA Directors: Nominations for CAHA Directors must be received by a date designated by the Board of Directors or, if no such date is designated, no later than May 1 of each year, by the CAHA Secretary or such other person designated in writing by the CAHA Board of Directors. Nominations shall be accompanied by a brief written statement about the nominee outlining his/her hockey-related experience, if any, and his/her interest or reason for running as a CAHA Director. The list of candidates for CAHA Directors shall be mailed to all Member Associations and to Registered Participant Members that are not represented by a Member Association no less than thirty (30) days prior to the CAHA Annual Meeting, or ten (10) days after the date designated by the Board of Directors for receipt of nominations, whichever is later. There shall be no nominations from the floor for CAHA Directors.

20.22 Voting Eligibility for CAHA Directors

1. The election of CAHA Directors shall be done at the CAHA Annual Meeting by the Member Association Authorized Representatives based upon the number of Registered Participant Members registered with their Association, CAHA and USA Hockey as of March 31 of the year in which the election is to be held, except that such Authorized Representatives shall have their votes reduced by the number of Registered Participant Members voting by proxy or represented at the Annual Meeting, in which case those votes by proxy and direct representation shall be voted independently at such meeting.
2. Not later than sixty (60) days prior to CAHA Annual Meeting/Elections, the President of each Member Association shall obtain a list of Registered Participant Members registered with their Association from the USA Hockey Registrar or his designee. A copy of said list, together with the name of the Authorized Representative of the Member Association, shall be provided to the CAHA Secretary at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the CAHA Annual Meeting.
3. In lieu of voting through their Member Association representative, any Registered Participant Member shall have the right to cast his/her vote directly or by proxy.
4. Each Registered Participant Member shall have one vote for each Board of Directors position open at that election.

20.23 Cumulative Voting for CAHA Directors

1. Every Registered Participant Member entitled to vote at any election of CAHA Directors may cumulate its vote and give one candidate a number of votes equal to the number of CAHA Directors to be elected or may distribute its votes on the same principle among as many candidates as the Registered Participant Member thinks appropriate. No Registered Participant Member shall be entitled to cumulate votes for a candidate or candidates unless such candidate's name or candidates' names have been duly placed in nomination prior to voting.
2. In any election of CAHA Directors, the candidates receiving the highest number of votes are elected. Elections for Directors must be by written ballot.

20.24 Seating of CAHA Directors

CAHA Directors shall be seated at the Annual Meeting of the CAHA Board of Directors which shall immediately follow the CAHA Annual Meeting of Registered Participant Members.

20.25 Removal and Replacement of CAHA Directors

Any CAHA Director who fails to attend two or more meetings during an elected term may be removed by an affirmative vote of eleven (11) or more directors present at a duly held Directors' meeting; provided that the removal is placed on the meeting agenda prior to the meeting and the Director to be removed is given written notice at his or her last known address by personal delivery, overnight mail such as Federal Express or U.S. Mail from within the State of California or by email at his or her last known email address, of the proposed action no less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting. Service of the notice shall be deemed complete immediately if done personally, at 10:00 a.m. the next day if done by overnight mail, or at 10:00 a.m. on the third day after mailing if done by U.S. mail, or if done by e-mail at 10:00 a.m. the next day following the date of the e-mail. Any Director removed from the CAHA Board may be replaced by a majority vote of the remaining Directors at a duly held Directors meeting.

The replacement Director shall remain in office for the unexpired term of the Director that was removed. If, for any reason, a Director is unable or unwilling to complete his term in office, the same procedure shall be used for replacement of that Director. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to limit removal of a Director pursuant to the provisions of California Corporations Code §5221 or §5222 as they now exist or may hereafter be amended.

20.26 Officers

20.26-1 The Officers of CAHA shall be elected by a majority vote of the voting members of the Board of Directors for the following offices, as a minimum:

1. President
2. First Vice President ~ Chairman of Dispute Resolution and member of Executive Committee
3. Second Vice President ~ Chairman of Youth Committee and member of Executive Committee
4. Third Vice President ~ Chairman of Adult Committee and member of Executive Committee
5. Fourth Vice President ~ Chairman of Girls Committee and member of Executive Committee
6. Secretary
7. Treasurer

20.26-2 The Officers of CAHA shall be appointed by the elected Committee Chair at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors but in no event shall such appointment take place any later than thirty (30) days after the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors.

20.26-3 The Officers may be selected from the Board of Directors or may be any other adult resident of California who supports and can further the purposes of CAHA.

20.26-4 The Board of Directors may appoint such other officers, including one or more assistant secretaries and one or more assistant treasurers, as it shall deem desirable. The Board may also delegate the authority to appoint such subsidiary officers to the President, so long as the President's decision is not inconsistent with prior Board action. Such officers shall have the authority and shall perform the duties prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

20.26-5 The Board of Directors may also appoint a paid administrator who shall be responsible for assisting the Board of Directors, the Officers and the Executive Committees in performing all of the various administrative tasks required to fulfill their obligations and duties on behalf of CAHA. The Board of

Directors shall determine the amount and types of reimbursement for such administrator. Any such administrator shall not be a member of the CAHA Board of Directors, an Officer of CAHA, or an officer or Board member of any other ice hockey association within the State of California.

20.26-6 The President shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. He/she shall act as chairman of the Board of Directors but shall have no vote except in the event of a tie vote by the Directors, in which case he/she shall cast the tie-breaking vote. All other Officers shall serve a term of one (1) year. Nothing contained herein shall prohibit an Officer from being re-elected for consecutive terms. Of the offices established in Bylaws, Section 20.27, no two (2) or more offices may be held by the same person at the same time.

20.26-7 Any Officer who is unable or unwilling to complete his/her full term of service for which the officer was elected/appointed shall be replaced by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

20.26-8 Any Officer or agent, elected/appointed by the Board of Directors, may be removed from office by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors entitled to vote on the issue, whenever, in the Board's judgment, the best interest of CAHA would be served thereby, but such removal shall be without prejudice to subsequent re-appointment or appointment.

20.26-9 The following order of succession shall apply in the event the President is unable or unwilling to perform his/her duties.

1. First Vice President
2. Second Vice President
3. Third Vice President
4. Fourth Vice President
5. Secretary
6. Treasurer

Such succession shall apply until the President is able to resume his/her duties or the Board appoints a successor, whichever comes first. Any such successor person shall have all powers of the President during that time, and all references to the President in these Bylaws shall include a successor.

20.26-10 The duties of the Officers shall be as set forth in Addendum C hereto.

20.27 Executive Committees

20.27-1 The CAHA Board of Directors shall establish, as a minimum, the following Executive Committees:

1. CAHA Executive Committee
2. CAHA Youth Committee
3. CAHA Adult Committee
4. CAHA Girls Committee
5. CAHA Disciplinary/Disputes Resolution Committee
6. CAHA Tournament Committee
7. CAHA Diversity & Inclusion Committee

20.27-2 The members of these Executive Committees may be appointed by the appointed Committee Chair at the first Board of Directors Meeting after the Annual Meeting of Registered Participant Members by a majority vote of the Board of Directors present at the meeting, but in no event shall such appointments take place any later than thirty (30) days after the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors. The CAHA President shall have the absolute right to appoint one person of his/her choosing to each Executive Committee who shall be neither an Officer nor a Director of CAHA but

who may be an Officer or Director of any other Association or League. Nothing herein shall prevent the Board from adding additional members to such Committees at later times. The members of the Executive Committees need only be adult residents of California with a demonstrable interest in the development of hockey in the state.

20.27-3 The members and duties of each Executive Committee shall be as set forth in Addendum D hereto. As a minimum, two (2) or more Directors shall serve on each Executive Committee. The CAHA President shall also serve as an ex-officio member of each Executive Committee if not otherwise appointed to that committee; but shall not vote nor shall his/her presence be counted for purposes of determining a quorum when serving in an ex-officio capacity. The CAHA President shall serve as a liaison between the Executive Committees and the CAHA Board of Directors.

20.27-4 The Board of Directors may, at any time, establish such other Executive Committees as it shall deem desirable or necessary. Members of such other Executive Committees shall be appointed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors and such Executive Committees shall have the authority and shall perform the duties prescribed from time-to-time by the Board of Directors.

20.27-5 Any Executive Committee member who is unable or unwilling to complete his/her full term of service for which the member was appointed, shall be replaced by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. If the functioning of a Committee has been substantially impaired in the opinion of the President by the absence of such a member, the President may appoint a replacement member to such Committee, which shall remain effective until the next Board of Directors meeting.

20.27-6 Any Executive Committee member appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed from the committee by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors whenever, in the Board's judgment, the best interest of CAHA would be served thereby, but such removal shall be without prejudice to subsequent re-appointment or appointment to another Executive Committee.

20.27-7 The objectives, programs, budgets and fees proposed by each Executive Committee shall be subject to the approval by majority vote of the full CAHA Board of Directors.

20.27-8 Nothing herein should be construed that the Executive Committees are to be organized in an identical manner nor that the objectives and programs of the Executive Committees will be the same. At a minimum, each Executive Committee will have a Chairperson and a Secretary.

20.27-9 All proceedings of Executive Committees shall be recorded and minutes of the meetings provided by mail or facsimile to all committee members and the full Board of Directors within seven (7) days of any Executive Committee session or meeting.

20.27-10 Each Executive Committee shall be allowed to place items on the agenda of the CAHA Board meetings under their respective Executive Committees to be voted on as any other agenda item in the prescribed manner.

20.28 Exoneration from Personal Liability

20.28-1 CAHA hereby consents and declares that each Officer, members of the Executive Committees, chairman and members of all other committees, and all elected or appointed officials in any capacity, shall be deemed to have assumed office or assignment on the express understanding, agreement, and condition that each of them and his/her heirs, executors and administrators, estate and effects respectively, shall from time to time and at all times be indemnified and saved harmless out of the funds of the CAHA from and against all liabilities, judgments, costs, charges, and expenses whatsoever that such member sustains or incurs in or about any action, or suit or proceeding that is brought, commenced or prosecuted against him or her for and in respect of any act, deed, matter

or thing whatsoever made, done or permitted by him or her in or about the execution of the duties of his/her office and also from and against all other costs, charges and expenses that he or she sustains or incurs in or about or in relation to the affairs thereof, except such costs, charges or expenses as are occasioned by his/her own willful neglect, intentional wrongful act, or fraudulent act.

20.28-2 CAHA shall maintain Directors and Officers insurance in effect at all times.

20.29 Meetings

20.29-1 Registered Participant Member Meetings

1. CAHA shall hold its annual meeting of Registered Participant Members between June 1 and June 30 of each year. The President shall be the Chairperson of the annual meeting of Registered Participant Members.

   The Registered Participant Members' annual meeting shall precede the annual meeting of the Board of Directors. In addition, other Registered Participant Members' meetings may be called by the President, by a written request of no fewer than two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors or by a written request of no fewer than sixty percent (60%) of the Member Associations. The Member Associations do not need to have a vote of their Registered Participant Members to submit such a request. In the event of a written request by the Board or by the Member Associations, the President shall within 5 days send out a notice of Special Registered Participant Members Meeting to be held at the location of the last Registered Participant Members meeting or as close thereto as possible, to be held within no less than thirty (30) and no more than forty-five (45) days of the date of mailing of the notice. In the event the President fails to so act within five (5) days, one or more persons in the line of succession identified in Section 20.26-9 may immediately send out such a notice. In the event of multiple notices by those in succession, priority shall be given to the earliest mailed notice or, in the event of two or more notices being sent on the same day, to the notice signed by the most senior ranked person.

   Registered Participants' duly elected Member Association Authorized Representatives may represent at all such meetings. Registered Participant Members or the Registered Participant may attend in person or may be represented by proxy.

2. All Registered Participant Members meetings shall be held on no less than thirty (30) days' written notice to those entitled to attend.

20.29-2 Board of Directors Meetings

1. Regular meetings of the full Board of Directors shall be held in January, June, September, and November of each year. The President shall act as chairperson of the Board of Directors meetings. The January meeting should follow the USA Hockey district Mid-Annual Meeting and the June meeting should follow USA Hockey Annual Congress, and shall take place immediately following the CAHA Annual Meeting of Registered Participant Members, at which time any newly elected Directors shall be seated.
2. At the annual meeting of the Board of Directors, Officers and members of the Executive Committees shall be elected and/or appointed, as the case may be. The June meeting is designated as the annual meeting of the Board.

3. Meetings of the Board of Directors may be conducted through the use of conference telephone or similar communication equipment, so long as all Directors participating in such meeting can hear and be heard by each other.

20.29-3 Executive Committee Meetings

Meetings of Executive Committee shall take place as needed, but no less often than once per quarter. It is recommended that the Disputes Resolution Committee meet monthly from September through April of each playing season. Executive Committee meetings may be conducted through the use of conference telephone or similar communication equipment, so long as all members can hear and be heard by each other.

20.29-4 Ratification by Registered Participant Members

Except as otherwise provided by law or the Bylaws of CAHA, a majority of the Registered Participant Members may, after due notice, ratify any action taken by the Board of Directors, an Officer, Director or duly authorized committee of CAHA and such ratification by a majority of such Registered Participant Members shall have the same legal effect as if said action had previously been approved and authorized by the Registered Participant Members prior to the act. The Member Association Authorized Representatives on behalf of the Registered Participant Members may accomplish any such ratification.

20.29-5 Action by Registered Participant Members Without Meeting

1. Any action which may be taken at a regular or special meeting of Registered Participant Members of CAHA may be taken without a meeting. For an action to be taken without a meeting, the Secretary of CAHA shall distribute a written ballot to every Member Association's Authorized Representative, or to the Registered Participant Member if he/she is not represented by an Authorized Representative, entitled to vote on the matter. The ballot shall set forth the proposed action, provide an opportunity to specify approval or disapproval of any proposed action, and provide a reasonable time of not less than thirty (30) days, nor in any event, later than April 30 within in which to return the ballot to CAHA. The number of votes cast by ballot must equal or exceed the quorum required to be present at a meeting authorizing the action, and the number of approvals must equal or exceed the number of votes that would be required to approve at a meeting at which the total number of votes cast was the same as the number of votes cast by ballot.
2. Ballots shall be solicited in a manner consistent with the requirements of giving notice of Registered Participant Members meetings as set forth in these Bylaws and of voting by written ballot as set forth above. All such solicitations shall indicate the number of responses needed to meet the quorum requirement with respect to ballots other than for the election of Directors, shall state the percentage of approvals necessary to pass the measure submitted. The solicitation shall specify the time by which the ballot must be received in order to be counted.
3. Multiple matters may be listed in a single ballot.
4. Unless otherwise provided in the Articles of Incorporation of CAHA or these Bylaws, a written ballot may not be revoked once it has been deposited in the United States Mail or otherwise delivered to the CAHA Secretary or his designee.

20.29-6 Action by Board of Directors or Executive Committee Without Meeting

1. Unless otherwise prohibited in the Articles or Bylaws, any action that may be taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee may be taken without a meeting if the Board of Directors or Executive Committee distributes a written ballot to every member

entitled to vote on the matter. The ballot and any related material may be sent by electronic transmission, and responses may be returned by electronic transmission. The ballot shall set forth the proposed action, provide an opportunity to specify approval or disapproval of any proposal, and provide a reasonable time within which to return the ballot.

2. Approval by written ballot pursuant to this section shall be valid only when the number of votes cast by ballot within the time period specified equals or exceeds the quorum required to be present at a meeting authorizing the action, and the number of approvals equals or exceeds the number of votes that would be required to approve at a meeting at the which the total number of votes cast was the same as the number of votes cast by ballot.
3. Written ballots solicited pursuant to this section shall indicate the number of responses needed to meet the quorum requirement and shall state the percentage of approvals necessary to pass the measure submitted. The solicitation must also specify the time by which the ballot must be received in order to be counted.
4. Unless otherwise provided in the Articles or Bylaws, a written ballot may not be revoked.
5. The results of such written ballot shall be tabulated and recorded on the minutes of the next meeting.

20.30 Quorums

20.30-1 Quorum for Registered Participant Members Meetings

One third (1/3) of the Registered Participant Members registered with both USA Hockey and CAHA as of January 31 of the current playing season plus one must be present in person or be represented by Member Association Authorized Representatives or by proxy at a meeting to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of Registered Participant Members. A duly called or held meeting at which a quorum is present, may continue to do business until adjournment notwithstanding withdrawal of Registered Participant Members or their representatives which may leave less than a quorum in attendance. Notwithstanding this quorum requirement, pursuant to California law, the Registered Participant Members Meeting may validly act and vote without quorum on any matters about which notice was generally given in the Notice of Meeting sent to Registered Participant Members or their Authorized Representatives.

20.30-2 Quorum for Meetings of the Board of Directors and Executive Committees

1. 35% (percent) of the Directors then seated shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business by the Board of Directors.
2. A majority of the respective Committee members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any Executive Committee business.
3. A duly called or held meeting at which a quorum is present, may continue to do business until adjournment notwithstanding withdrawal of Directors or committee members which may leave less than a quorum in attendance.

20.31 Contracts, Checks, Deposits, Funds and Fiscal Year

20.31-1 Contracts

The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents, of CAHA, in addition to the officers so authorized by these Bylaws, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of or on behalf of CAHA and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

20.31-2 Checks, Drafts, etc.

All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of CAHA shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents of CAHA and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors. In the absence of such determination of the Board of Directors, such instruments shall be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the President of CAHA in the event the amount of said instrument is in excess of $500. Instruments in amounts less than $500 may be signed by the Treasurer or President alone, or for more than $500, if instructed by the Board of Directors.

20.31-3 Deposits

All funds of CAHA shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of CAHA in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

20.31-4 Gifts

The Board of Directors may accept on behalf of CAHA any contribution, gift, bequest or devise for the general purposes or for any special purpose of CAHA.

20.31-5 Reporting

The CAHA Treasurer shall provide the Board of Directors with an itemized listing of all checks issued and deposits made on a quarterly basis.

20.31-6 Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of CAHA shall begin on July 1 and end on June 30 of the following year.

20.32 Amendments

20.32-1 Bylaw Amendments

Unless the action would materially or adversely affect the voting rights of Registered Participant Members, Bylaws may be adopted, amended, or repealed by the Board of Directors by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Directors present at the CAHA Annual Meeting or by a vote by eighty percent (80%) of the Directors present at any other duly held meeting of the Board of Directors, except as provided in California Corporations Code with respect to required and optional number of directors, term of office, filling vacancies, quorums, proxy voting, and cumulative voting.

20.32-2 Bylaw Amendments Affecting Registered Participant Members Voting Rights

Amendments or alterations to these Bylaws affecting the voting rights of Registered Participant Members shall be made only at the Annual Meeting of CAHA after specific notice to the President and Secretary of CAHA has been given, in writing, not later than thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled date of said meeting. The Secretary shall communicate such proposed amendments or alterations to each member of the Board of Directors and the Registered Participant Members no later than May 1 of any year in which such amendment is proposed. Notice to the Registered Participant Members may be given through their Member Association Authorized Representatives.

20.32-3 Approval of the Registered Participant Members

A majority vote of the Registered Participant Members entitled to vote and present at a meeting duly called and held is required for the adoption of any amendment or alteration to these Bylaws that affect those items specifically identified above.

20.32-4 Distribution of Bylaws and Rules

Prior to December 31 of each playing season, CAHA shall provide a copy of its current Bylaws and Rules and Regulations to each Registered Participant Member registered with CAHA and to the Executive Director of USA Hockey. Such copies for Registered Participant Members may be given through their Member Association Authorized Representative.

20.33 Books and Records

1. CAHA shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of its Board of Directors and Executive Committees and shall keep at the registered or principal office, records giving the names and addresses of members of the Board entitled to vote. Any Registered Participant Member or his agent or attorney may inspect all books and records of CAHA for any proper purpose at any reasonable time.
2. CAHA shall provide a copy of all federal and state tax returns and state agency filings to the Executive Director of USA Hockey no later than ten (10) days following the annual meeting.

20.34 Waiver of Notice

Whenever any notice whatsoever is required to be given under the provisions of the General Nonprofit Corporation Law of California, or under the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation or by the Bylaws of CAHA, 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.

20.35 Jurisdiction

CAHA shall have the sole and exclusive jurisdiction to conduct the affairs of CAHA and USA Hockey, to govern the Registered Participant Members and Member Teams of USA Hockey as defined in the USA Hockey Constitution, and to regulate amateur competition in the sport of ice hockey within the geographical confines of the State of California under the Bylaws and Regulations of CAHA and the Constitution, Bylaws, Regulations and Affiliate Agreement of USA Hockey.

20.36 Dispute Resolution

It is the express purpose of this section to establish a fair and orderly process for the resolution of disputes within CAHA and to require that all Registered Participant Members and Member Associations of CAHA utilize that administrative process. In that connection, CAHA expressly adopts the USA Hockey Dispute Resolution procedure set forth in USA Hockey Bylaw Section 10, as it now exists or may hereafter be amended and requires that Member Associations follow such procedures.

The power to suspend or discipline any individual or Member Team shall be vested in each Member Association in accordance with their rules and regulations. Whoever is vested with that authority within the Member Association shall arrange for the conduct of a hearing. The individual conducting the hearing shall be impartial and without any interest in the outcome; in the event a substantial issue is raised about such person's impartiality or interest based on objective facts, a new person shall be appointed to hear the matter if there is even an appearance of partiality or interest by the hearing officer. All parties involved in the incident and witnesses thereto shall be given the opportunity to give their version of the facts.

20.36-1 Appeals to CAHA's Disciplinary/Dispute Resolution Committee

Any individual or Member Team suspended or disciplined by a Member Association shall have the right to appeal such suspension or discipline to the CAHA Disciplinary/Dispute Resolution Executive Committee. The appeal shall be addressed to the First Vice President of CAHA with a copy to CAHA Legal Counsel. If the Member Association belongs to a League, the matter shall first be appealed to the League before being appealed, if appropriate, to CAHA.

After any League proceedings are completed, an appeal of a Member Association action must be submitted in writing to the CAHA First Vice President no later than fourteen (14) days after a decision was rendered, or after a hearing or decision was refused or failed to be carried out by any Member Association. The CAHA Disciplinary/Dispute Resolution Executive Committee will review the appeal in no more than thirty (30) days after the appeal was submitted.

1. The written Notice of Appeal shall contain the name, address and telephone number of the party presenting the appeal, along with their fax number and e-mail addresses, if any, a brief statement of the decision or inaction from which the Appeal is made, and be accompanied by any documentary evidence or writings relevant to the appeal.
2. The written Notice of Appeal shall be accompanied by the $250 check as set forth in Section 20.36-3, Appeal to the CAHA Appeals Committee. No such check is needed to open a proceeding under Sections 20.36-1 and 20.36-2.
3. The hearing of the Committee shall comply with the dispute resolution requirements of USA Hockey. The decision of the CAHA Disciplinary/Dispute Resolution Executive Committee shall be announced orally at the time of hearing, if possible, and reduced to writing within forty-eight (48) hours of the hearing. A copy of such written decision shall be transmitted to the CAHA President and the CAHA Secretary and the parties to the Appeal within forty-eight (48) of the hearing.

20.36-2 Advisory Interpretations of Governing Documents and Decisions

In the event a controversy or dispute arises regarding the construction, interpretation, or application of the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, decisions of the Board of Directors of CAHA or USA Hockey, or decisions of the Member Associations, Leagues, Agents or appointees of CAHA or USA Hockey, the controversy or dispute shall be submitted to the CAHA Disciplinary/ Dispute Resolution Executive Committee for resolution and/or interpretation in accordance with Rules and Regulations governing the appeals process. Such a request for resolution and/or interpretation shall be addressed to the First Vice President of CAHA with a copy to CAHA Legal Counsel. If the Committee decides to only render an interpretation of such governing documents and/or decisions, the Committee does not need to conduct a hearing and they shall then return the matter to the Member Association for resolution in light of that interpretation.

20.36-3 Appeal to the CAHA Appeals Committee

To appeal a decision of the CAHA Disciplinary/Dispute Resolution Committee, either party to the dispute submitted to the CAHA Disciplinary/Dispute Resolution Executive Committee may appeal the decision of that committee to the CAHA Appeals Committee in accordance with procedures set forth in the CAHA Rules and Regulations. The appeal shall be considered by the CAHA Appeals Committee at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board or, in the event the decision of the CAHA Disciplinary/Dispute Resolution Executive Committee would deprive a member of rights which would be irremediable at the time of the next regularly scheduled Board meeting, the CAHA Appeals Committee may be telephonically polled to determine whether the decision of the CAHA Disciplinary/Dispute Resolution Executive Committee shall be ratified, modified or overruled. Each

member of the CAHA Appeals Committee shall be sent or supplied with a copy of the decision of the CAHA Disciplinary/Dispute Resolution Executive Committee prior and all written submissions from the parties to the dispute to polling. CAHA legal counsel or such other independent person shall conduct the polling as the President may select and the results announced within forty-eight (48) hours, or such shorter time as may be feasible in the circumstances.

20.36-4 Sanctions

Each Registered Participant Member, Member Association, and their agents or representatives shall confine the resolution of disputes with CAHA to the process described herein and to the process set forth in the CAHA Rules and Regulations. Therefore, any recourse directly to USA Hockey or the court of any jurisdiction by any individual, Member Association or Affiliated Association before all of the procedures, rights, and remedies described in these Bylaws and the CAHA Rules and Regulations have been exhausted, shall be deemed conduct detrimental to CAHA within the meeting of these Bylaws. Such violation of these Bylaws and procedures shall subject the individual, Member Association and their agents and representatives to immediate suspension and disqualification or such other discipline as the Board deems appropriate. Any actions of the Board to remove or modify the sanctions imposed in any matter shall not include the restoration of games and points lost or denied during any period of suspension and/or disqualification.

20.36-5 Expenses

To defray some of the costs associated with CAHA resolving any dispute, the appealing party of the dispute shall forward a bond of $250 in the form of a certified check payable to CAHA along with a written request for a resolution of the dispute. If the decision is in favor of the appealing party the bond will be returned. The non-prevailing party in any dispute involving two or more Registered Participant Members or Member Associations of CAHA shall forfeit any bond and may also be liable to CAHA for the entire cost of the CAHA Disciplinary/Dispute Resolution Executive Committee proceeding and any further costs attributable to a hearing by the Board of Directors, including attorneys' fees and costs incurred by CAHA in connection therewith as determined by the Board of Directors at their sole discretion.

20.37 Individual Discipline

20.37-1 Players, parents, coaches, and all other individuals within CAHA are subject to the same rules and regulations of conduct and are equally subject to suspension, expulsion or discipline. The President, or any Vice President officially acting in his place or stead, pursuant to the rules prescribed herein and consistent with the rules and regulations of USA Hockey relating to suspension or expulsion, may suspend, any player, parent, team, team official, referee, or other individual for conduct detrimental to the game, or for such other reasons as may be determined as grounds for suspension or expulsion by the Board of Directors.

20.37-2 For this same purpose, the President may appoint such committee or committees to take such action as he may be empowered to do himself under these Bylaws and Rules. The Board of Directors may appoint for the same purposes and with the same powers, such committees.

20.38 Rules of Order

20.38-1 All CAHA meetings of Registered Participant Members and the Board of Directors shall be conducted in accordance with the most recent edition of the "Robert's Rules of Order" unless otherwise specified in these Bylaws.

20.38-2 The Order of Business for the CAHA Annual Meeting of Registered Participant Members shall be:

1. Call to Order by the President
2. Seating of Member Association Authorized Representatives and Individual
3. Registered Participant Member's Representatives and Determination of
4. Validity of Proxies
5. Election of CAHA Directors
6. Reading of Minutes of last meeting of Registered Participant Members and Approval
7. Voting on Bylaw Changes related to Registered Participant Member Voting Rights
8. President's Report
9. Treasurer's Report
10. Vice Presidents' Reports Regarding Prior Season's Activities and Current Executive Committee Plans
11. Additional Reports Designated by President
12. Old Business Regarding Last Prior Registered Participant Member Meeting
13. New Business Regarding Registered Participant Member Meeting
14. Setting of Time and Place for Next Meeting
15. Adjournment

Note - No votes shall be taken during the Annual Registered Participant Member Meeting unless the matter needs to be submitted to Registered Participant Members for vote.

20.38-3 The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors shall immediately follow the adjournment of the CAHA Annual Meeting of Registered Participant Members. The Order of Business for the Annual Meeting of the CAHA Board of Directors shall be:

1. Call To Order
2. Roll Call
3. Election of Officers (unless deferred)
4. Election of Executive Committees (unless deferred)
5. Reading of Minutes of last Board Meeting and Approval
6. Old Business Presented by Officers and Committees (Order to be selected by President)
7. New Business (Unless in the President's opinion a particular issue will involve the undue consumption of time, New Business will be considered as each officer and/or committee present their matters under Old Business. However, all Directors and Officers shall be permitted to raise New Business matters after President and Committee initiated New Business matters are addressed)
8. Adjournment

20.38-4 The order of business for all other CAHA regular or special meetings shall be: The same as for the Annual Meeting, except that elections shall only be for the purpose of filling vacancies, as needed:

1. Call To Order
2. Reading of Minutes
3. Reports
4. Old Business
5. New Business
6. Adjournment

20.39 Addenda

20.39-1 There are five (5) Addenda to these Bylaws as follows:

1. Addendum A - Affiliate Agreement with USA Hockey
2. Addendum B - Responsibilities and Duties of the CAHA Board of Directors
3. Addendum C - Responsibilities and Duties of CAHA Officers
4. Addendum D - Responsibilities and Duties of CAHA Executive Committees
5. Addendum E - Rules Governing Member Associations

20.39-2 Addenda B through E inclusive may be modified by the CAHA Board of Directors at any time.

Section 21 Addendum A – USA Hockey Affiliate Agreement

This agreement, made and entered into this 2nd day of August, 2021, by and between USA Hockey, Inc., a non-profit District of Columbia corporation with its principal place of business located at 1775 Bob Johnson Drive, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80906 (hereinafter to be referred to as "USA Hockey"), and the California Amateur Hockey Association, a non-profit corporation (hereinafter to be referred to as "Affiliate"), for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained.

WHEREAS, USA Hockey is the national governing body for the sport of amateur ice hockey, pursuant to the Amateur Sports Act of 1978, as amended; and

WHEREAS, USA Hockey is the duly authorized representative of the International Ice Hockey Federation ("IIHF") with exclusive jurisdiction over the conduct of the play of the sport of amateur ice hockey as sanctioned by the IIHF within the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Affiliate and USA Hockey wish to associate in the interest of developing and administering the sport of amateur ice hockey within Affiliate's geographical jurisdiction, as provided herein, and consistent with the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, Playing Rules and decisions of the Board of Directors of USA Hockey and the IIHF;

NOW, THEREFORE, intending to be legally bound hereby, USA Hockey and Affiliate hereby mutually covenant and agree as follows:

1. Jurisdiction

USA Hockey hereby grants to Affiliate, subject to the limitations contained herein and federal law, the exclusive jurisdiction (as an "Affiliate Association" under USA Hockey's Bylaws) to conduct certain of the affairs of USA Hockey, to assist in the governance of the members of USA Hockey, and to regulate the sport of amateur ice hockey within the geographical area of California, in each case as follows:

1. To assess and charge a reasonable team and/or individual fee for members within its jurisdiction, in addition to the regular USA Hockey fee, which fee(s) for the previous season shall be reported in writing to the Executive Director of USA Hockey on or before May 1 of each year.
2. To operate fund raising programs to support its functions as an Affiliate Association of USA Hockey, including a special charge on paid gate tournaments, games or events sponsored by Affiliate, so long as such fund raising programs do not conflict with USA Hockey's sponsorship or licensing programs of which Affiliate is notified from time to time.
3. To establish and collect a reasonable "travel permit" fee from members as a condition of certification that the member is eligible to compete outside the jurisdiction of Affiliate, which fee for the previous season shall be reported in writing to the Executive Director of USA Hockey on or before May 1 of each year.
4. To establish and adopt, subject to the prior written approval of the appropriate Council of USA Hockey, reasonable regulations governing eligibility of members for playoff competition leading to national tournaments of USA Hockey including the establishment and collection of reasonable fees for such playoffs, such fees to be submitted for review at or before USA Hockey's Annual Congress and such regulations to be submitted within 30 days thereafter.
5. To perform and/or provide certain other authorized services or functions to promote and regulate the play of the sport of amateur ice hockey as an Affiliate Association of USA Hockey.

USA Hockey hereby agrees that it will accept and recognize only those individuals, teams, leagues and associations within Affiliate's jurisdiction which hold and continue membership in good standing with Affiliate. Further, USA Hockey, in accord with the exclusive jurisdiction herein granted, agrees to cooperate with and assist Affiliate in the administration of the play of the sport of amateur ice hockey within Affiliate's jurisdiction, when such cooperation and assistance is deemed necessary and/or advisable by Affiliate and USA Hockey. USA Hockey hereby agrees to assign Affiliate to one of its districts and Affiliate is hereby entitled to participate with any other Affiliate Associations within its District with respect to the affairs of the District pursuant to the Bylaws and Rules and Regulations of USA Hockey.

This Agreement establishes certain obligations of and grants certain rights to Affiliate as an "Affiliate Association" of USA Hockey. USA Hockey acknowledges that Affiliate is and shall remain a separate entity with complete authority to conduct its affairs and programs, subject only to the express obligations and restrictions contained in this Agreement.

2. Bylaws and/or Policies That Must Be Adopted by Affiliate

The Affiliate, in consideration of the grant of exclusive jurisdiction, hereby agrees to adopt as official policy and/or bylaws of its organization, the following:

A. Bylaw #1 – USA Hockey Pre-Eminence

The California Amateur Hockey Association, an Affiliate Association of USA Hockey, Inc., shall abide by and act in accord with the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, Playing Rules and decisions of the Board of Directors of USA Hockey, and such documents and decisions shall take precedence over and supersede all similar governing documents and/or decisions of the California Amateur Hockey Association. Further, the California Amateur Hockey Association 1) shall assist USA Hockey in the administration and enforcement of the provisions of the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, Playing Rules and decisions of the Board of Directors of USA Hockey, within and upon its members and/or within its jurisdiction and 2) agrees to be guided by the following core values of USA Hockey:

1. **Sportsmanship**. Foremost of all values is to learn a sense of fair play. Become humble in victory, gracious in defeat. We will foster friendship with teammates and opponents alike.
2. **Respect for the Individual**. Treat all others as you expect to be treated.
3. **Integrity**. We seek to foster honesty and fair play beyond mere strict interpretation of the rules and regulations of the game.
4. **Pursuit of Excellence at the Individual, Team and Organizational Levels**. Each member of the organization, whether player, volunteer or staff, should seek to perform each aspect of the game to the highest level of his or her ability.
5. **Enjoyment**. It is important for the hockey experience to be fun, satisfying and rewarding for the participant.
6. **Loyalty**. We aspire to teach loyalty to the ideals and fellow members of the sport of hockey.
7. **Teamwork**. We value the strength of learning to work together. The use of teamwork is reinforced and rewarded by success in the hockey experience.

B. Bylaw #2 – Indemnity

The California Amateur Hockey Association, an Affiliate Association of USA Hockey, Inc., shall indemnify and hold harmless USA Hockey, the Board of Directors of USA Hockey and each member thereof, the Executive

Committee of USA Hockey and each member thereof, the councils and committees of USA Hockey and each member thereof, and all other elected, appointed, employed or volunteer representatives of USA Hockey from any and all claims, liability, judgments, costs, attorneys' fees, charges and expenses whatsoever, arising from the acts and omissions of California Amateur Hockey Association, except to the extent that 1) USA Hockey or its afore-described representatives caused such claims, liability, judgments, costs, attorneys' fees, charges or expenses by their own intentional neglect or default or 2) such acts or omissions were the direct result of compliance with the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, Playing Rules or decisions of the Board of Directors of USA Hockey. Further, the California Amateur Hockey Association understands and acknowledges that USA Hockey and its afore-described representatives have assumed such assignment, function, office or capacity upon the express understanding, agreement and condition that they be so indemnified and held harmless to the extent described in this bylaw.

USA Hockey shall reasonably cooperate with Affiliate in any litigation and provide reasonable support in connection therewith, including but not limited to advice and testimony upon reasonable request; provided, however, that such cooperation shall not require USA Hockey to incur any out of pocket expense not reimbursed by Affiliate.

3. Additional Principles That Must Be Contained in Affiliate's Bylaws or Official Policy

Affiliate hereby understands and agrees that the organization, structure, policy, bylaws and/or operation of Affiliate shall reflect, and shall not violate, the following principles:

A. Membership

All Registered Participant Members of Affiliate, as a condition of membership in good standing with Affiliate, shall also be required to be Registered Participant Members in good standing with USA Hockey.

B. Government

The government and authority of Affiliate shall be vested in a Board of Directors composed of at least three representatives, as determined by Affiliate, selected through an annual democratic election process. A majority of the Board must always be composed of representatives selected by such election process. The officers of Affiliate, selected by the Registered Participant Members or the Board of Directors, shall include at least a president, vice president and secretary-treasurer. It is recommended that the terms of directors and officers be staggered.

C. Voting

Each Registered Participant Member of Affiliate shall be entitled to one vote in the process adopted by Affiliate for the election of its Board of Directors. The process adopted by Affiliate for the election of its Board of Directors shall be based upon the premise that each Registered Participant Member of Affiliate shall be entitled to one vote. The manner of any voting by proxy, shall be stated in writing and shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Committee of USA Hockey.

D. Annual Meetings

Any action(s) or policy(s) adopted or requested to be adopted by the Board of Directors or the officers of Affiliate shall be reported to its membership, or their duly authorized representatives, at least once each year at a meeting called for such purpose, with notice and agenda of such meeting being given to all members of Affiliate no less than fifteen (15) days in advance of the holding of the meeting, which meeting shall be open to all members of Affiliate.

E. Financial Reports, Dues and Assessments

Affiliate shall provide to the Executive Director of USA Hockey an annual financial report of operations, and all dues and assessments by Affiliate shall be reasonable in relation to the programs it offers to its members.

F. Publication of Constitution and Bylaws

Affiliate shall annually distribute to its members, copies of its constitution, bylaws and other governing documents, and all amendments thereto. Copies shall also be available upon request.

G. Equal Opportunity/Automatic Suspension of Athletes Without a Hearing

Affiliate must provide an equal competitive opportunity taking into account ability, physical size and other athletic criteria, to amateur athletes, coaches, trainers, managers, administrators, and officials to participate, consistent with the requirements of the Amateur Sports Act of 1978, as amended, in amateur athletic competition without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, or national origin. Affiliate shall provide for the prompt and equitable resolution of grievances of its members, including fair notice and opportunity for a hearing to any amateur athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator, or official before declaring such individual ineligible to participate.

H. Insurance

Affiliate agrees, at all times throughout the term of this Agreement, to be covered by the general liability insurance policy and the Directors and Officers and Crime insurance policy maintained by USA Hockey. USA Hockey shall inform Affiliate of the limits of that policy, and of the changes to those limits which may be made by USA Hockey at its sole prerogative. Affiliate retains the right to obtain whatever additional insurance coverages it may desire, at its own expense, but agrees to name USA Hockey as an additional insured thereof. By purchasing and maintaining the aforementioned insurance policies, USA Hockey does not assume, and indeed disclaims, any liability for any actions or omissions of Affiliate.

I. 501(c)(3) Status

Affiliate shall at all times during the term of this Agreement maintain its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the *Internal Revenue Code*, and shall cooperate with USA Hockey in the event that USA Hockey and Affiliate deem it advisable for Affiliate to be included in a group exemption letter.

J. Abuse

Affiliate shall adopt policies prohibiting sexual and physical abuse which meet certain minimum criteria established by USA Hockey (subject to any contrary requirements contained in state or local law applicable to Affiliate).

K. Adoption

Affiliate shall adopt, as amendments to its bylaws and as official policy, the foregoing principles set forth in Section 2, Bylaws and/or Policies That Must Be Adopted by Affiliate, and Section 3, Additional Principles That Must Be Contained in Affiliate's Bylaws or Official Policy within 180 days of the date of this Agreement. It shall be a condition of the continuation of the grant of affiliate status contained herein for Affiliate to deliver written proof of such adoption to USA Hockey at its principal office within 210 days of the date of this Agreement. If Affiliate does not adopt the foregoing principles as required herein, its members shall not be entitled to the benefits of membership in USA Hockey.

4. Term

The term this Agreement, shall be for one (1) year, from September 1, 2014, to August 31, 2015 and renewed annually thereafter, unless 1) either party shall notify the other of an intention to terminate the relationship herein created no less than sixty (60) days prior to the end of the term provided for above or 2) earlier terminated for breach as hereinafter provided.

5. Breach

In the event that Affiliate shall breach any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, or any of the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, Playing Rules or decisions of the Board of Directors of USA Hockey (which provisions are incorporated herein by this reference as though fully set forth herein), then USA Hockey shall have the right to impose sanctions pursuant to Bylaw 10 of USA Hockey's Bylaws and/or terminate (subject to a 30-day right to cure) this Agreement and the status herein granted to Affiliate.

In the event that USA Hockey shall breach any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, then Affiliate shall have the right to terminate (subject to a 30-day right to cure) this Agreement and the status herein granted.

6. Miscellaneous

For the purposes of consistent administration of this Agreement, the following shall govern and control the relationship between USA Hockey and Affiliate:

A. Notice

Each party hereby designates (and agrees to notify the other party hereto promptly in the event of a change in such designation) the following official representative to whom notice should be given of any and all matters involving USA Hockey and Affiliate as provided for in this Agreement:

1. USA Hockey
   Executive Director
   USA Hockey, Inc.
   1775 Bob Johnson Drive
   Colorado Springs, CO 80906-4090

2. Affiliate
   California Amateur Hockey Association (CAHA)

B. Amendment

This Agreement is not subject to any addition, alteration, modification, or amendment, unless and upon condition that said addition, alteration, modification or amendment is in writing, and signed by both parties hereto.

C. Severability

In the event that any article, section, or clause of this Agreement shall be declared illegal or void by a court of competent jurisdiction, then the article, section or clause so declared shall be deleted from this Agreement to the extent that it violates the law, or has been declared void. The remaining articles, sections and clauses shall remain in full force and effect throughout the entire term hereof.

D. Entire Agreement

This Agreement shall be binding upon both parties hereto, and supersedes all other agreements and understandings by and between the parties hereto.

E. Governing Law

This Agreement shall be construed, administered, enforced and interpreted pursuant to the laws of the State of Colorado.

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In witness whereof, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their respective representatives, and attested to by their respective representatives on this 2nd day of August, 2021.

USA Hockey, Inc.	California Amateur Hockey Association
by _____	by _____
Pat Kelleher, Executive Director	Thomas Hancock, President
date August 5, 2021	date August 2, 2021

Section 22 Addendum B – Duties of the CAHA Board of Directors

Without restricting or limiting the duties imposed by law, by the CAHA Articles of Incorporation, or by the Constitution and governing documents of USA Hockey, the duties of the Board of Directors shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Elect the officers of CAHA
2. Review, approve, remove or revise the Member Association status of local Associations within CAHA
3. Adopt, amend, revise or repeal the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of CAHA
4. Remit or remove suspensions in accordance with the Bylaws of CAHA and USA Hockey
5. Enforce the Constitution, Bylaws and Regulations of CAHA and USA Hockey
6. Remove from office any Officer by 2/3-majority vote
7. Temporarily fill the vacancy of any office caused by any reason
8. Appoint the members of Executive Committee
9. Establish and collect dues
10. Ratify any temporary ruling by the President, Officers or Executive Committee(s) acting on the authority of the Board of Directors
11. Call special meetings
12. Have access to all financial records; review all expenditures and collections
13. Any other such powers granted by the California Corporation Code, these Bylaws, the Bylaws of USA Hockey or the Affiliate Agreement.

Section 23 Addendum C – Duties of CAHA Officers

1. President

The President shall be the principal executive officer of CAHA and shall, in general, supervise and control all of the business and affairs of CAHA. The President shall have, but is not limited to, the following powers and duties:

1. Presiding at all meetings of the Member Teams and of the Board of Directors at which he/she is present.
2. The power to call special meetings of CAHA, at his/her discretion.
3. The power to determine questions arising from emergencies not provided for in the Bylaws or Rules and Regulations of CAHA until such time as they may be acted upon by the appropriate CAHA Executive Committee or the CAHA Board of Directors; attending and representing CAHA in other ice hockey meetings, including the USA Hockey Annual Meeting and any district meetings.
4. Shall be an ex-officio member of all Executive Committees unless he/she otherwise qualifies to be a member of any such committee.
5. Shall sign, with the Secretary or other proper officer of CAHA as authorized by the Board of Directors, any contracts or other instruments which the Board of Directors have 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 Bylaws or by statute to some other officer or agent of CAHA.
6. Shall perform all duties incident to the office of President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time.

The President shall be allowed all of his/her out-of-pocket expenses for all CAHA business. These expenses shall include, but are not limited to, economy class air travel when necessary, automobile rental, lodging and meals when traveling on CAHA business. He/she shall also be reimbursed for phone calls, postage and copying costs incurred in the performance of his/her duties.

2. First Vice President

The First Vice President shall have, but is not limited to, the following powers and duties:

1. In the absence of the President or in the event of the President's inability or refusal to act, the First Vice President shall perform all duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all of the restrictions upon the President.
2. Chairperson of the Disciplinary/Disputes Resolution Executive Committee.
3. Camp Director for the California Player Development Camps.
4. Shall ensure that CAHA's Directors and Officers Insurance is maintained and in effect at all times.
5. Shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or the President from time to time.

The First Vice President shall be allowed the same expenses as the President.

3. Second Vice President

The Second Vice President shall have, but is not limited to, the following powers and duties:

1. In the absence of any higher ranking Officers, shall perform all duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all of the restrictions upon the President.
2. Chairman of the Youth Executive Committee.
3. Shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or the President from time to time.

The Second Vice President shall be allowed the same expenses as the President.

4. Third Vice President

The Third Vice President shall have, but is not limited to, the following powers and duties:

1. In the absence of any higher ranking Officers, shall perform all duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all of the restrictions upon the President.
2. Chairman of the Senior Executive Committee.
3. Shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or the President from time to time.
4. The Third Vice President shall be allowed the same expenses as the President.

5. Fourth Vice President

The Fourth Vice President shall have, but is not limited to, the following powers and duties:

1. In the absence of any higher ranking Officers, shall perform all duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all of the restrictions upon the President.
2. Chairman of the Girls Executive Committee.
3. Shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or the President from time to time.
4. The Fourth Vice President shall be allowed the same expenses as the President.

6. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall have, but is not limited to, the following powers and duties:

1. If required by the Board of Directors, he/she shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of Treasurer's duties in the sum and with such surety or sureties as the Board of Directors may determine.
2. Shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of CAHA.
3. Shall receive and give receipts from monies due and payable to CAHA from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such monies in the name of CAHA in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as shall be selected in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws.
4. Shall sign all checks with the President or Vice President.

5. Shall be responsible for filing all required financial statements, returns or other documents as may be required by government agencies to which CAHA has responsibility.
6. Shall prepare, maintain and distribute quarterly CAHA financial reports to the Board of Directors and Officers.
7. Prepare and submit an annual operating budget to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting.
8. Ensure that an audit of CAHA's financial records are completed as required by law or as requested by action of the Board of Directors and ensure that CAHA's nonprofit status with federal and state authorities is maintained.
9. Shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or the President from time to time.

The Treasurer shall be allowed the same expenses as the President.

7. Secretary

The Secretary shall have, but is not limited to, the following powers and duties:

1. Shall keep minutes of the meetings of the Member Teams and of the Board of Directors in one or more books provided for that purpose.
2. Shall see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws or as required by law.
3. Shall be custodian of the corporate records and of the seal of CAHA.
4. Shall keep a register of the post office address and telephone numbers for each member of the Board of Directors, each Officer and each member of the Executive Committees.
5. Shall maintain a current list of names, addresses and telephone numbers for each Member Association within CAHA.
6. Shall make all meeting arrangements (food, rooms, etc.) for CAHA Meetings.
7. Shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or the President from time to time.

Section 24 Addendum D – Responsibilities and Duties of CAHA Executive Committees

1. CAHA Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of at least the Officers of CAHA plus at least two (2) other Directors who will be appointed by the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to act on behalf of the Board of Directors between meetings of the Board to carry out the directives of the Directors as expressed at the annual meetings. The CAHA President shall be chairperson of this committee.

2. Youth Committee

The Youth Committee will consist of at least the CAHA Second Vice President, two (2) or more Directors, a representative from each recognized youth competitive hockey league in California and a representative for all in-house non-competitive teams registered in California. The CAHA President shall also serve as an ex-officio member of this Committee if not otherwise appointed to the committee, but shall not vote nor shall his/her presence be counted for purposes of determining a quorum when serving in an ex-officio capacity. The CAHA Second Vice President shall be chairman of the Youth Committee.

The purpose of the Youth Committee is the planning, development and conduct of youth hockey within the State of California. At the CAHA Annual Meeting, the Youth Committee will submit to the entire CAHA Board of Directors for approval, a statement of objectives for the upcoming year along with the programs that will be put in place to achieve those objectives. Also included for approval shall be a proposed budget and fee structure covering youth hockey for the upcoming season. The Youth Committee may select other interested personas to participate in Youth Committee meetings but such other parties shall be non-voting members of the Committee.

The Youth Committee will be responsible for overseeing the conduct of each CAHA State Youth Tournament, to set the requirements for hosting such tournaments and to solicit bids for such tournaments. At the CAHA Annual meeting a fee structure covering the CAHA Youth Tournaments for the upcoming season will be presented for approval.

3. Adult Committee

The Adult Committee will consist of at least the CAHA Third Vice President, two (2) or more additional Directors, a representative from each recognized Senior hockey league in California and a representative for all college teams registered in California. The CAHA President shall also serve as an ex-officio member of this Committee if not otherwise appointed to the committee, but shall not vote nor shall his/her presence be counted for purposes of determining a quorum when serving in an ex-officio capacity. The CAHA Third Vice President shall be chairman of the Adult Committee.

The purpose of the Adult Committee is the planning, development and conduct of Adult hockey within the State of California. At the CAHA Annual Meeting, the Adult Executive Committee will submit to the entire CAHA Board of Directors for approval, a statement of objectives for the upcoming year along with the programs that will be put in place to achieve those objectives. Also included for approval shall be a proposed budget and fee structure covering Adult hockey for the upcoming season. The Adult Executive Committee may select other interested persons to participate in Adult Executive Committee meetings but such other persons shall be non-voting members of the Committee.

The Adult Committee will be responsible for overseeing the conduct of each CAHA State Adult Tournament, to set the requirements for hosting such tournaments and to solicit bids for such tournaments. At the CAHA

Annual meeting a fee structure covering the CAHA State Adult Tournaments for the upcoming season will be presented for approval.

4. Disciplinary/Dispute Resolutions Committee

The Disciplinary/Dispute Resolutions Committee will consist of at least the CAHA First Vice President, two (2) or more Directors, and at least three (3) other individuals that are not concurrently serving in any other position within CAHA or any other Association, League or ice hockey association and that are deemed to be impartial, fair and reasonable people. The CAHA President shall also serve as an ex-officio member of this Committee if not otherwise appointed to the committee but shall not vote nor shall his/her presence be counted for purposes of determining a quorum when serving in an ex-officio capacity. The CAHA First Vice President shall be chairperson of the Disciplinary/Dispute Resolutions Committee. The chairperson shall be responsible for determining when and if legal counsel is needed for any actions of the Disciplinary/Dispute Resolutions Committee. If it is determined that such legal counsel is necessary, the CAHA legal counsel shall serve on the Disciplinary/Dispute Resolutions Committee in a non-voting capacity.

The purpose of the Disciplinary/Dispute Resolutions Committee is the resolution of disputes and appeals within the State of California in accordance with CAHA and USA Hockey Bylaws, Rules and Regulations. The Disciplinary/Dispute Resolutions Committee may select other interested persons to participate in disciplinary or dispute resolution meetings but such other parties shall be non-voting members of the Committee.

The responsibility and duty to initiate disciplinary proceedings in any matter of significant concern to the Affiliate or as to any matter between Affiliates of USA Hockey under guidelines and rules established by the Committee and ratified, adopted or approved by the Board of Directors.

5. Girls Committee

The Girls Committee will consist of at least the CAHA Fourth Vice President, two (2) or more Directors, a representative from each recognized girls' and/or women's competitive hockey league in California and a representative for all in-house non-competitive girls' and/or women's teams registered with USA Hockey in California. The CAHA President shall also serve as an ex-officio member of this Committee if not otherwise appointed to the Committee, but shall not vote nor shall his/her presence be counted for purposes of determining a quorum when serving in an ex-officio capacity. The CAHA Fourth Vice President shall be chairman of the Girls Committee.

The purpose of the Girls Committee is the planning, development and conduct of girls hockey within the State of California. The Committee shall coordinate its activities with the Youth, Senior and Disciplinary/Dispute Resolution Committees. The Committee shall also be responsible for the support and direction of Team California Girls. At the CAHA Annual Meeting, the Girls Committee will submit to the entire CAHA Board of Directors, for approval, a statement of objectives for the upcoming year also with the programs that will be put in place to achieve those objectives. Also included for approval shall be a proposed budget and fee structure covering girls hockey for the upcoming season. The Girls Committee may select other interested persons to participate in Girls Committee meetings but such other parties shall be non-voting members of the Committee.

The Girls Committee will be responsible for overseeing the conduct of each CAHA Girls Tournament, to set the requirements for hosting such tournaments and to solicit bids for such tournaments. At the CAHA Annual Meeting a fee structure covering the CAHA Girls Tournaments for the upcoming season will be presented for approval.

Section 25 Addendum E – Rules and Regulations Governing Member Associations of California Amateur Hockey Association

1. Registered Member Association

A. Status

A properly Registered Member Association is the non-exclusive organization authorized ("Member Association" has as its meaning the definition contained in the Bylaws of the California Amateur Hockey Association, herein "CAHA") by CAHA to develop players and teams and conduct the affairs of CAHA in order to promote the sport of amateur ice hockey under its ice hockey program (herein "Participant Program").

2. Authority / Jurisdiction

A. Authority

1. **Separate Organization:** Each Registered Member Association of CAHA is and shall be an independent and separate organization or entity distinct from CAHA.
2. **Conduct of Its Affairs and Programs:** Each Registered Member Association is the organization which shall have initial, primary authority and responsibility to conduct its affairs and programs; including, at a minimum, the conduct of its directors, officers, players, parents, coaches, minor officials, administrators, fans, participants, and members within its Participant Program.
3. **Annual Basis:** Each Registered Member Association's authorization shall be granted on an annual basis, and application shall be made annually by a Member Association to CAHA for registration prior to commencement of its Participant Program.
4. **Subject to CAHA and USA Hockey:** Each Registered Member Association's authority is subject to the obligations and restrictions contained in the Bylaws and Rules of CAHA and USA Hockey and, specifically, in this Addendum E to the Bylaws of CAHA. The Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of CAHA and USA Hockey and their decisions shall take precedence over and supersede all similar governing documents, authority and/or decisions of a Registered Member Association. Each Registered Member Association shall abide by and act in accord with the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations and decisions of CAHA and USA Hockey.

B. Fees and Fund Raising

A Registered Member Association is authorized to do the following:

1. **Fees**: to assess and charge a reasonable fee for participants/members within its Participant Program, in addition to any regular CAHA and USA Hockey fees; the amount of any charge shall be communicated in writing to each participant/member prior to tryouts and the undertaking of any obligation by the participant/member. CAHA may request a report of the fees charged by Registered Member Association to its participants which shall remain confidential, and Registered Member Association shall promptly provide the report on request.

2. **Fund-raising:** to operate fund-raising programs to support its functions as a Registered Member Association of CAHA, including special charges on paid-gate tournaments, games or events sponsored by the Registered Member Association but not on events sponsored by CAHA, nor may such events conflict with CAHA or USA Hockey events, unless specifically authorized by CAHA or USA Hockey.

3. **Other Authorized Services:** to perform and/or provide other authorized services or functions to promote and regulate the play of the sport of amateur ice hockey as a Registered Member Association of CAHA in the Registered Member Association's Participant Program.

3. CAHA Cooperation

A. CAHA Recognition of Teams

CAHA will accept and register only those individuals and teams within Registered Member Association's Participant Program which hold and continue membership in good standing with Registered Member Association.

B. CAHA Cooperation

CAHA will cooperate with and assist Registered Member Association in the administration of the sport of amateur ice hockey within Registered Member Association's Participant Program, when such cooperation and assistance is deemed necessary and/or advisable by CAHA. It is understood by each Registered Member Association, however, that primary and initial responsibility is with the Registered Member Association, and that CAHA has no duty to assist in, advise, or manage a Registered Member Association's affairs.

C. CAHA Name

Registered Member Association shall have no right to the use the name California Amateur Hockey Association, CAHA, or their logos ("CAHA Names") and shall not use CAHA Names or any affiliations with CAHA except as approved in writing by CAHA.

4. Bylaws and/or Policies That Must Be Adopted by Registered Member Association

A. Bylaws or General Guidelines

Registered Member Association shall have written Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, or General Outlines of the method of governance and authority of the Registered Member Association.

B. Operating Policies, Rules and Regulations

Registered Member Association shall have written Operating Policies, Rules, Regulations and Policies that will inform the participant/members or any potential member of the organization of its day-to-day operating procedures, including any concept that Registered Member Association wishes to enforce, and it shall make them reasonably available to its participants prior to selection of any team, but no less than fifteen (15) days prior to tryouts.

5. Organizational Structure of Registered Member Associations

A. Organizational Structure

Registered Member Association shall have an organizational structure described in writing on a Registration Form provided by CAHA prior to commencement of its Participant Program. The Registration Form shall be provided in connection with application for membership in USA Hockey.

B. Acknowledgement of Compliance with SafeSport

This section has been added to address the new participation requirements of member programs and affiliates in the new USA Hockey SafeSport policy.

At the time of annual Member Association Registration each year (normally July 1 through September 30), the below language is required to be acknowledged by the responsible member of the organization (normally the President, Owner, or General Manager) to complete the registration process:

1. I acknowledge that the following legislative and governing documents are in effect and that it is my responsibility to ensure that all adult participants performing a designated role within this organization are aware of and compliant with them:
    a. Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and SafeSport Authorization Act of 2017 (the "SafeSport Authorization Act") on February 14, 2018 (https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/534/text)
    b. U.S. Center for SafeSport's ("USCSS") Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies, dated January 23, 2019 (the "MAAPP") (https://maapp.uscenterforsafesport.org/), and any subsequent updates to these policies;
    c. USCSS SafeSport Code for the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Movement (the "USCSS Code") published April 15, 2019 (https://uscenterforsafesport.org/response-and-resolution/safesport-code/), and any subsequent updates to these policies;
    d. The USA Hockey SafeSport Handbook (current version)
2. I acknowledge that all known and suspected SafeSport activity within this organization must be reported timely as outlined in the USA Hockey SafeSport Handbook and that there are no exceptions or protections for non-reporting of known or suspected SafeSport activity. Further, I understand that non-compliance with SafeSport reporting requirements could result in sanctions against both individuals, responsible parties and the member organization, which could include fines, penalties, suspension and termination of membership.
3. I affirm that all adult participants performing a designated role within this organization (including but not limited to coach, assistant coach, coaching assistant, trainer, team manager, locker room monitor, other volunteer, Board member or administrator):
    e. Are or will be: (i) registered with USA Hockey, (ii) background-screened and (iii) be SafeSport certified prior to any participation in the organization;
    f. Have been provided with access to the governing and legislative documents outlined above.

I affirm that the information herein and attached is correct and that this CAHA member organization is in compliance with these terms and conditions.

C. Corporation/501(c)(3) Status

It is strongly suggested, but not required, that Registered Member Association have a corporate structure and at all times maintain a tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the *Internal Revenue Code*.

D. Certification

The Registration Form shall be signed by an authorized agent of Registered Member Association who shall acknowledge that all Officers, Directors or Managing Agents have read the REGISTRATION FORM, CAHA Bylaws, Rules and Regulations and understand their obligations.

6. Governance

A. Government and Responsibility

It is recommended that the government and authority of Registered Member Associations be vested in a Board of Directors composed of at least five representatives, as determined by Registered Member Association, who should be representative of the Registered Member Association and its programs and fundamentally fair to all the participant/members of the Registered Member Association. It is recommended that there be multiple representatives for each level of the Registered Member Association's program. The burden of showing fundamental fairness to participants shall be on the Registered Member Association. It is recommended that the terms of directors and officers be staggered. If a Managing Agent or Officers operate the Participant Program, the above responsibilities shall be equally applicable to them.

B. Annual Meetings

The Registered Member Association shall hold an annual meeting of its participants/members and provide reasonable notice to its participants/members.

C. Communication

The Registered Member Association shall establish reasonable methods of communication with its participants.

7. Minimum Principles

A. Registered Member Association Reflect Principles

Registered Member Association's organization, structure, policy, bylaws, and/or operation of Registered Member Association shall reflect, and shall not violate, the following principles:

B. Team/Player Membership

All registered teams, players, and coaches of Registered Member Association, as a condition of membership in good standing with Registered Member Association, shall also be required to be "Registered Team Members," players, and coaches in good standing of CAHA and USA Hockey.

C. Overview of Program

Registered Member Association shall prepare and distribute to its participants an overview of its program, including its philosophies and associations (i.e., with learn to skate or Initiation Programs) the teams, ice times, team selection, team and individual fees and costs, income and expenses, how team and individual fees and costs were determined, Grievance and Disciplinary Procedure. This Overview shall be available and provided to potential participants prior to selection of any team, but no less than fifteen (15) days prior to tryouts.

D. Financial Reports/Dues and Assessments

1. **Financial Stability:** Registered Member Associations shall maintain financial responsibility.

   The following shall apply to each non-profit Registered Member Association, except those Registered Member Associations that are sponsored by a licensed educational institution or a governmental body.

g. **Budget:** Each Non Profit Registered Member Association shall provide to its membership (and make available to CAHA) an initial budget and provide it to its potential participants prior to selection of any team, but no less than fifteen (15) days prior to tryouts. This budget shall include, at a minimum, the form and detail set out on a BUDGET FORM provided by CAHA as part of the REGISTRATION process.

h. **Annual Financial Report:** Each Nonprofit Registered Member Association shall also prepare an annual report of operations with a copy to CAHA and make it available to its members within sixty (60) days of the end of its hockey season. CAHA's treasurer shall maintain the confidentiality of such data and it shall not be disclosed to any person other than CAHA's Officers or Directors who shall use such information for purposes only related to the affairs of CAHA.

i. **Fees, Dues and Assessments:** All fees, costs, dues, and assessments by all Registered Member Associations, Profit or Non Profit, shall be reasonable in relation to the programs it offers to its members/participants.

j. **Detailed Financial Statements/Fiscal Responsibility:** Each Nonprofit Registered Member Association shall prepare detailed financial statements in form and substance that shows fiscal responsibility and control and which shall be available to CAHA on request. The detailed financial statements of the Registered Member Association shall be reasonably available to its participants. Reasonably available financial statements shall mean to make the books and records available to participants upon a written request and a reasonable time and place for any participant interested to come and view the statements with the Registered Member Association Treasurer (or someone reasonably knowledgeable of the statements) present to answer reasonable inquiries but not more than every two months during the hockey season without charging a reasonable fee.

2. **Publication of Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations:** All Registered Member Associations shall make their constitution, by-laws, or other governing documents, including all amendments, available to its members and to CAHA. Copies shall also be available upon reasonable request.

E. Equal Opportunity

1. **Advise CAHA:** In the event of any allegation of discrimination, Registered Member Association shall notify the CAHA Disciplinary and Review Committee in writing immediately upon knowledge of such allegation and keep CAHA advised in writing (including, but not limited to, any action taken or recommended).

F. Grievance/Suspension Resolution

Each Registered Member Association shall provide a grievance and discipline procedure for the prompt and equitable resolution of grievances and discipline of its members by either adopting its own, CAHA's, or USA Hockey's. This procedure shall include a channel of communication, such as a Rules & Ethics Committee, fair notice and opportunity for a hearing to any amateur athlete, coach, parent, trainer, manager, administrator, or official before declaring such individual ineligible to participate, except for violation of playing rules and as set out in the Rules of CAHA and USA Hockey or as required by law.

G. Turnover Files

Registered Member Association shall use reasonable efforts to prepare, maintain and make available "turnover" files for each of its operations with the intent of smooth transitions of personnel.

H. Indemnity

By registering with CAHA, each Registered Member Association agrees to indemnify, defend and hold CAHA harmless from any and all claims, expenses, liability, judgments, attorneys fees, charges, or costs arising from the acts and omissions of Member Association except to the extent (i) CAHA caused such claims, expenses, liability, judgments, attorneys fees, charges, or costs by its own active (but not passive) negligence or intentional acts or willful misconduct; or, (ii) that such acts were the direct result of compliance with the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, Playing Rules or decisions of the Board of Directors of USA Hockey or CAHA.

8. Availability of Ice

A. Show Availability

Registered Member Association shall be able to show sufficient availability of ice to support its program and promote that program in accordance with the Bylaws and Rules of CAHA and USA Hockey.

B. Ice Contracts

Registered Member Association should have each ice contract it anticipates entering into or enters into reviewed by the USA Hockey Risk Manager for the district prior to entering into each contract.

9. Insurance

A. General Liability

Registered Member Association shall, at all times, obtain and be covered by the general liability insurance policy maintained by USA Hockey. The limits of that policy may be made by USA Hockey at its sole prerogative. Registered Member Association may also obtain whatever additional insurance coverage it may desire, at its own expense, but agrees to name CAHA as an additional insured of any such policy. By purchasing and maintaining the USA Hockey general liability insurance policy, USA Hockey and CAHA do not assume, and indeed disclaim, any liability for any actions or omissions of Registered Member Association.

B. Officers' and Directors' Liability

Registered Member Association should use reasonable efforts to purchase, acquire or provide, and maintain in full force and effect at all times, and (to the extent such insurance is not obtained through USA Hockey) name USA Hockey and CAHA as an additional insured under any such policy.

10. Cooperation in Any Litigation

CAHA and Registered Member Association shall reasonably cooperate with each other in any litigation and provide reasonable support in connection with that cooperation, including but not limited to advice and testimony upon reasonable request; provided, however, that such cooperation shall not require CAHA to incur any out of pocket expenses not reimbursed by Registered Member Association.