

WISCONSIN HOCKEY OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

By-laws (Amended 8/15/2020)

Purpose

The purpose of the Wisconsin Hockey Officials Association (hereinafter) called the WHOA is to register and train hockey officials in Wisconsin for the purpose of improving the quality of amateur hockey in the state; to provide a forum for discussion and a medium for dissemination of information on rules interpretation; to develop more efficient officials; to maintain the highest standards of officiating; and to create better understanding between officials, coaches, and players.

Article I—Membership

- A. All members of the WHOA must be members in good standing with the officiating program of USA Hockey.
- B. Membership fees shall be determined by the WHOA Board of Directors on an annual basis.
- C. All members of WHOA/USA Hockey shall have one vote in voting matters and will not be allowed to place proxy votes.
- D. All members of the WHOA who have reached the age of majority must participate in and comply with the current USA Hockey SafeSport policy. Failure to comply with this provision will automatically terminate all WHOA membership rights and privileges.

Article II—Quorum

- A. A majority of the Board of Directors present at the meeting shall constitute a quorum and any regular scheduled board meeting.

Article III—Board of Directors

- A. The state of Wisconsin is divided into six (6) WAHA regions. Each region shall have two (2) directors, not residing within the boundaries of the same WAHA sanctioned association in which they serve, elected for a three (3) year staggered term. Directors must live in and be voted on by the members of the region in which they serve. The following election schedule shall apply:

<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Region 1	Region 1	Region 3
Region 2	Region 2	Region 4
Region 3	Region 4	Region 5
Region 5	Region 6	Region 6

- B. All appointed USA Hockey Supervisors of Officials for Wisconsin will also be members of the Board of Directors and have the same privileges as those of the region directors.
- C. Officers
 1. President—shall be elected from the membership of the Board of Directors on a biennial basis immediately following the WHOA annual meeting. He/she shall preside at all meetings and in general, conduct the affairs of the WHOA Board of Directors. He/she shall call regular meeting of the Board of Directors and any special meeting of the Board of Directors as deemed necessary.
 2. Vice President— shall be elected from the membership of the Board of Directors on a biennial basis immediately following the WHOA annual meeting. In the absence of the President or inability or refusal to act by the President the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President.
 3. Secretary-- shall be elected from the membership of the Board of Directors on a biennial basis immediately following the WHOA annual meeting. The Secretary shall keep the minutes for all meetings and in general perform the duties incidental to this office.

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Article IV—Power of the Board of Directors

- A. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for governing all WHOA affairs and USA Hockey officiating policy in Wisconsin.
- B. The duties of the Board of Directors shall include but are not limited to:
 - 1. Biennially electing the President, Vice President, and Secretary.
 - 2. Establish WHOA policy and/or procedures.
 - 3. Each director and officer shall have one (1) vote in all WHOA decisions with the President voting to break ties only.
 - 4. The state Referee-in-Chief shall keep the monies of the WHOA in order.
 - 5. Assist in conducting the USA Hockey seminar program, regional try-out camps and District Officiating Seminars if held in the state.
 - 6. Work with WAHA in identifying qualified officials for state play-off and state tournament games.
 - 7. Reviewing the suspensions of USA Hockey/WHOA officials.
- C. Any officer or director may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members of the Board of Directors present at any Board of Directors meeting when the Board judges that the removal is in the best interests of the WHOA.
- D. The President is empowered to appoint a director to fill any vacancy on the Board with an election to be held at the next annual meeting of the WHOA.
- E. The WHOA Board of Directors shall have the right to decide an appeal when the Affiliate's (WAHA) authority is delegated to the WHOA.

Article V—Appeals

- A. Only appeals in writing to the WHOA Board of Directors by any member will be considered. Appeals can only be made after an appeal has been acted on within its local jurisdiction and a decision has been rendered. Appeals should be directed to the President of the WHOA or in his/her absence, to the WHOA Vice President. All decision of the WHOA shall be final except if overruled by USA Hockey or WAHA.

Article VI—Court Actions

- A. In order to preserve so far as possible the purity of amateur hockey, any recourse to the courts and jurisdiction by a member or individual before all the rights and Bylaws of this association have been exhausted, shall be ungentlemanly conduct within the meaning of the Bylaws and a violation thereof, entailing the immediate suspension and disqualification of any such member or individual.

Article VII—Miscellaneous

- A. Any member suspended by USA Hockey shall automatically be suspended by WHOA until such suspension is lifted by USA Hockey.
- B. This organization and no affiliated organization shall discriminate against any organization or person on the basis of race, color, age, sex, sexual preference, or national origin.
- C. Copies of all correspondence between individual members and USA Hockey shall be sent to the Secretary of the WHOA.

Article VIII—Amendments

- A. Additions to, or amendment of, the Bylaws may be only by:
 - 1. A motion, in writing on the official WHOA Bylaw Submission Form specifying Article, Section, subsection to be referenced, shall be sent to the Secretary of the WHOA 30 days prior to the annual meeting date. All motions to change or amend the Bylaws will be distributed to each WHOA Board Member and posted electronically on the WHOA website 15 days prior to the annual meeting.

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2. The motion will be referred to the Board of Directors of the WHOA, which will consider the motions submitted to it, and take such action as may be appropriate in preparing the motion for action on the floor at the annual meeting.
3. The motion shall then be presented to the membership at the annual meeting.
4. Additions or amendments to the Bylaws will need a majority vote of the membership present.
5. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to add or amend the Bylaws should USA Hockey make changes and/or amendments affecting the WHOA.