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2006-2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- September 1 USA HOCKEY/MASSACHUSETTS HOCKEY regular season starts
September Player individual membership registration form (IMR) must be submitted to the District/Divisional Registrar before going on the ice.
- September 11 MASSACHUSETTS HOCKEY STATE MEETING.
7:30 PM, Best Western, 380 Winter St., Waltham (Exit 27A Totten Pond Rd.)
- October 2 MASSACHUSETTS HOCKEY STATE MEETING;
7:30 PM,
Tournament hosts to submit compliance forms to the STC prior to this meeting.
- October 8 All Tier II Bantam and Midget teams and any others requested by District/Division Registrar submit Playdown Applications to the District/Division Registrars.
- October 17 Playdown application, fees, and rosters must be submitted to the STC by District/Division Registrars for all Tier II Midget, Bantam II National Bound and all other teams requested by District/Divisional Registrars.
- October 28 Bantam II National Bound and all Midget II playdowns complete.
- October 29 FALL STATE TOURNAMENT MEETING (K of C Charlestown Ma 1:00PM)
- November 6 MASSACHUSETTS HOCKEY STATE MEETING;
7:30 PM,
All National Bound Girls/Women team information due to the Girls/Women Registrar.
- November 10-12 All Midget II & III State Championships.
- November 15 All other State Tournament Bound Teams must submit their Playdown Applications, Team Applications and Rosters to the District/Division Registrars.
- December 1 All remaining Playdown information submitted to the STC.
All remaining Team Applications and Rosters due to District/Division Registrars.
- December 4 MASSACHUSETTS HOCKEY STATE MEETING.
7:30 PM,
- December 31 All remaining Team Applications and Rosters due to the State Registrar.
(NO ADDITIONAL PLAYER CHANGES AFTER THIS DATE FOR NATIONAL BOUND TEAMS).
- January 8 MASSACHUSETTS HOCKEY STATE MEETING.
7:30 PM,
- February 6 MASSACHUSETTS HOCKEY STATE MEETING.
7:30 PM,
- February 23 All playdowns completed and results submitted to the SCTC.
- February 25 STATE TOURNAMENT MEETING (K of C Charlestown Ma. 1:00 PM).
- March 2 to 4 State Championships, Squirt IV, Peewee IV and Bantam IV.
- March 5 MASSACHUSETTS HOCKEY STATE MEETING

- 7:30 PM,
- March 9 to 11 State Championships Squirt V, Pee wee V, Bantam V and all Tier I
- March 15 District/Division elections for Directors completed
- March 16 to 18 State Championships, Pee wee III-L, Pee wee III-S, Bantam III-L, Bantam III-S Midget III, Northeast Sectional for Squirt, Pee wee, Bantam Tier IV Championships
- March 20 Submission of candidate names to The Nominating Committee for the USA HOCKEY DIRECTOR and MASSACHUSETTS HOCKEY EXECUTIVE BOARD. March 23 to 25 State Championship Tournament Squirt III-L, Squirt III-S, Girls U/12 & U/14 III USA HOCKEY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS SENIOR WOMEN
- March 28 to April 1 USA HOCKEY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.
- April 2 MASSACHUSETTS HOCKEY STATE MEETING.
7:30 PM,
Seating of newly elected District Directors and the election of Massachusetts Hockey Officers and Directors to USA Hockey. All rule change proposals due.
- April 30 USA HOCKEY/MASSACHUSETTS HOCKEY regular season ends.
- May 1 USA HOCKEY/MASSACHUSETTS HOCKEY Spring / Summer season starts.
- June 15, 16 & 17 MASSACHUSETTS HOCKEY ANNUAL MEETING; To be held at the Raddison Hotel, 180 Water St., Plymouth, Ma.

Massachusetts Hockey
Hall of Fame

1994 Inductees
1960 Olympic Team
Robert Cleary
William Cleary
Eugene Grazia
John Kirrane
Richard Rodenhieser

1995 Inductees
1980 Olympic Team
Jim Craig
Mike Eurziona
Jack O'Callahan
David Silk

1996 Inductees
1995 Thayer Tutt Award
Robert Caldwell

1997 Inductees
John Cunniff
Tim Taylor

1998 Inductees
Ed Burns

1999 Inductees
1998 Olympians
Laurie Baker
Colleen Coyne
A. J. Mleczko
Vicki Movsessian
Tom Mutch
Debbie Parece
Ben Smith
Sandra Whyte

2000 Inductees

Tom McNeely

2000 Thayer Tutt Award

Paul McLaughlin

1972 Olympic Team

Murry Williamson

Kevin Ahearn

Robbie Ftorek

Stu Irving

Richard McGlynn

Tom Mellor

Tim Reagan

Tim Sheehy

2001 Inductees

Richard "Duke" Kumpel

Nancy Schieffelin

John Chambers

Rod Langway

2001 Thayer Tutt Award

Dan Kelleher

2002 Inductees

Ron DiFilippo

Cindy Curley

Mark Fusco

Scott Fusco

Ed Walsh

John "Snooks" Kelly

Julie Piacentini

2002 Mens Olympic Team

Tony Amonte

Tom Barasso

Bill Guerin

Tom Poti

Jeremy Roenick

Keith Tkachuk

Scott Young

Larry Pleau

2002 Womens Olympic Team

Courtney Kennedy

2002 Mens Paralympians

Joe Howard

Kip St. Germaine

2003 Inductees
Ron DeGregorio
John Hart
Joe McConville
Gary Dineen
Kelly Dyer
Paul Stewart
Myles Lane
Jim Logue

2004 Inductees
Bobby Carpenter
Fred Cusick
Burt Herman
Henry Hughes
Patty Kazmaier
John O'Halloran
Jack Riley

2005 Inductees
Fred Ahern
Bill Chase
Ralph Cox
Albert Ferst
Carl Gray
Harry Sinden
Bill Stewart
Sid Wilson

Massachusetts Hockey National Champions

Year	Team	Division	Year	Team	Division
1916	Boston	Senior Elite	1998	Ctrl. Ma Outlaws	Tier I 17 & Under
1917	Boston	Senior Elite	1998	Assabet Valley	Girls 10 & Under
1947	Boston	Senior Elite	1998	Chelmsford	Girls 15 & Under
1953	Cambridge	Senior U.S.	1999	Chelmsford	Girls 12 & Under
1955	Boston	Tier I 14 & Under	2000	E. Ma. Senators	Tier I 17 & Under
1959	Brockton	Senior U.S.	2000	Dorchester	Tier II 17 & Under
1960	Rockland	Senior U.S.	2000	Assabet Valley	Girls 12 & Under
1961	Rockland	Senior U.S.	2000	Assabet Valley	Girls 15 & Under
1962	Rockland	Senior U.S.	2001	South Boston	Tier II 17 & Under
1963	Marblehead	Tier I 17 & Under	2001	Assabet Valley	Girls 15 & Under
1963	Arlington	Senior U. S.	2002	South Boston	Tier II 17 & Under
1967	Braintree	Tier I 12 & Under	2002	Assabet Valley	Girls 12 & Under
1967	Marblehead	Tier I 17 & Under	2002	Assabet Valley	Girls 15 & Under
1973	South Boston	Tier I 17 & Under	2003	South Boston	Tier II 17 & Under
1976	Springfield	Junior B	2003	Assabet Valley	Girls 12 & Under
1977	Burlington	Tier I 17 & Under	2003	Assabet Valley	Girls 15 & Under
1978	Stoneham	Tier I 14 & Under	2003	Assabet Valley	Girls 19 & Under
1978	Burlington	Tier I 17 & Under	2003	Assabet Valley	Womens Sr. A
1981	Assabet Valley	Womens Sr. A	2004	Boston Jr. Bruins	Tier I 17 & Under
1983	Stoneham	Girls 19 & Under	2004	Assabet Valley	Girls 12 & Under
1983	Stoneham	Womens Sr. A	2004	Assabet Valley	Girls 14 & Under
1984	Cape Cod	Womens Sr. B	2005	South Boston	Tier II 18 & Under
1985	Stoneham	Girls 15 & Under	2005	Assabet Valley	Girls 12 & Under
1985	Assabet Valley	Girls 19 & Under	2006	Boston Jr. Bruins	Tier I 18 & Under
1985	Waltham	Womens Sr. B	2006	Assabet Valley	Girls 12 & Under
1986	Assabet Valley	Girls 19 & Under	2006	Assabet Valley	Girls 14 & Under
1986	Assabet Valley	Womens Sr. A	2006	Assabet Valley	Girls 16 & Under
1986	Cape Cod	Womens Sr. B	2006	Needham	Womens Sr A
1987	Assabet Valley	Girls 15 & Under			
1987	Stoneham	Girls 19 & Under			
1987	Stoneham	Womens Sr. A			
1988	South Boston	Tier II 17 & Under			
1988	Assabet Valley	Girls 15 & Under			
1988	Stoneham	Girls 19 & Under			
1988	Stoneham	Womens Sr. A			
1989	Assabet Valley	Girls 15 & Under			
1989	Assabet Valley	Girls 19 & Under			
1989	Stoneham	Womens Sr. A			
1990	Chelmsford	Girls 15 & Under			
1990	Stoneham	Womens Sr. A			
1991	Winchester	Tier II 12 & Under			
1991	Assabet Valley	Girls 15 & Under			
1991	Assabet Valley	Womens Sr. A			
1991	Needham	Womens Sr. B			
1992	Woburn	Tier II 12 & Under			
1992	Assabet Valley	Girls 19 & Under			
1992	Assabet Valley	Womens Sr. A			
1992	Hobomock	Womens Sr. B			
1993	Chelmsford	Girls 15 & Under			
1993	Assabet Valley	Womens Sr. A			
1993	Needham	Womens Sr. B			
1994	North Andover	Tier II 12 & Under			
1994	Ctrl. Mass. Outlaws	Tier I 17 & Under			
1994	Chelmsford	Girls 15 & Under			
1994	Assabet Valley	Girls 19 & Under			
1995	Woburn	Tier II 17 & Under			
1995	Needham	Womens Sr. A			
1996	Woburn	Tier II 17 & Under			
1997	Dorchester	Tier II 17 & Under			
1997	Springfield	Womens Sr. B			

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STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS*

*INFORMATION IS CORRECT AS OF 7/15/06.

YOUR REGISTRAR WILL GIVE YOU UPDATED INFORMATION

DIVISION	TIER	DATE	LOCATION
SQUIRT	III-L	MARCH 23-25, 2007	BURLINGTON
	III-S	MARCH 23-25, 2007	YARMOUTH/DENNIS
	IV	MARCH 2-4, 2007	DISTRICT 8 NESC
	V	MARCH 9-11, 2007	GREATER SPFLD
PEEWEE	II NB	MARCH 9-11, 2007	MARLBORO
	III-L	MARCH 16-18, 2007	DISTRICT 7 WALLACE
	III-S	MARCH 16-18, 2007	DISTRICT 7 WALLACE
	IV	MARCH 2-4, 2007	NEDHAM
	V	MARCH 9-11, 2007	DISTRICT 6
BANTAM	II NB	MARCH 9-11, 2007	MARLBORO
	III-L	MARCH 16-18, 2007	DISTRICT 3
	III-S	MARCH 16-18, 2007	DISTRICT 6
	IV	MARCH 2-4, 2007	LAKERS
	V	MARCH 9-11, 2007	WALTHAM
MIDGET			
16 & UNDER	II NB	NOVEMBER 10-12, 2006	SOUTH BOSTON
MIDGET			
18 & UNDER	II NB	NOVEMBER 10-12, 2006	SOUTH BOSTON
	III-L	NOVEMBER 10-12, 2006	DISTRICT 10
	III-S	NOVEMBER 10-12, 2006	DISTRICT 5
	IV	MARCH 16-18, 2007	DISTRICT 1
TIER I		MARCH 9-11, 2007	MARLBORO
GIRLS/WOMEN			
NATIONAL BOUND			
NON NATIONAL			
GIRLS 12/U	TIER III	MARCH 23-25, 2007	DISTRICT 6
GIRLS 14/U	TIER III	MARCH 23-25, 2007	DISTRICT 6

USA HOCKEY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
MARCH 28 - April 1, 2007

PEEWEE	TIER I	TIER II
BANTAM	BUFFALO, NY	BUFFALO, NY
MIDGET-16 & UNDER	BUFFALO, NY	BUFFALO, NY
MIDGET-18 & UNDER	FRASER, MI	FRASER, MI
GIRLS	FRASER, MI	FRASER, MI
MARCH 23 - 25, 2007	SAN JOSE, CA	
WOMEN	SAN JOSE, CA	

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Notice

1. Icing when short handed

Massachusetts Hockey last season piloted for USA Hockey, in a couple of leagues, a change in the playing rules to not allow short handed teams to Ice the Puck.

To gain further knowledge the Massachusetts Hockey Board of Directors voted to extend that pilot for the 2006-2007 season to all games played in Massachusetts.

2. National Championships

USA Hockey at its Annual Congress voted to change the Overtime process in the round robin portion of its National Championships. Further they changed the number of points awarded in games where overtime and shootouts were used.

Teams going to the National Championships should become acquainted with these rule changes before they go to the tournament.

MASSACHUSETTS
HOCKEY FEE SCHEDULE

In addition to any fees or charges by USA Hockey, Massachusetts Hockey has adopted these additional fees:

Registration:

Players over 6:	\$5.00
Players 6 and Under:	No Charge
Coaches & Instructors:	No Charge
Referee Level 1:	\$5.00
Referee Level 2:	\$10.00
Referee Level 3 & 4:	\$15.00
Team Application Fees	\$20.00
District Playdown Application:	\$15.00

Roster Change for State Championship Teams:

Change/Add Bench Official:	\$50.00
Alternate Goaltender:	\$0.00
Transfer Goaltender:	\$50.00
Add Goaltender:	\$100.00
Transfer Player:	\$50.00
Add Player:	\$100.00

Travel Permits:

Member 3 weeks or more:	\$5.00
Member Less than three weeks:	\$50.00
Non-Member:	\$250.00

Late Fees:

To associations that do not adhere to dates set by the District Registrar	\$100.00
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MASSACHUSETTS HOCKEY BYLAWS

As amended and revised at the Annual Meeting, at Nashua, New Hampshire June 17 and 18, 2006.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the organization shall be Massachusetts Hockey, Inc.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE & OBJECTIVES

Massachusetts Hockey is a not for profit, tax exempt Massachusetts corporation established pursuant to the provisions of G.L. chapter 180 and section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, respectively, whose purposes and objectives are:

- A. to serve as the affiliate association of USA Hockey, Inc. pursuant to the terms of its Affiliate Agreement with USA Hockey, Inc. in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and as such affiliate association, to be the governing body for the sport of hockey in Massachusetts;
- B. to foster, advance, develop and encourage participation in the sport of hockey in Massachusetts;
- C. to develop and encourage sportsmanship between all players for the betterment of their physical and social well-being;
- D. to develop and improve the standards of the sport;
- E. to educate and train players, coaches, referees, managers, administrators, and parents;
- F. to foster association with other USA Hockey Affiliates and International Ice Hockey Federations;
- G. to conduct tournaments leading to the selection of teams for District, State, and National Tournaments, and to organize and select teams for other tournaments;
- H. to register players, coaches, referees, managers, teams and leagues, and to certify associations in Massachusetts;
- I. to be guided by the USA Hockey core values of sportsmanship, respect for the individual, integrity, pursuit of excellence at the individual, team and organizational levels, enjoyment, loyalty and teamwork;
- J. to do any and all acts necessary and desirable to further the foregoing purposes and objectives.
- K. Massachusetts Hockey, an affiliate association of USA Hockey, Inc. shall abide by and act in accord with the Articles of Incorporation, By-laws, Rules and Regulations, Playing Rules and decisions of the Board of Directors of USA Hockey and such documents and/or decisions shall take precedence over and supersede all similar governing documents and/or decisions of Massachusetts Hockey. Further Massachusetts Hockey (I) shall assist USA Hockey in the administration and enforcement of the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation, By-laws, 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 (II) agrees to be guided by the core values of USA Hockey.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Membership in Massachusetts Hockey shall be open to all persons and associations approved by Massachusetts Hockey pursuant to the provisions of these Bylaw's and shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following:

- A. associations certified in accordance with Massachusetts Hockey Bylaws and Rules and Regulations;
- B. leagues recognized by Massachusetts Hockey to coordinate team play;
- C. teams registered through a Massachusetts association and in accordance with Massachusetts Hockey and USA Hockey requirements;
- D. individual membership shall include but not be limited to those individuals who have registered with USA Hockey; the immediate families and guardians of registered

- players; directors, officers, employees, and volunteers of associations, districts, leagues and teams; and all members of Massachusetts Hockey Board of Directors;
- E. honorary members elected by the Board of Directors of Massachusetts Hockey and.
 - F. members shall be governed by the provisions of Massachusetts Hockey and/or USA Hockey Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, Policies and Procedures, Codes of Conduct, Codes of Ethics and USA Hockey Playing Rules and shall enjoy the benefits and privileges herein as long as they shall be in good standing. Such members shall not have direct voting rights for the officers, directors, registrars and all other positions in Massachusetts Hockey as the election process for the same is set out herein.

ARTICLE IV- BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall have all the powers necessary or desirable to carry out the management of the affairs of Massachusetts Hockey. The powers and duties of the Board of Directors shall include, but not be limited to, the power to promulgate rules and regulations, adopt policies and procedures, annually select an Auditor to perform a Certified Audit of Massachusetts Hockey accounts at the end of the each fiscal year, and establish fees, dues and assessments, necessary for the management of the affairs of Massachusetts Hockey.

The Board of Directors shall be comprised of members of the Executive Board, District/Divisional Directors, Directors at Large, and District/Divisional Registrars. The majority of the Board of Directors shall at all times be comprised of the District/Divisional Directors and elected Officers of Massachusetts Hockey.

One-third of the directors then in office shall constitute a quorum at meetings of the Board of Directors. Each member shall have only one vote, regardless of the number of positions held. No proxy votes shall be allowed. Alternate directors may vote in the absence of a director from a District/Division if registered with the Secretary prior to the start of the meeting. All actions of the Board shall be subject to majority vote unless otherwise specified in these bylaws. The presiding officer shall vote only to break a tie. The President may surrender the Chair to vote from the floor.

There shall be at least eight (8) meetings of the Board of Directors annually.

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President, or upon written request of six (6) or more Directors from separate districts/divisions. Special meetings shall be held within thirty days of receipt of such a request with a minimum of seven (7) days notice being given to the members of the Board of Directors.

Any member of the Board of Directors may be removed for cause by vote of two thirds majority of the Board. For purposes of this provision, cause shall be deemed to be the material non compliance by a member with the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations and/or Policies and Procedures of Massachusetts Hockey. Material non compliance may include, but not be limited to, failure to perform the duties of an elected or appointed office by a member, failure to attend meetings of the Board of Directors, failure to comply with or act in a manner consistent with the organization's By-Laws, Rules and Regulations and/or Policies and Procedures, USA Hockey By-laws, Rules and Regulations, and/or Policies and Procedures, Codes of Conduct, Codes of Ethics and USA Hockey playing rules or any other misfeasance by a member not appropriate for such member. Any member subject to removal for cause must be given written notice of the proposed removal by the President or Secretary no later than ten (10) days prior to the meeting of the Board of Directors at which the action shall be considered and the member shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard at the said meeting prior to any vote being taken. The President or Secretary shall only issue such notice if ten (10) members of the Board of Directors have made a written request of him to take such action. Any action taken by the Board of Directors to remove a member shall be final with no appeal available under any of the organization's rules of procedure.

A meeting of the Board of Directors may be held by any means of electronic or other communications through which all participating Directors can hear each other if and when the President determines the need for such a meeting or if the Board of Directors votes to conduct such a meeting.

Notwithstanding this provision, such a meeting shall not be a replacement or substitute meeting for any Board meetings required to be held annually or for any special meeting that may be called under the provisions of this By-law unless those calling such a meeting agree to this procedure. All the provisions for notice, quorum and voting applicable to board meetings shall apply to such meeting provided herein.

ARTICLE V - EXECUTIVE BOARD

An Executive Board consisting of the President, the Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, Registrar, Referee Registrar, State Championship Tournament Coordinator, Chair of the Rules Committee, Chair of the CORI Screening Committee, the Director of the Coaching Education Program, the Chair of the Discipline Committee, the General Counsel, and the immediate past President, shall be responsible for carrying out the directives of the Board of Directors and running the day to day affairs of the organization. The Executive Board shall meet as often as its members deem necessary without the requirement of any notice to the Board of Directors or the membership and it may conduct its business as informally as it deems necessary. Each member of the Executive Board shall have one vote. All actions of the Executive Board shall be subject to majority vote. Actions taken by the Executive Board shall be reported to the Board of Director at its next ensuing meeting.

A meeting of the Executive Board may be held by any means of electronic or other communication through which all the participants can hear each other.

ARTICLE VI- DUTIES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Elected Officers.

The elected officers shall be the President, vice presidents, treasurer, and secretary. All officers shall serve a term of one year.

The President shall:

- A. preside over all meetings of the Executive Board and the Board of Directors;
- B. generally supervise all the activities of Massachusetts Hockey, and ensure that all rules and regulations and stated policies and procedures of the organization are observed;
- C. have the power to rule on questions not provided for in the Bylaws until the next regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors;
- D. represent Massachusetts Hockey and be its spokesperson at all public and private forums and places;
- E. in the absence of the Treasurer, have the right to sign checks;
- F. appoint the non-elected members of the Executive Board;
- G. establish committees as needed from time to time;
- H. appoint the Chairs and members of all committees;
- I. be an ex officio member of all committees;
- J. appoint replacements to all offices when vacancies occur until the next scheduled election,

No person may serve as President for more than four (4) consecutive one-year terms. The First Vice President shall, in the absence of the President, have all the power and perform all the duties of the President.

In the absence of higher-ranking officers, the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th vice-presidents shall have all the powers and duties of the higher ranking officers in their respective order of holding office.

The Treasurer shall have the responsibility for carrying out all of the duties usually associated with the position of Treasurer including the following:

- A. receive all funds due Massachusetts Hockey, depositing them in a chartered bank, and paying the rightful obligations of the Corporation;
- B. sign the checks on the Corporation's accounts;
- C. submit in writing a quarterly and an annual Treasurer's Report to the Board of Directors, containing all Massachusetts Hockey Accounts.
- D. provide necessary materials to the Auditor for the certified audit of Corporation books as required
- E. review financial reports of each Massachusetts Hockey account;
- F. co-signature on all Massachusetts Hockey accounts, including but not limited to, Referee Registrar; State Registrar; District Registrar(s); and all Divisional Registrars.
- G. Chair the Finance Committee and conduct at least three scheduled meetings of the Finance Committee per year. The financial reports for all Massachusetts Hockey accounts shall be reviewed at one of these meetings;
- H. Prepare or have prepared the annual 990 return to the Internal Revenue Service and the PC-1 to the Attorney General's Division of Public Charities and file these reports by their due date.

Distribute the completed reports with a copy of the Audit report attached to the Board of Directors.

The Secretary shall:

- A. compile and distribute minutes of all Massachusetts Hockey meetings;
- B. be the official custodian of the Corporation's records;
- C. advise the Board of Directors of all the upcoming meetings and other important information;
- D. verify eligibility of voting members present at any meeting;
- E. verify a quorum is present and
- F. prepare and file the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 180 corporation Annual Report annually and Corporation updates with the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Appointed members of the Executive Board.

The Massachusetts Hockey State Registrar shall:

- A. be appointed by the President, subject to the approval of the Executive Board;
- B. appoint a Registrar for a term of one year for each of the Massachusetts Hockey District and Divisions subject to the approval of the Executive Board;
- C. coordinate association, team, and player registration with the District and Divisional Registrars;
- D. hold meetings to inform and instruct the District and Divisional Registrars in their duties;
- E. maintain a master file of all registered associations;
- F. distribute registration forms to the District and Divisional Registrars for association, team and player registration;
- G. check all registrations for completeness and compliance with Massachusetts Hockey and USA Hockey format;
- H. verify qualifications of all Massachusetts Hockey teams and players for Regional and National Tournaments;
- I. attend Massachusetts Hockey Board of Directors meetings, and, when possible, Massachusetts Hockey District/Divisional meetings;
- J. qualify players and teams for participation in Massachusetts Hockey District or State Final Tournaments.
- K. shall be ex-officio member of the Executive Board

The Referee Registrar shall:

- A. be appointed by the President, subject to the approval of the Executive Board;
- B. register all referee applicants, and collect all fees due Massachusetts Hockey from such applicants;
- C. coordinate referee assignments to all State Final sites with the Referee-in-Chief, Referee Supervisor, and the State Tournament Coordinator.

The State Tournament Coordinator shall:

- A. be appointed by the President, subject to the approval of the Executive Board;
- B. serve as Chair of the State Tournaments Committee and have the responsibility of coordinating all State Final Tournaments;
- C. oversee all State Finals and District Playdown activity;
- D. receive all District Playdown applications and fees;
- E. ensure that all established deadlines are upheld;
- F. award State Tournaments to the Districts at the annual meeting;
- G. accept Tournament sites;
- H. receive Tournament Compliance Forms from each Tournament site prior to the annual Tournament meeting;
- I. appoint 'on-site' Tournament Directors to oversee each Tournament site;
- J. receive the reports from each Tournament Committee and each 'on-site' Director;
- K. issue a report on all Tournaments at the Annual Meeting.

The Chair of the Rules Committee shall:

- A. be appointed by the President, subject to the approval of the Executive Board;
- B. hold committee meetings for review of Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, and policies and procedures;
- C. review and make recommendations on all proposed amendments to the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, Policies and Procedures to the Board of Directors
- D. publish and distribute the Official Guide to all Massachusetts Programs, annually.

The Director of the Coaching Education Program (C.E.P.) shall:

- A. be appointed by the President, subject to the approval of the Executive Board;
- B. coordinate all the coaching clinics held in Massachusetts with the USA Hockey C.E.P. Director;
- C. establish dates and locations for all clinics in cooperation with the USA Hockey C.E.P. Director, and notify all District/Divisional Registrars, Associations, and Referees-in-Chief of those dates and location;
- D. receive copies of all Clinic Registration Forms and maintain a file of all attendees;
- E. maintain a computer file by District of all individuals successfully completing requirements of the Coaching Education Program;
- F. distribute current lists of accredited coaches to the District/Divisional Registrars periodically.

The Chair of the CORI Screening Committee shall:

- A. be appointed by the President, subject to the approval of the Executive Board;
- B. administer the Physical and Sexual Abuse Policy and it's associated Rules and Regulations.

The Chair of the Discipline Committee shall:

- A. be appointed by the President, subject to the approval of the Executive Board;
- B. coordinate the Discipline process ;
- C. maintain records of the disciplinary actions of Massachusetts Hockey and report these actions to the board of directors.

The General Counsel shall:

Provide legal advice to Massachusetts Hockey.

ARTICLE VII - NOMINATION AND ELECTIONS OF USA HOCKEY DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT/DIVISIONAL REGISTRARS

Nominations of Officers:

There shall be a Nominating Committee as provided in Article IX hereof consisting of no more than five nor less than three members which shall be responsible for nominating candidates for all elected offices of the organization. They shall conduct its business as its members deem fit, and it shall meet as often as its members deem necessary. They shall prepare the official ballot for the April Meeting. Candidates desiring to be listed on the ballot must submit their name and the position they seek to the chair of the nominating committee, by March 20th. Candidates must be former Executive Board members or a current member of the Board of Directors.

Elections of Officers and USA Hockey Directors

Elections for the offices of the corporation shall take place at the April meeting. Voting shall be by secret ballot and candidates receiving a simple majority of the votes shall be elected. If no candidate receives a majority then the candidate with the least votes will be dropped for further voting until one person receives a majority. They shall be separate ballots for each office subject to election with the President's office being first voted, then the Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and continuing in an order determined by the Chair of the Nominating Committee until all elected positions are filled. Nominations may be made from the floor by a motion with a second for all elected positions.

Election of District/Divisional Directors

- A. District and Divisional Directors shall be elected annually from each District.
- B. Each District/Division with the exception of Selects shall elect five (5) Directors.
- C. District and Divisional elections shall be held by District/Divisional Registrars no later than March 15 of each year. Notification of the election meeting shall be given in writing by the Registrar to each program or team at least three weeks prior to said election.
- D. Nominees shall be eligible only in the District/Division in which they are members and shall have been in good standing for at least one year immediately prior to nomination.
- E. In District/Divisional elections for Directors, each registered and certified association shall have one vote for each team as reported in the most recent census compiled by the USA Hockey Registrar. In all other matters, each association shall have one vote at District meetings.
- F. Directors' terms shall run from April 1 to March 30.
- G. Alternate director(s), if any, shall be elected by the same process as Directors.
- H. Names of elected Director(s) and Alternate Director(s), if any, shall be reported to the Secretary of Massachusetts Hockey by District/Divisional Registrars no later than the April meeting.

Directors at Large.

Executive Board members not re-elected, or re-appointed may remain on the Board of Directors after the expiration of their term as a Director at Large with voting privileges for one year only, except those who have been a member of the Executive Board for 15 years who shall be Directors at Large with voting privileges for life.

Appointment of District/Divisional Registrars.

Registrars shall be appointed annually by the Massachusetts Hockey State Registrar subject to the approval of the Executive Board.

Election of USA Hockey Directors

The Board of Directors shall elect a USA Hockey Director for a three year term annually, by a simple majority at the April meeting. The terms will be staggered so as to minimize the number of Directors whose term ends in any one year. An Alternate Director shall be elected annually by a simple majority at its April meeting. The Alternate Director is designated to replace any Director who is unable to serve his/her full term for the remainder of the Directors term. A new Alternate Director shall be elected at the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII - DUTIES OF DISTRICT/ DIVISIONAL REGISTRARS & DIRECTORS

Massachusetts Hockey District/Divisional Registrars shall:

- A. be directly responsible to the State Registrar;
- B. hold District/Divisional meetings with a minimum of six per year;
- C. distribute all materials supplied to the District/Divisional associations;
- D. check player registrations for ineligible players, overall completeness and compliance with Massachusetts Hockey and USA Hockey forms;
- E. submit Tournament applications to the State Tournament Coordinator no later than 14 days after their respective due date;
- F. review and approve all player transfers within the District;
- G. coordinate District Playdowns, and qualify players and teams for participation in District/Divisional playdowns.
- H. hold District/Divisional Elections in accordance with Article VII of these Bylaws;
- I. maintain all District/Divisional records, and provide to the state Registrar upon request;
- J. provide monthly reports to the State Treasurer in the prescribed format;
- K. report rules violations to the President;
- L. preside, without voting, at District Hearings. Registrars may decline to serve in this capacity.

Massachusetts Hockey District/Divisional Directors shall:

- A. attend Massachusetts Hockey State and appropriate District/Divisional meetings;
- B. cooperate with the District/Divisional Registrars in coordinating District/Divisional play downs and other business of their respective District/Divisions;

- C. fulfill all the fiduciary responsibilities and obligations required by virtue of being an elected member of the Board of Directors of Massachusetts Hockey;
- D. be eligible for appointment as a voting member of any disciplinary panel in accordance with Article XIV unless conflict of interest considerations dictate otherwise.

ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES

- A. The permanent committees of Massachusetts Hockey shall be: Audit, Discipline, Finance, Nomination, CORI Screening, Player Development, Association Registration, Rules, Tournament, Roster, Selects and Long Range Planning.
- B. The Chairs and members of the Permanent Committees shall be appointed annually by the President, except that the Treasurer shall be the Chair of the Finance Committee.
- C. The President may from time to time appoint other committees for specific purposes and terms.
- D. The President, President elect and State Registrar shall be ex-officio members of all Committees.
- E. All committee action shall be subject to review of the Executive Board on its own motion or at the request of the committee Chairperson. Any such review shall be limited to a review of the committee's decision on the record before it.
- F. The Chair of the Discipline Committee in consultation with the President and Counsel, if any, shall be the sole arbiter of the definition and meaning of all terms, phrases, words and procedures as they relate to the discipline process as set out in Article XIV of Massachusetts Hockey By-laws.
- G. Any committee meeting may be held by any means of electronic or other communication through which all the participants can hear each other.
- H. The Audit committee shall consist of at least 3 members. The majority of the members must be members of the Board of Directors and none of the members can have any material financial interest in any entity doing significant business with Massachusetts Hockey.
The committee shall make recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding:
 - 1. selection, retention, and termination of an independent auditor,
 - 2. the compensation of the auditor,
 - 3. measures to insure that the internal controls are documented by management and evaluated as part of the audit,
 - 4. process by which the audit committee shall review the audit and the management letter, if any, with the auditor and work with the auditor and management of Massachusetts Hockey to resolve or recommend resolution to the board of any issues of concern arising from the audit or management letter,
 - 5. measures to ensure that any non-audit services provided by the auditing firm conform with the standards of independence required.The committee shall prior to the board's consideration of and action on the independent auditor's report, the committee shall report to the board on the results of the audit.
- I. The majority of the members of the Selects Committee cannot be a current member of any program or team that is a part of the Selects League.

ARTICLE X - ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of Massachusetts Hockey shall be held in the month of June. The time and place shall be designated by the President in writing to the Board of Directors not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting.

The Executive Board shall receive all credentials and furnish the Secretary the total votes authorized to each District prior to the meeting.

The order of business at the Annual Meeting shall be as follows, unless changed at the meeting:

- A. Roll call and proof of notice.
- B. Minutes of previous Annual Meeting.
- C. Treasurer's Report.
- D. Report of the Rules Committee

- E. Report on previous year's activities and remaining committee reports.
- F. Unfinished business.
- G. Seating of newly elected officers.
- H. New Business. Awarding of tournaments and setting dates.
- I. Selection of site for next Annual Meeting.
- J. Adjournment.

ARTICLE XI - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

All meetings of the organization, including meetings of the Board of Directors, shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, except to the extent said Rules conflict with these Bylaws.

ARTICLE XII - INDEMNIFICATION AND EXCULPATION

Massachusetts Hockey shall indemnify and hold harmless USA Hockey, Inc., its Directors, members, councils, committees 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 Massachusetts Hockey, except to the extent (i) that USA Hockey, Inc. or its aforedescribed representatives caused such claims. liability, judgments, costs, attorneys' fees, charges or expenses by their own intentional neglect or default or (ii) that such acts or omissions were the direct result of compliance with the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, Playing Rules or decisions of the Board or Directors of USA Hockey. Further, Massachusetts Hockey understands and acknowledges that USA Hockey, Inc. and its aforedescribed 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 by-law .Indemnification: Massachusetts Hockey shall indemnify each person who is or was a director, officer or employee, or a volunteer acting within the scope of their authority on behalf of Massachusetts Hockey and/or its affiliates, such person's heirs, executors and legal representatives, against all liabilities and expenses, including judgments, fines, penalties and reasonable attorney's fees and all amounts paid, other than to Massachusetts Hockey, in compromise or settlement, imposed upon or incurred by such person in connection with, or arising out of, the defense or disposition of any action, suit or other proceeding, whether civil or criminal, which such person may be a defendant or with which such person is threatened or otherwise involved, directly or indirectly, by reason of such person's holding or having held such position. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to any person who has been adjudicated in such action, suit or proceeding not to have acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that his or her action was in the best interests of the Corporation. Massachusetts Hockley shall provide no indemnification with respect to any matter settled or compromised, pursuant to consent decree or otherwise, unless such settlement or compromise shall have been approved as in the best interest of Massachusetts Hockey by (1) a disinterested majority of the board of directors of the Corporation or (2) if there was no disinterested directors, by independent legal counsel representing Massachusetts Hockey and appointed by a majority of the directors then in office. The right of indemnification provided in this Article shall not be exclusive of or affect any other rights to which any director, officer, employee or volunteer may be entitled under any agreement, statute or otherwise. Massachusetts Hockey's obligation to provide indemnification under the Article shall be offset by and to the extent of any other source of indemnification. Nothing contained in this Article shall affect any rights to which Massachusetts Hockey personnel other than directors or officers may be entitled by contract or otherwise.

No Personal Liability: No director, officer, employee of this Corporation or a volunteer acting on behalf of Massachusetts Hockey and/or its affiliates shall be personally liable to Massachusetts Hockey for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, officer, employee or volunteer notwithstanding any provisions of law imposing such liability: provided, however, that the liability of a officer, director, employee or volunteer to the extent that such liability is imposed by applicable law, shall not be eliminated (1) for any breach of such person's duty of loyalty to Massachusetts Hockey; (2) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve an intentional or a knowing violation of law, or (3) for any transaction from which such derived an improper benefit.

The directors, officer, employees and volunteers of Massachusetts Hockey shall not be personally liable for any debt, liability or obligation of the Corporation. All persons, corporations or other entities extending credit to, contracting with, or having any such claims against Massachusetts Hockey, may look only to the funds and property of this Corporation for the payment of such contract or claim, or for the payment of any

debt, damages, judgment or decree, or any amount that may otherwise become due or payable to them from Massachusetts Hockey.

Massachusetts Hockey agrees, at all times, to be covered by the general liability insurance policy maintained by USA Hockey. USA Hockey shall inform Massachusetts Hockey of the limits of that policy, and of any changes to those limits which may be made by USA Hockey at its sole prerogative. By purchasing and maintaining the aforementioned general liability insurance policy, USA Hockey does not assume any liability for any actions or omissions of Massachusetts Hockey. Massachusetts Hockey agrees to use reasonable efforts to purchase, acquire or provide, and maintain in full force and effect at all times, directors and officers' liability insurance, and to name USA Hockey as an additional insured thereunder if such insurance is not obtained through USA Hockey. Massachusetts Hockey retains right to obtain whatever additional insurance coverage's it may desire, at its own expense, but agrees to name USA Hockey as an additional insured thereof.

ARTICLE XIII - EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND RESOLUTION OF GRIEVANCES

Massachusetts Hockey shall 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.

Massachusetts Hockey shall provide for the prompt and equitable resolution of grievances of its members, including fair notice and opportunity for a hearing consistent with the provisions of these By-Laws and the requirements of the Amateur Sports Act of 1978 as amended.

Any grievance filed under this Article must be filed with the President of Massachusetts Hockey with a copy of the grievance forwarded to the Chair of the Disciplinary Committee and the General Counsel. Only a member in good standing may file a grievance and for the purpose of this article. A grievance shall only be entertained and acted upon if it deals with a material violation by a member of Massachusetts Hockey and/or USA Hockey By-laws, Rules and Regulations, Policies and Procedures, Codes of Conduct, Codes of Ethics and USA Hockey playing rules and such violation is clearly contrary to any practice or precedent consistent with said By-laws, Rules and Regulations, Policies and Procedures, Codes of Conduct, Codes of Ethics and playing rules.

ARTICLE XIV - SUSPENSION, EXPULSION, OTHER DISCIPLINE; APPEALS

A.

1. Except in the case of suspension, expulsion, or other disciplinary action imposed by operation of the USA Hockey playing rules, disciplinary actions shall only be taken after a hearing by the appropriate authority.
2. Any member of Massachusetts Hockey may be suspended, expelled or otherwise disciplined for violation of the provisions of Massachusetts Hockey and/or USA Hockey By-laws, Rules and Regulations, Codes of Conduct, Codes of Ethics, and USA Hockey playing rules.
3. Suspension, expulsion or other disciplinary action may occur by operation of:
 - a. Massachusetts or USA Hockey By-Laws, Rules and Regulations;
 - b. the playing rules of the game as promulgated by USA Hockey;
 - c. administrative action taken by Massachusetts Hockey, or any association, league, district, or other organization certified and/or registered by Massachusetts Hockey with the authority to do same.
4. Additional violations for which discipline may be imposed include, but are not limited to:
 - a. threats or actions against officials of Massachusetts Hockey or USA Hockey;
 - b. any conduct unbecoming or detrimental to the sport of hockey;
 - c. allowing participation by ineligible or unregistered player, coaches, officials or teams in sanctioned events;
 - d. participation in events not officially sanctioned;
 - e. clear and deliberate assault upon a game official. For the purposes of this section a game official shall be any person present and necessary to conduct the game in the opinion of the Chair of the Discipline Committee.

B. Hearing Procedures

1. When a hearing is required in accordance with USA or Massachusetts Hockey By-laws, Rules and Regulations, or if a member who has been suspended, expelled or disciplined by operation of said rules, requests a hearing, or if the Chair of the Discipline Committee orders a hearing to be held, such hearing shall be conducted by a panel of not less than three nor more than five members and a presiding non voting Chair. Hearing may be held at the association, league, district or state level as appropriate.
 2. Hearings should be conducted as soon as possible, but not later than 30 days following the incident for Match Penalties and generally not later than 30 days from the request for a hearing or the completion of an investigation for all other incidents..
 3. All voting members of a Hearing Panel for District and State Hearing Panels shall be current members in good standing of the Massachusetts Hockey Discipline Committee or the Board of Directors including alternate directors. All voting members of a Hearing Panel for Association or League Hearings shall be members of Massachusetts Hockey in good standing. In all cases the members shall be reasonably disinterested persons.
 4. A decision should be announced within 5 days of the hearing and a written decision which identifies the issues, pertinent facts, and the conclusions of the panel shall be issued within 10 days of the completion of the hearing and delivered to the parties and to the Chair of the Discipline Committee.
 5. Adverse decisions may be appealed to the appropriate Massachusetts Hockey Registrar or to the Massachusetts Hockey Discipline Chair in accordance with C. of this section.
- C. Any party to the hearing may appeal any adverse decision in writing using the form prescribed by Massachusetts Hockey within (10) ten days of the receipt of same to the Discipline Committee which will process the appeal consistent with its practices and procedures and these Bylaws. The written decision of the panel in the first instance, if so rendered, shall be considered prima facie evidence of the facts stated therein and the burden of proof as to why the decision shall not be implemented shall be upon the appealing party. The only basis for appeal will be that the panel acted erroneously in interpreting or applying USA or Massachusetts Hockey Bylaws, Rules or Regulations and Codes of Conduct and Ethics to the facts. Appeals will be based solely on the record of the panel. Appeals from action taken by Massachusetts Hockey or the Discipline Committee shall be governed by the Rules and Regulations of USA Hockey.
 - D. Any member who does not comply with the procedures set out herein shall be deemed not to have exhausted his administrative remedies and this shall be deemed to be a defense against any legal actions taken by the member against Massachusetts Hockey, Inc. or other affiliate organization or association.
 - E. An appeal pursuant to the provisions hereof shall not stay the implementation of the suspension, expulsion or other disciplinary action for a violation of the playing rules. All other appeals may stay the implementations of the suspension, expulsion or other disciplinary action in the discretion of the Chair of the Discipline Committee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a one game suspension imposed for any reason shall not be subject to an appeal. Suspensions resulting from a game misconduct penalty must be served in the next consecutive game by the suspended member, regardless of whether the suspension may again have to be served in a league.
 - F. Any member who has been disciplined under provisions of this Article, except for any violations of the playing rules or any one game suspension imposed for any reason, may after two years from the date of the imposition of the discipline petition the Chair of the Discipline Committee to review the matter and determine whether the discipline should be revised. Any decision of the Chair of the Discipline Committee hereunder shall not be subject to appeal.

ARTICLE XV - AMENDMENTS

- A. Proposed amendments to the By-Laws and Rules and Regulations must be

- submitted to the Rules Committee in writing for their recommendation as to adoption, rejection, modification, or deferral prior to any vote being taken by the Board of Directors.
- B. These By-Laws may be amended at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors provided a quorum exists if the proposed amendments have been presented in writing by the Rules Committee to each member of the Board of Directors at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting.
 - C. The Rules and Regulations may be amended at any regularly scheduled or special meeting of the Board of Directors provided a quorum exists. If the Rules Committee has not acted within 30 days of the submission of the proposal, the submitter may bring the proposal to the Board of Directors by providing a written copy to each member of the Board of Directors at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting.
 - D. A two thirds majority is required to amend or change the By-Laws and/or the Rules and Regulations.
 - E. Any proposed amendment determined by the Rules Committee to be in the same form or similar form to one which was rejected during the current or prior season cannot be placed before the Board of Directors unless it has received a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors recommending that it be placed before the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XVI - FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING

- A. The Treasurer of Massachusetts Hockey shall submit annually at the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Hockey Board of Directors the recommended budget proposal of Massachusetts Hockey for the upcoming season. Said budget proposal shall be recommended by the Finance Committee after prior review for a ratification vote (approval/disapproval) by the members of the Board of Directors.
- B. The treasurer shall cause an annual independent audit to be performed on all the Massachusetts Hockey accounts. Said audit shall be presented in writing to the Board of Directors within six months of the fiscal year end of Massachusetts Hockey.
- C. The treasurer shall file at the times required any and all financial forms required by all governmental agencies.
- D. Any proposal or request for monies that deviate from the approved annual budget of Massachusetts Hockey in the amount of Fifteen Hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) or more must be submitted in writing to the Finance Committee for a review for a recommendation vote (approval/disapproval). Said recommendation shall be submitted to the Board of Directors for a ratification vote. A proposal or request for monies shall not be broken down into separate sums below Fifteen Hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) in an attempt to circumvent a recommendation of the Finance Committee. Any proposal or requests for monies that are below Fifteen Hundred dollars can be presented from the floor of a monthly meeting of the Board of Directors for approval/disapproval.
- E. The Finance Committee shall keep and maintain records of any and all meetings and their recommendations. Said records shall be available upon request to any and all members of Massachusetts Hockey Board of Directors.
- F. The Finance Committee shall establish, maintain and publish the Massachusetts Hockey Accounting and Financial Procedures.
- G. Any member of the Finance Committee who holds a Massachusetts Hockey financial account who is determined by the Treasurer to be over 45 days delinquent in meeting the reporting requirements specified in the Massachusetts Hockey Accounting and Financial Procedures may be suspended from the committee until the reporting is brought to a current status.
- H. Any member of Massachusetts Hockey who holds a Massachusetts Hockey financial account who is determined by the Treasurer to be over 90 days delinquent in meeting the reporting requirements specified in the Massachusetts Hockey Accounting and Financial Procedures will be reported to the President who must act within 7 days .

MASSACHUSETTS HOCKEY RULES AND REGULATIONS

As amended and revised at the Annual Meeting, at Nashua, New Hampshire June 17 and 18, 2006

ARTICLE I - REGISTRATION; COMPLETION

Section 1. Registration

Persons and associations desiring membership in Massachusetts Hockey are required to register in the category of membership sought as defined in Article III in the By-Laws of Massachusetts Hockey and shall meet the following requirements in order to be so registered:

A. Associations:

Only one association shall be registered for each city and town or groupings of cities and towns in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with populations of less than 150,000 residents. More than one association may be registered in cities or towns with populations over 150,000. Such programs shall consist of two or more groups of players who engage in competitive hockey play and may be referred to hereinafter as association(s) or town association(s).

In order to be registered each such association shall:

1. adopt a constitution and/or By-Laws which provide for the election of officers, a Board of Directors, the conducting of its business and affairs in accordance with generally accepted parliamentary procedures and defines who has the right to vote and submit a copy of same to the Association Registration Committee as required;
2. ensure that membership and voting powers of its governing body consist of not less than 20% of members who have children actively skating in the association;
3. provide the right to vote to parents(s)/guardian(s) of minor players, coaches, and any other volunteers in that association in the process for nomination and election of Directors;
4. hold no fewer than 4 meetings per year open to all members of the association
5. one of these meetings will be an annual meeting at which time
 - a) a written financial report for the most recent year ending shall be presented to its members, and
 - b) the election of its Board of Directors shall be held.
 - c) Such meetings shall be conducted in accordance with generally accepted parliamentary procedures.
 - d) forward to the Association Registration Committee of Massachusetts Hockey, within two (2) weeks of said meeting, the following:
 - 1) date, time and location of the meeting,
 - 2) agenda,
 - 3) minutes,
 - 4) nominees and winners of the annual election and
 - 5) method of communication (rink posting, newspaper, etc) which served as notice to the eligible members of the association regarding the meeting.
6. make copies of its By-Laws and/or Constitution Rules/Regulations, including methods of becoming an Officer or Director, method of selecting coaches, definition of membership and voting rights, and a list of current Officers and Directors, available to all parents, coaches, players and other members of the association;
7. abide by Massachusetts Hockey's By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, and Policies and Procedures, including but not limited to, those regarding the prevention of Physical and Sexual Abuse;
8. secure and submit Individual Membership Registration forms (IMRs) from all members and prepare team rosters for all teams; and
9. pay required fees as established by USA Hockey and Massachusetts Hockey and as set out in the Fee Schedule herein.
10. maintain a file of signed Massachusetts Hockey Coaches Code of Conduct for each Coach and Manager.
11. maintain a file of signed Waiver of Liability forms for each Player, Coach and Manager.

12. No association may refuse to register a skater, who resides within the Association's geographic boundaries for any reason other than the following:
- a. A player is in arrears of its financial obligations to this or any other Association
 - b. the player is subject to disciplinary action by the Association or Massachusetts Hockey or
 - c. The Association has no space available.

B. Leagues:

Leagues organized for competitive play in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts shall be registered with Massachusetts Hockey.

In order to be registered each such league shall:

1. be comprised of associations, teams and members registered pursuant to the provisions of these Rules and Regulations, or pursuant to the rules of any other affiliate District of USA Hockey;
2. agree to abide by Massachusetts Hockey's By-Laws, Rules and Regulation, and Policies and Procedures;
3. file a league registration annually with the Association Registration Committee certifying compliance with these requirements;
4. file a copy of current By-laws, Rules & Regulations with the Association Registration Committee.

C. Teams:

Teams shall be registered in one of the following categories:

1. Youth:-- Teams which are members of a City or Town association.
2. Girls/Women's:-- Teams which are registered pursuant to the provisions in the Registration procedures.
All By-Laws, Rules and Regulations in this Annual Guide apply to Girls/Women unless specifically exempted.
3. Tier I:-- Teams which are members of the Massachusetts Hockey TIER I League pursuant to the provisions of Article XIV of these Rules and Regulations.
4. Club:-- Teams which do not fit into the definitions above.

To be registered as club teams these teams must:

- a. be comprised of a minimum of 80% Massachusetts residents;
- b. agree to abide by Massachusetts Hockey Policy and Rules and Regulations regarding the prevention of Physical and Sexual Abuse and seek consents for the Criminal Offender Record Information for all relevant personnel on the team(s);
- c. comply with all registration procedures of USA and Massachusetts Hockey
- d. agree to be governed by the following restrictions:
 - 1) cannot participate in Massachusetts Hockey State Championship Tournaments, USA Hockey Regional, Sectional or National Championship Tournaments;
 - 2)c cannot participate in Massachusetts Hockey Registered Leagues without the approval of the Massachusetts Hockey Executive Board; and
 - 3) may only play against USA Hockey and Canadian Amateur Hockey Association registered teams, using USA Hockey playing rules, and registered USA Hockey referees.

D. Individual Members:

Those individual members who are players, coaches and/or referees shall be registered with Massachusetts Hockey.

In order to be registered a member shall:

1. complete Individual Membership Registration (IMR) prepared by USA Hockey, Inc. and pay required registration fee;
2. players registered as individual members on a youth team must play for the town association of residence except that a resident of a city or town which does not have a registered association may join a association in an abutting city or town. A member who has joined an abutting city or town association shall be deemed to be

a member of that association for his/her youth hockey career. Midget level players shall not be subject to these requirements.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of D.2 requirements, a city or town association may register and roster up to three (3) members per roster who are non residents provided such member does not have outstanding financial obligations to another Massachusetts Hockey or USA Hockey affiliated association. Any non-resident member properly rostered for the 2000-01 regular season by association shall not be subject to this limitation.
 4. A association described in Article I Section 1(A) may petition for a waiver from the requirements of Article I, Section 1(D)(3) to the Massachusetts Hockey Roster Committee.
- E. Honorary Members:
Honorary members shall not be required to register and shall be elected as honorary members by vote of the Board of Directors of Massachusetts Hockey.

Section 2. Completion

- A. In General
All registrations shall be done annually at the time and in the manner prescribed by Massachusetts Hockey on forms prepared by Massachusetts Hockey and/or USA Hockey, Inc. and shall be deemed complete and accepted when stamped by an appropriate Massachusetts Hockey official.
- B. Players
Players shall not be considered registered and shall not participate in any on ice activity until an Individual Membership Registration (IMR) form is completed and submitted to their association.
- C. Teams
Teams shall not be considered registered until a USA Hockey team application and official player roster form (Form 1-T) are submitted to the District/Division Registrar with the required fees established by USA Hockey and Massachusetts Hockey 10 days prior to the start of playdowns or November 15, whichever comes earlier, for tournament bound teams, and on or before December 1 for all other teams.
- D. Associations
Associations shall not be considered registered until all Individual Membership Registrations (IMRs) for their members have been submitted, all team applications and rosters have been submitted, all Criminal Offender Record Information consent forms have been submitted, their constitution and/or By-Laws have been submitted and all required fees have been paid.

ARTICLE II - COACHES AND MANAGERS; CERTIFICATION

Section 1. Coaches and Managers

Coaches, managers and all bench personnel shall be registered as members of Massachusetts Hockey, Inc. and shall be identified as such on approved roster forms.

- A. They shall be responsible for the conduct of all members of their teams during sanctioned activities.
- B. There shall not be less than one nor more than four (4) bench personnel in the bench area during a game and a game shall be forfeited upon a failure to comply with the minimum requirement of one.
- C. At all times during sanctioned activities there shall be on the bench at least one individual certified pursuant to the provisions of Section 2 of this Article.
- D. All coaches and managers are required annually to read, sign and be in compliance with the Massachusetts Hockey Code of Conduct.
- E. Rostered coaches, managers and bench personnel may be changed during the season by submitting a Change/Add Bench Official form and the appropriate fee to a District/Divisional Registrar.

Section 2. Certification

A. To qualify as a head coach or assistant coach on an approved roster, the following USA Hockey Coaching Education Program qualification levels must have been attained by:

Team-Age-Classification	Date of required certification
Bantam (14&U) Midget (16&U) Midget 18&U)	Nov. 1st of current season
Mite (8&U) Squirt (10&U) Peewee (12&U)	Dec. 31st of current season

B. Coaches who fail to comply within their inaugural season will be declared ineligible for subsequent season(s) until they first achieve the appropriate USA Hockey Coaching Education Program level endorsement.

C. Pre-requisites:

Initiation Level	None
Associate Level	Initiation
Intermediate Level	Associate
Advance Level	Intermediate

D. Required Level of Achievement

Level of Play	Coaching Education Program Level
Learn to Skate	Level 1 Initiation
Mite Tier III (A), Tier IV (B) 1st Year	Level 2 Associate
2nd Year	Level 3 Intermediate
Mite Tier V(C)	Level 2 Associate
Squirts	Level 3 Intermediate
Peewees	Level 3 Intermediate
Bantams	Level 3 Intermediate
Midgets	Level 3 Intermediate
All Tier I (Selects) and Midget Tier II National Tournament Bound)	Level 4 Advanced
Girls/Women 8 & Under	Level 1 Initiation
Girls/Women 10 & Under	Level 3 Intermediate
Girls/Women 12 & Under	Level 3 Intermediate
Girls/Women 14 & Under	Level 3 Intermediate
Girls/Women 16 & Under	Level 3 Intermediate
Girls/Women 19 & Under	Level 3 Intermediate
Girls/Women 19 & Under	Level 3 Intermediate
Girls/Women High School	Level 3 Intermediate

Although not required, it is recommended all coaching personnel complete a first aid treatment education program or receive a certification in EMT training and/or CPR techniques.

E. Re-certification

Coaches (except Advance or Masters Level) shall progress through the USA Hockey Coaching Education Program by attending a coaching clinic at least once every three (3) years up to the Intermediate level. A coach who has completed the Intermediate Level, shall do one of the following every three (3) years; a.) attend another Intermediate Level clinic; b) take a USA Hockey Continuing Education Course; or c.) attend an Advance Level Clinic.

The effective date for re-certification will commence from the year 2000.

ARTICLE III REFEREE IN CHIEF; REFEREE SUPERVISORS; MASSACHUSETTS HOCKEY REFEREE REGISTRAR; REGISTRATION AND CLASSIFICATIONS

Section 1. Referee in Chief; Referee Supervisors; Referee Registrar

USA Hockey, Inc., shall designate a Referee-in-Chief for Massachusetts who will recommend his choice of District Referee Supervisors, one from each state District, from a list of three candidates submitted by each District, to the Massachusetts Hockey Executive Committee for approval. Each District Referee Supervisor shall be responsible for registering, collecting fees, and classifying the referees in his District on an annual basis and forwarding the same to the Referee-in-Chief

The Referee-in-Chief shall deliver all referee registrations, including fees, to the Massachusetts Hockey Referee Registrar who will issue a Massachusetts Hockey Crest indicating the current hockey Year to each referee.

Section 2. Registration and Classifications

All referees shall be registered as members of Massachusetts Hockey, Inc. and shall be classified in their district of residence by the USA Hockey Referee in Chief.

In order to be registered a referee shall:

- A. complete an Individual Membership Registration (IMR) prepared by USA Hockey, Inc. and pay the required registration and/or classification fees as set out in the Fee Schedule herein;
 - B. attend an annual USA Hockey, Inc. seminar that includes information on Massachusetts Hockey rules.
- In order to be classified a referee shall meet the requirements of USA Hockey, Inc. as set out in its Rules and Regulations and be classified thereunder.

Referees so registered and classified shall be responsible to supervise all games played under the auspices of Massachusetts Hockey, Inc. and shall enforce all rules of the game, including but not limited to, ensuring complete and accurate game sheets and meeting all reporting requirements. Only Level 3 and 4 referees shall be eligible to referee Peewee, Bantam, Midget, Girls/Women and Junior Massachusetts Hockey tournaments.

All referees must report all Match penalties within 48 hours, in writing, to his/her District Referee Supervisor, including attaching the relevant game sheet if possible. The District Referee Supervisor in receipt of the referees' report will forward a copy to the District Registrar of the offending party and the Chairman of the Discipline Committee within 48 hours. Referees failing to report Match penalties may be subject to suspension from Massachusetts Hockey.

ARTICLE IV - ROSTER LIMITATION PROCEDURE

- A. A waiver petition under this Article shall be made in writing to the Roster Committee and shall set forth the names of the parties and association affected and the substantive reasons for the waiver. The Chair of the Committee shall request from the District/Divisional Registrar(s) any comments or recommendations in writing regarding the waiver request.
- B. The Committee may determine, in its sole discretion, either through hearing or written submissions, whether the waiver requested is consistent with Massachusetts Hockey's By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, Policies and Procedures and in the best interest of Massachusetts Hockey. The Committee shall be guided by established precedents relative to creating teams from combinations of associations, rostering out of state players and similar concerns. A written decision shall be issued within thirty (30) days of receipt by the Committee of the waiver petition.
- C. Requests for waivers by associations may be made no earlier than June 1st and no later than October 15th of the current regular playing season.
- D. All decisions of the Committee shall be final with no appeal to any other individual, committee or board of Massachusetts Hockey.

ARTICLE V - NON-REGISTERED AND INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

Members shall not play any team not recognized by or registered with Massachusetts Hockey or any team, which has been suspended and/or expelled by Massachusetts Hockey or USA Hockey, Inc. Members shall not play in international competition without securing written permission from the USA Hockey Registrar submitted on the forms and in the manner prescribed by said Registrar and after having paid the required fee as set out in the Fee Schedule herein.

ARTICLE VI - TEAM CLASSIFICATIONS

Teams in Massachusetts Hockey shall be classified as follows:

SENIOR NON-CHECKING 30 AND OVER—Restricted to US residents. Unrestricted as to citizenship, and unlimited so as to include amateurs and/or reinstated professionals. Limited as to exclude any player who plays that current season as a professional player, or on a NCAA (Div. I, II, or III) or Junior College or College Club team. Players shall be 30 years of age or older. Exception: Goalkeepers (2) may be 25 years of age or older before December 31 of the current playing season.

SENIOR NON-CHECKING 18 AND OVER— Restricted to US residents. Unrestricted as to citizenship, and unlimited so as to include amateurs and/or reinstated professionals. Limited as to exclude any player who plays that current season as a professional

player, or on a NCAA (Div. I, II, or III) or Junior College or College Club team. Players shall be 18 years of age or older.

SENIOR ELITE— Restricted to US residents. Unrestricted as to citizenship but limited to no more than three (3) non-US. citizens. Limited to amateurs and/or reinstated professionals who have played less than five (5) professional games during that current season.

SENIOR US—Restricted to US citizens, either US-born or naturalized with final papers. Limited as to exclude any reinstated professionals and any player who plays that current season on an NCAA (Div. I, II, or III) or Junior College, or College Club team.

JUNIOR — Limited to US citizens, registered aliens and foreign exchange students only and limited to amateurs 20 years of age or under on December 31 of the current season.

Any 18 and under Midget National Tournament Bound players, who are rostered on a dormant split-season 18 and under Midget team, are permitted to be rostered on a Junior team and be returned to their Midget team on or before February 15. These players file a Roster Designation Form with their District Registrar and the Junior Registrar before playing their first game with the Junior team. Players must complete the Roster Designation Form, which states their full intention of rejoining their Midget split season team no later than February 15.

YOUTH — Eighteen years of age and under.	(Midget)	
YOUTH — Sixteen years of age and under	(Midget)	
YOUTH — Fourteen years of age and under.	(Bantam).	
YOUTH — Twelve years of age and under.	(Peewee).	On December 31
YOUTH — Ten years of age and under.	(Squirt).	of the
YOUTH — Eight years of age and under.	(Mite).	current season
YOUTH — Six years of age and under.	(Mini-Mite).	

GIRLS — Nineteen years of age and under	
GIRLS — Sixteen years of age and under	On December 31
GIRLS — Fourteen years of age and under	of the
GIRLS — Twelve years of age and under	current season
GIRLS — Ten years of age and under	
GIRLS --- Eight years of age and under	
GIRLS --- High School	

Girls/Women who participate must comply with the age requirement of the classification in which they compete.

NON-AMATEUR — Unrestricted as to citizenship and may include players under contract to a professional organization.

HIGH SCHOOL/PREP SCHOOL — Formal high school and prep school teams or non-varsity teams consisting of full-time students attending a single high school/prep school, or within a single school district as defined by the appropriate state law or School District body.

COLLEGE — Varsity.

COLLEGE — Junior College/Community College.

COLLEGE CLUB — Div. I, Div. II and Open Formal College teams (four year or two year), school, or within a single school district as defined by the appropriate state law or School District body.

COLLEGE — Varsity.

COLLEGE — Junior College/Community College.

COLLEGE CLUB — Div. I, Div. II and Open Formal College teams (four year or two year), consisting of students attending that college, which are non-varsity teams.

National and State Championships are not held in all of the above classifications.

Any team violating any of the aforementioned rules and regulations may be declared ineligible to play in the State Playdowns and State Finals, and may be subject to suspension from further Massachusetts Hockey

ARTICLE VII - A GAME

Section 1. Games And Scrimmages

The following conditions shall constitute a game:

- A. When two teams occupy the same ice surface for the purpose of competitive play, including scrimmages, at least for the minimum time and all rules prescribed by USA Hockey.
- B. Any tournament or exhibition game played with teams from other USA Hockey Districts or teams approved by USA Hockey from other countries.

Section 2. Referee Requirements

- A. All Playdown games are under the jurisdiction of Massachusetts Hockey and must be officiated by Massachusetts Hockey registered referees.
- B. Score sheets are required for all games played. It is mandatory that all games leading to District Playdowns including Tier V playdowns be played with Massachusetts Hockey Referees. Before the beginning of the game, the referees SHALL PRINT HIS/HER NAME ON THE GAME SHEET. At the end of the game the referees SHALL SIGN AND/OR INITIAL THE GAME SHEET.
- C. No Massachusetts Hockey team will engage in a game within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts unless the referee(s) is wearing his/her Massachusetts Hockey Crest.

Section 3. Physical Assaults on Game Officials

Any player, coach or team official found guilty of a clear, deliberate physical assault upon a game official will be expelled from Massachusetts Hockey.

ARTICLE VIII - STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS

Section 1. National And State Bound Championships

Massachusetts Hockey in the Youth and Girls/Women categories will recognize the following classifications for State Champions provided a minimum of four teams have applied. In the Youth categories that represent at least 3 Districts.

A. NATIONAL TOURNAMENT BOUND TEAMS;

Only Teams from these Massachusetts Hockey categories are eligible to compete in these Tournaments heading for a National Tournament site.

Youth Tier I (Tier I League Pee Wee Major, Bantam Major, Midget 16 and under and Midget 18 and under).

Youth Tier II (Select League Pee Wee minor, Bantam minor, City and Town Association Teams in Pee wee, Bantam, Midget 16 and under and Midget 18 and under)

Girls Tier I (12 years of age and younger, 14 years of age and younger, 16 years of age and younger, 19 years of age and younger).

Women's (any Age)

B. TEAMS NOT A CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS;

Teams eligible to compete for a State Tournament but not a National Tournament.

Youth Tier I- (All tier I League Mite, Squirt)

Youth Tier III - Division L (Large)- Squirt through Midget.

Youth Tier III - Division S (Small)- Squirt through Midget.

Youth Tier IV - Squirt through Midget.

Youth Tier V - Squirt through Bantam.

Girls Tier II (10 years of age and younger, 12 years of age and younger, 14 years of age and younger, 16 years of age and younger, 19 years of age and younger).

Girls Tier III Town Teams 10 years of age and younger, 12 years of age and younger, 14 years of age and younger, 16 years of age and younger, 19 years of age and younger.

Section 2. Tier Classifications

- A. Classification for Youth State Tournaments are as follows:

TIER I:-National Bound

Tier I State Tournament will consist of Major Teams from the Massachusetts Hockey Select League The format will be determined by the State Tournament Coordinator.

TIER II: National Bound

Select minor teams and any City/Town Association team electing to enter.

Tier III

1. Any registered Massachusetts Youth Hockey team except a Massachusetts Hockey Tier I or Tier II team and Massachusetts Hockey Club teams may compete in the State Tournament at the proper Tier III classification. A Tier III team is considered to be the first, or highest rated, team in an association.
2. A Tier III team electing not to compete in the District playdowns and State Tournament will not penalize the Tier IV and/or Tier V teams from competing at the proper classification, subject to the approval of the District, if the District Registrar has a viable roster and at least ten (10) game sheets for the non-competing Tier III team.
3. A team competing in Tier III Division 1L (Large) shall be so classified where in the current playing season the association rostered, in the case of Midgets and Bantams more than 39 players at each level respectively, and in the case of Pee Wees and Squirts more than 54 players at each level respectively.
4. A team competing in Tier III Division S (Small) shall be so classified where in the current playing season the association rostered, in the case of Midgets and Bantams fewer than 40 players at each level respectively, and in the case of Pee Wees and Squirts fewer than 55 players at each level respectively.
5. Any team in Division S may apply for participation in the Division L District playdowns and State Tournament competition.
6. For purposes of total player census for Division S or L classification at the Tier III level, all players rostered in house leagues, other travel teams and on Yankee Conference teams shall be included for purposes of paragraphs 3 and 4 above.

TIER IV:

Except as provided in paragraph 2 of this section, any second or third team from a association that has a team competing in Tier III in that same youth classification for that year's tournament (see rules under Tier III part 2 above for exception).

TIER V:

Any third or lower team from a association that has teams eligible for Tier III and Tier IV competition in that same youth classification for that year's tournament. Also included shall be any team playing in a city/town recreation league or combination of players from a recreation program, subject to eligibility requirements and upon approval of the STC and the District Registrar for that team's district.

Any team, except a Tier I or II team, may petition its District to play in one tier lower if the team plays in a lower tier in their League and/or they feel they would not be competitive in the tier these rules require them to enter. The petition must be submitted to their District/Division Registrar. The petition must document the basis for this change in tier. Documentation must show the record, the division they play in their league(s), or other information to document their reasons for the petition. The petition must be approved by a unanimous vote of the District. Any association making a travesty of this will be censured the following season.

Classification must be declared on the team application form. The home District shall be construed to be the District in which the team registers. Any team, which competes in a inter-district or inter-community league, must return to its home District for district play. Distict/Division teams shall, if directed by the Massachusetts Hockey state Championship Tournament Coordinator (hereinafter in these rules referred to as the "STC) enter inter-district/Division playdown activity to reduce the number of entries for the tournament.

B. Classifications for Girls/Women State Championships

National Bound Girl's Teams

National Bound teams must belong to associations that meet the following requirements:

1. Field the following minimum number of teams:
 - a. 12 & Under 1 team &
 - b. 14 & Under 1 team &
 - c. 16 & Under 1 team or 19 & Under 1 team
2. Provide a minimum of one (1) weekly on ice training session
3. Appoint a Coaching Director
4. Meet and maintain full compliance with Massachusetts Hockey and USA Hockey By-Laws and Rules & Regulations

5. Notify players at time of signing of the Massachusetts Hockey rule covering Dual registration.

National Bound Senior Teams

Teams that are properly registered and are in full compliance with Massachusetts Hockey and USA Hockey By-Laws and Rules & Regulations are eligible to compete in National Bound Tournaments.

State Bound Teams

All other teams that are properly registered and meet all other Massachusetts Hockey and USA Hockey By-Laws and Rules & Regulations are eligible.

Section 3. Playdowns to Select Teams for State Championships

- A. Girls/Women - All teams who submit a Playdown Application and meet the requirements of the tournament rules shall participate in playdowns to reduce the number of teams to enter the State Championship Tournament unless otherwise directed by the STC.
- B. Youth - Each District shall hold a playdown tournament to select their entry/entries in the State Championship Tournament except Tier II National Bound State Championships.
- C. Teams entering the competition for the Tier II - National Bound Tournament Championship will be seeded from Joint District Playdowns. National Bound Tier II competition shall consist of two divisions. Five (5) Joint Districts will be organized zones from Massachusetts Hockey Districts. Zone 1 will comprised of Districts 1 and 3; Zone Two will be comprised of Districts 4 and 5; Zone Three will be comprised of Districts 6 and 7; Zone Four will be comprised of Districts 8 and 9; and, Zone Five will be composed of Districts 2 and 10. The host organization for the zone playdowns will alternate annually, beginning with the lower numbered District in the 1999-2000 season.

Section 4. Tournament Application and Playdown Timetables

To enter these tournaments each team must submit to their District/Division Registrar a Playdown Application by the dates specified on the Application Form.

- A. All Youth District Midget II and III, and Bantam II National Bound playdowns must be completed by October 30. All other Bantam and Midget playdowns may also be held prior to December 1st at the option of the District.
- B. Youth District playdowns for all Squirt, Peewee, Bantam III, IV, V and Midget IIV must be completed by Friday, February 23.

Section 5. Youth District Playdowns

- A. District/Division Playdown Tournament Committees
The appropriate Registrar shall appoint the District/Division Playdown Tournament committee. They shall be responsible for all playdown activity, and will notify the STC verbally and in writing of the complete playdown results.
At every District Playdown game, there shall be in attendance at least one member of the District Playdown Committee, and it shall be their responsibility to establish and monitor player sign-in procedures to prevent any irregularities. Any association making a travesty of this will be prohibited from entry in the playdowns the following season.

Section 6. Tournament Hosts

- A. The STC shall award the State and Northeast Sectional Tournaments to the Districts at the Annual June Meeting. The District will award the tournament to the Host/Co-host by the September State Meeting. The Host shall submit to the STC the compliance form for approval no later than the October State meeting. District/Divisions or Hosts failing to meet the above dates are subject to immediate forfeiture of that tournament. The STC may on the above dates award the tournament to a new candidate who shall submit the compliance form by the November State meeting..
- B. The Tournament Host shall pay all fees for that State tournament. The Semi Final and Final games for the Tier I and Tier II Bantam and Midget National Bound Tournaments shall have accredited medical personnel as outlined in the USA Hockey Regional

Playoffs Rules. Massachusetts Hockey strongly recommends this policy for all Tournaments

- C. All State Tournaments shall be held on the dates scheduled in the Massachusetts Hockey Annual Guide.
- D. District/Divisional Teams entering the State Finals shall have a representative attend the Pre-Tournament meeting to obtain the schedules and
- E. Host teams for State, Sectional and National tournaments shall not participate in games leading to that tournament, unless invited by the STC.

Section 7. Tournament Seeding

- A. The STC shall set the number of teams in each non National Bound Tournament using as a guide 20% of the playdown applications for that level the previous year. Tournaments will be 4, 6, 8, 12, or 16 teams.
- B. Tournaments consisting of 16 teams will be divided into 4 Divisions with the teams playing everyone in their division in a round robin. The team in each division with the best record (see section I below) shall advance to the Semi-Finals.
- C. Tournaments consisting of 12 teams will be divided into 3 divisions with the teams playing everyone in their division in a round robin. The division winners plus the second place team with the best record (see Section I below) shall advance to the Semi-finals.
- D. Tournaments consisting of 6 or 8 teams shall be divided into 2 divisions with the teams playing everyone in their division in a round robin. (This will mean 3 games for each team in an 8 team tournament and 2 games for teams in a 6 team tournament.) The 2 teams in each division with the best records (see section G below) shall advance to the semi finals with the winner in each division playing the runnerup from the other division.
- E. Tournaments consisting of 4 teams will not be divided into divisions. They will play each other in the round robin (3 games each). the 2 teams with the best record (see section G below) shall advance to the Finals.
- F. The National Bound Championship Tournament format will consist of eight (8) teams, one from each of the Zone Playdowns, two Zone Finalists (determined by the STC based on the number of teams entered in that tournament), and one (1) host team. The zone winners, finalists and host teams shall be placed in two divisions, with three playoff games for each team in all classifications. If less than 8 teams are entered in any age group the STC may set the number of teams at the state tournament to 4 or 6.

G. Seeding for 16 Team Tournaments

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1	9	3	8
5	4	6	10
2	7	HOST	HOST
RU	RU	RU	RU

H. Seeding for 12 Team Tournaments

NATIONAL	American	Olympic
3	9	10
2	5	1
7	6	8
HOST	HOST	4

- I. In the case of a tie, Division winners will be determined by the following tie-breaking formulas. In order to break the tie, the following formulas will be followed until one rule determines the position of all teams that are tied.
 - 1. The results of the games played between the teams tied in the following order:
 - a. The points acquired in these games.
 - b. Subtracting goals scored against from goals scored in these games, the position being determined in order of the greatest surplus.
 - c. Dividing the goals scored in these games by the goals scored against, the position being determined in order of the greatest quotient. A quotient involving dividing by zero (0) has higher standing than a quotient dividing by any number other than zero. Where two or more teams have no goals against and the

quotient tie breaker is required, the teams shall be ranked high to low in descending order of "goals for"

Note: Forfeits-If a team forfeits any of its 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 in the round robin play and the games are recorded as 1 - 0 victories for the non-offending team.

2. If after applying the formulas of 1 a, b, and c, the tie still exists, 1b and 1c shall be applied using all games played by the teams tied. The formulas shall be applied in the order 1 a, b, c and 2.
3. If the above procedure does not break the tie, then their position will be determined by the number of penalty minutes assessed in all games they played. Their position being determined in order of the least penalty minutes.

In the 16 team tournaments the four division winners would advance to the semi-finals with the North vs. South and East vs. West. The winners of these games play each other for the championship.

In 12 team tournaments the three division winners plus the second place team with the best record (according to the tier breaker rules) will advance to the semi-finals with the National Vs American and the Olympic Vs second place team. If the second place team is from the Olympic Division then the American winner will play the Olympic winner and the National winner will play the second place team.

Section 8. Tournament Rules and Requirements

- A. No team participating in District Playdowns or State Tournament shall be required to play more than two (2) games per day, and no team shall be scheduled to play a second game in one day against a team playing its first game on that day, except in 6 team and 12 team State Championship Tournaments or with specific prior approval of the STC or his designee. It is recommended that there be a minimum of four (4) hours between games on the same day, and twelve (12) hours between games played on consecutive days. The playing schedule and times of games must be approved by the STC or his or her designee.
- B. Unless otherwise agreed by the Team and Tournament Director, the home team shall wear light/white jerseys and the visiting team shall wear dark colored jerseys in all games. If the home team has not been established by the Tournament Committee, it shall be determined by the toss of a coin. The team traveling the furthest distance shall call. The Host will provide the jerseys or pullovers as required for the team wearing the inappropriate colors.
- C. All State Tournament games shall be played stop time.
- D. USA Hockey Playing rules and Massachusetts Hockey variations shall prevail. All round robin games shall be 12-minute periods. All Tier I and Tier II National Bound semifinals and finals games will have fifteen (15) minute periods for Peewees, 16 minutes for Bantams and 17 minutes for Midgets. All other State Playdown and State Tournament games shall be no less than twelve (12) minute periods.

TIMES FOR PENALTIES AND OVERTIME ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PERIOD TIME	OVERTIME (SUDDEN DEATH)	PENALTIES (MINUTES)			
		SEMI-FINALS	MINOR	MAJOR	MISCONDUCT
		FINAL ONLY			
12 MINUTES (ALL SQUIRT GAMES)	6	1 1/2	4		6
15,16,17 MINUTES		7 1/2	2	5	10

- E. In case of a tie in the semi or final games, at the end of regular play, teams will be allowed a three minute rest period. All divisions are to play to a sudden death conclusion.

- F. In all Bantam and Midget National Bound Tournaments, Semi-Final and Final games the ice should be resurfaced after every two (2) regular periods of use, if possible. In all State Tournaments the 1st overtime period, if required will be played following a 3-minute rest period. If additional overtimes are required, the ice may be resurfaced, and again if possible after each set of 4 overtime periods with 1 minute rests between periods until a conclusion is reached.
- G. Tournament fees will be established by Massachusetts Hockey Board of Directors at the January State meeting if possible.
- H. All disciplinary actions in playdowns or state final games will be acted upon using the Massachusetts Hockey regular process (Article XIV of the Massachusetts Hockey By-Laws). There will be no hearings conducted at Playdown or State Tournament sites.
- I. Suspensions resulting from a game misconduct imposed during a playdown or tournament game must be served in the next state playdown or tournament game. If there is an intervening non-playdown, non-state tournament game, the suspension will also apply to that intervening game. Any member incurring a Match Penalty during playdowns, regional or state tournaments shall be ineligible for such play for the balance of the games leading to a State Championship.
- J. State Champions will be considered to represent Massachusetts Hockey in the USA Hockey national and any other Tournaments designated by Massachusetts Hockey if they receive the approval of the Massachusetts Hockey STC and Executive Board.
- K. In the event a state champion is not selected through tournament competition at any level of play, for any reason, the Massachusetts Hockey STC, in consultation with the Executive Board, shall name a team to represent Massachusetts in all national and other competitions.

Section 9. Protests

Protests must be filed by a rostered team official of the protesting team. Protests must be filed with the on-site Massachusetts Hockey Tournament Committee representative(s), in writing, within one (1) hour after the completion of the game in question. On ice judgment calls and playing rules are not cause for protest.

Specific Requirements:

1. Written protest must contain all the facts and may only protest one stated issue or challenge the qualifications of one player. Multiple protests may be submitted if multiple issues and/or player qualifications are being protested. However each is considered a separate protest requiring a separate fee.
2. Protest will be accompanied by a fee of \$100.00 cash, and will be returned if the protest is upheld.
3. All parties must be duly notified and be present in person at the protest hearing or no appeal will be allowed the absentee.
4. A hearing of the protest will be heard by a committee designated by the STC.
5. If an appeal on the outcome of the protest committee's decision, is necessary, the offended party must file the appeal within (1) hour of the decision, in writing, accompanied by a fee of \$100.00 cash.
6. All parties must be duly notified and present in person at the appeal hearing; the appeal being heard by a committee of at least 3 members of the Massachusetts Hockey Tournament Committee.
7. The decision of the appeals committee shall be final.
8. All parties will be given the final decision at the conclusion of both the protest and the appeal hearings, a follow up of the decision, in writing, will be sent within 10 days.

Section 10. Referees

- A. Referees fees shall be negotiated at the Massachusetts Hockey Annual Meeting and submitted to the Board of Directors for approval. A two (2) man system may be used for all games in the District/Division playdowns, State Tournament, Regional and other tournaments designated by Mass Hockey, with the exception of Tier I and Tier II National-bound Semi-final and Final games which will utilize a 3 man system.

- B. The USA Hockey Referee-in-Chief and the Massachusetts Hockey Referee Registrar shall provide a list of Tournament-certified referees for All State Tournament sites. The Referee-in-Chief and The Referee Registrar shall assure availability of officials for each game played. The District Referee Supervisor shall provide a list of assigned Referees matched to the tournament game schedule to the respective District/Divisional Associate Registrar. All minor officials will be the responsibility of the Tournament Host Committee.
- C. The STC or his/her designee must approve all referees used for all State Tournaments, Sectionals (if held in Massachusetts), and any other tournaments designated by Massachusetts Hockey.

Section 11. Team and Roster Requirements

- A. All Teams entering District/Division playdowns must be prepared to compete through the State Tournament and National Tournament (if there is one) or other Tournament site as directed by Massachusetts Hockey. If a team withdraws prior to the Tournament its association may be held ineligible to participate in the following year's tournament. Withdrawing teams/associations must pay a \$100.00 fine payable to Massachusetts Hockey and shall nevertheless be responsible for their tournament financial obligation if a paying, qualified replacement team cannot be found.
- B. If a team fails to appear in time to start a game, the game may be forfeited provided the other team takes the ice to claim the forfeit. Forfeiting team, coach, team officials and associations may be subject to additional disciplinary action. The forfeiting association will be responsible for all tournament fees plus a penalty fee equal to the tournament fee made payable to Massachusetts Hockey within 14 days of the forfeit. In the event of exceptional circumstances, the forfeit fee may be timely appealed to the Tournament Committee.
- C. In order to qualify for a State Tournament, prior to the start of the Tournament each team must have competed, as a team and each player including roster change players:
 - GIRLS/WOMEN — at least fourteen games, with each player having played in at least ten of those games.
 - Youth — at least fifteen games, with each player having played in at least ten of those games, except in the case of State Championship Tournaments held before December 1, each team must have competed in nine games, with each player having played in at least six of those games.
- D. It shall be the responsibility of each team to make sure copies of the accepted stamped roster (with names, birth dates, address and signatures), Birth Certificates, IMR or USA Hockey membership cards, approved waivers, game sheets and team personnel change forms (if applicable) are available at the site for each playdown and final site game. Any player who is unable to obtain a birth certificate will be allowed to register if the player is able to supply satisfactory proof of birth date. These include only hospital records, immigration papers or affidavits sworn before an officer of the court.
- E. Only eligible players and team officials listed on the approved official player roster form or approved roster change forms may participate in District/Divisional Playdowns, State, Regional and other Tournaments designated by Massachusetts Hockey.
- F. Each team may dress 20 players (Massachusetts Hockey strongly recommends 2 goaltenders — see Section 12 of this Article) equipped and ready to play. No more than four (4) registered and accredited team officials in good standing will be permitted on the bench. At least one properly accredited team official must be on the bench at the start of the game. Electronic communication in any form to or from the bench by team officials will not be permitted.

Section 12. Goaltenders

- A. Any alternate goaltender that meets the requirements in Section 10.C of this Article for his/her original team may return to his/her lower division or classification team if he/she does not enter the new team's game. The alternate goaltender shall only enter the game in the event of illness or injury to the regular goaltender during the Tournament Game. The alternate goaltender who enters the game due to illness or injury to the starting goaltender may return to his/her regular team. Coaches violating this rule are subject to suspension.

- B. Massachusetts Hockey strongly recommends all teams entering District/Division Playdowns, State, and other Massachusetts Hockey designated Tournaments, have two (2) goaltenders dressed and ready to play. The host will not be required to furnish alternate goaltenders for such playdowns or tournaments held in Massachusetts. Alternate goaltenders must come from teams in the same association as the team to which he/she is moving up.

Section 13. Miscellaneous

- A. Player and/or team eligibility can be resolved by the Massachusetts Hockey Tournament Committee at any time.
- B. There shall be no all-star teams selected at any State Tournament or Playdown sites.
- C. In the event of problems not covered by the existing rules, the STC may make any determination in the best interest of the Tournament.

ARTICLE IX - OTHER TOURNAMENTS

All Senior and Junior Tournaments shall be held at the direction of and under the format prescribed by the State Championship Tournament Coordinator.

Any independent or invitational tournament held in Massachusetts must secure the sanction of Massachusetts Hockey and USA Hockey. One of the requirements necessary for obtaining a Massachusetts Hockey sanction is that only Massachusetts Hockey, USA Hockey, CAHA and IIHF registered teams be allowed to enter or compete in the tournament.

Any registered team participating in a non-sanctioned tournament, may be declared ineligible for the next Playdown, State or National Tournament.

ARTICLE X - AWARDS

Hat Trick, Playmaker and Zero Club awards (one per player, per season) will be issued to players who earn them during regular season, State Finals and Tournament Games, providing the roster of the team has been registered with the Massachusetts Hockey. A copy of the official game sheet must be submitted to Massachusetts Hockey on the proper Award Form (see Massachusetts Hockey Annual Guide centerfold). Game sheets copies will be returned only upon request.

ARTICLE XI - TRAVEL PERMITS

Teams traveling outside the State must obtain a travel permit. The only exceptions will be the following;

- A. Single games played in bordering States,
- B. practice ice time,
- C. league play.

Provided a letter is on file with the District/Division Registrar indicating compliance with the above. Travel Permits will only be issued by the Massachusetts Hockey Registrar's office, or your District/Division Registrar. Permit Applications can be obtained either from the Massachusetts Hockey Registrar's office, your District/Division Registrar, the Massachusetts Hockey web site (www.masshockey.com) or in the Massachusetts Hockey Annual Guide Book. Permit requests must be submitted well in advance of travel dates. Refer to the Application for the appropriate fees. Associations/Team officials found in violation of these procedures shall be subject to disciplinary action. The Massachusetts Hockey Registrar or your District/Division Registrar will send a copy of the team roster with the permit.

Unregistered teams wishing to travel and play outside of North America may apply for Travel Permits by filing a roster (names, addresses, birth dates, signatures and passport numbers) with the Massachusetts State Registrar and including a fee to Massachusetts Hockey of \$250.00 per team.

ARTICLE XII – ASSOCIATION MERGERS AND DIVISIONS

Mergers and/or divisive reorganizations of existing associations must be approved by the Massachusetts Hockey Board of Directors.

Any request for a merger or division shall be made in writing to the President and shall identify the proponents of the merger or division, define the proposed geographic area to be merged or divided and give a brief statement of the purpose of the merger or division including, but not necessarily limited to, the number of players affected by the proposed action, the affect on any existing association and the financial plans of the proponents. The President shall inform any affected existing associations(s) of the proposal and shall refer the matter to the Association Registration Committee for an investigation of the merits of the proposal.

The Association Registration Committee may in its discretion interview the proponents and any affected existing associations and the affected Districts and shall determine, whether through hearing or written submissions, whether the proposal is consistent with Massachusetts Hockey's By-laws, Rules and Regulations and Policies and Procedures and in the best interest of Massachusetts Hockey. After the committee completes its review of the request, it shall report its findings and recommendations to the Board of Directors for action. The Committee shall so report no later than Sixty (60) days after the request has been referred to it.

ARTICLE XIII - LOCAL RULINGS

Section 1. Problem Resolution

All Associations must attempt to resolve their problems within their District, and the District recommendation shall be considered and given probative weight prior to cases being presented to the Massachusetts Hockey Board of Directors.

Section 2. Learn-to-Skate/Initiation program Equipment Requirement

All Learn to Skate and Initiation Program players must wear HECC approved helmets.

Section 3. Rules Interpretation

If when both teams are on the ice, and a team official(s) for any reason shall pull his/her team from the ice, rule 632 (Refusing to start play) in the USA Hockey Rule Book shall apply. If the Referee shall impose a Match Penalty under this rule, and the team official(s) has been found guilty of such actions, the game in question shall be forfeited and the team official(s) may be suspended for one year as the result of a hearing.

Section 4. Offsides

For the 2006-2007 season any Bantam or Midget recreational program wishing to use the "Tag Up" offside rule may petition the Massachusetts Hockey Board of Directors for permission to do so. This permission is subject to USA Hockey's Policies and approval of their Youth Council. After receiving approval the program must notify their District Referee In Chief before implementation.

ARTICLE XIV - SELECT LEAGUE

Section 1. Massachusetts Hockey Select League

- A. Only those registered Massachusetts Hockey teams/leagues participating in the Massachusetts Hockey Select program are permitted to use the name "Selects". The use of the name "Selects" or advertising of "Selects" by anyone else is prohibited. The Massachusetts Hockey Board of Directors will determine any exceptions to this rule. Violation of this rule will lead to suspension.
- B. General Intent - It is the general intent of Select Hockey in Massachusetts to provide an opportunity for the best players in the state to play Select Hockey and to limit Select Hockey to the best youth players.
 - 1. The number of selects and Player development teams shall be determined exclusively by the Select League Board of Directors.
 - 2. The number of Select teams will be not less than 10% nor more than 15% of the number of Tier III teams at each age level in the prior season.
- C. Other USA Hockey affiliate teams may petition the Select League Registrar and Select League Board of Directors for entry into the league for the purpose of competition only.
- D. USA Hockey Affiliate Teams accepted into the league, by majority vote of the Select League Board of Directors, will be placed in the standings but will not be allowed to play in Mass Hockey "State Playdown" Tournament.
- E. Non-Massachusetts Hockey Affiliate Team rosters, shall not contain Massachusetts Hockey players (players residing in Massachusetts).

Section 2. Select Teams

- A. Teams for the Select League may be formed with the approval of the Select Registrar and the Select League Board of Directors with the right of appeal to the Massachusetts Hockey Select Committee in the following classifications.
 - Tier I Mite, Squirt Minor, Squirt Major, Peewee Major, Bantam Major, Midget Minor and Midget Major.
 - Tier II Peewee Minor and Bantam Minor.
- B. Select League teams cannot play an unregistered team without permission from the USA Hockey Registrar (and notification to the Select Registrar).

- C. All team officials and coaches will be appointed by the applicable league/district and approved by the Select Registrar.
Each league/district will be responsible for the enforcement of any violations of Massachusetts Hockey rules by a team member.

Section 3. Financial Obligations

All Massachusetts Hockey Selects players' parents are responsible for their financial obligations to their respective Massachusetts Hockey Selects league team. Selects players must be in good financial standing with both Town and Selects programs. Failure to do so can cause denial or suspension for all Massachusetts Hockey activities.

Section 4. State/District Tournaments

Massachusetts Hockey Selects teams cannot compete in District Playdowns, Massachusetts Hockey sanctioned Tier III, IV or V tournaments events.

Section 5. Player Eligibility and Registration

- A. Players may register with and play for Select teams in the geographic area or any jurisdictional venue, division or arrangement established by the Select League Board of Directors and approved by the Massachusetts Hockey Select Committee.
- B. Select players through ten (10) years of age on December 31 of the current season must register with and participate in the play of their respective town association. Peewee, Bantam and Midget players may not be rostered on more than one National Bound team (Tier I and Tier II) in the same season in accordance with USA Hockey Rules and Regulations. Should a conflict arise, the Tier I team shall retain the player.
- C. All Massachusetts Hockey Select League rosters must be forwarded to the Massachusetts Hockey Selects League Registrar.
- D. No player, coach or official under suspension for a violation of a Massachusetts Hockey rule will be permitted to participate in a game or practice of his Massachusetts Hockey Select team.
- E. 1. A Mite and Squirt Select player's first obligation, except between the hours of 2:00 PM and 8:00 PM on Sundays and for one Select practice per week, (non game conflicting) is to play for their town association Tier III, Tier IV and Tier V team's regular scheduled league game, practice, and/or tournament game. Town associations may waive this requirement.
2. Between the hours of 2:00 PM and 8:00 PM on Sundays and for one practice per week (non game conflicting), Mite and Squirt players may play for the team of their choice. During State Select Tournaments, the Select player's first obligation will be to play for his/her Select team.
- F. Conflicts between Massachusetts Hockey Select teams bound for National Championships and town associations events may be appealed by the player(s) to the President of Massachusetts Hockey.

Section 6. Tier I Tryouts

- A. Tryouts must be held for each classification Mite, Squirt, Peewee, Bantam and Midget with a minimum of two tryouts for each classification. Teams will be formed with players attending these tryouts. Exceptions to the rule may be granted by the Select Registrar.
- B. Each Organization General Manager shall announce tryouts at least 15 days in advance by posting dates, times and places on its web site and/or by any of the following methods; postal mail, email, advertisements, brochures and placards in rinks. A list of all tryout attendees will be sent to the Select Registrar.
- C. Players whose town association does not belong to a Massachusetts Hockey league, or which does not participate in the Massachusetts Hockey Select League, may request a league designation by the League Board of Directors. Once designated to a Select league, no further requests will be allowed. The player's town association will be notified of the player's league designation by the Select League Board of Directors.
- D. All supplemental Select League Rules must be submitted to the Select Registrar for final approval by the Select Committee.

Section 7. Select League Administration

- A. 1. There will be a league for all classifications if possible, and the duly elected Commissioner of the Select League except for Midgets will administer the day to day operations of the League and be the spokesperson for the League.
- 2. The midget division and its day to day operation will be directed by the commissioner of the midget division. The division will include a board of directors elected by Representatives from the participating team associations.
- 3. The Select registrar will be responsible for the USA Hockey/Massachusetts Hockey IMRs team rosters, and team registration forms.
- 4. The operating procedures will be submitted to Massachusetts Hockey Select Committee for approval.
- B. Prior to start of league play the Select League Commissioner, or the duly appointed representative, shall provide the Finance Committee with a budget and financial plan for the forthcoming season. At the conclusion of the season a final statement of condition must be submitted to the Finance Committee. Failure to provide the information may cause Massachusetts Hockey to withdraw its sanction.
- C. Massachusetts Hockey Select State Final's in all classifications will be held.
- D. The administration of the Select league shall be subject to the supervision of the Massachusetts Hockey Selects Committee.

Section 8. Player Development Program

Peewee Minor and above

- A. Select Players training curriculum will be under the supervision of the Massachusetts Hockey Player Development Committee and serve as an extension of the Massachusetts Hockey/USA Hockey Satellite Training Program. The mandatory training curriculum provided by each team will include a minimum of 2 on-ice practices and one off-ice Physical Training session per week and periodic classroom instructions.
- B. Coaches will follow the Satellite Training Program Policies, USA National training curriculum, and be involved in continuous coaching education prescribed by the Satellite Training Program. This will include attendance of pre, mid and post season seminars annually when scheduled. Peewee/Bantam head coaches must achieve or be working towards USA Hockey Level IV Coaching Certification. Assistant Coaches must achieve Level III Coaching Certification. Any question arising from coaching level qualifications may be directed to the Select League Registrar.

C. A player's first obligation will be to his/her Select team.

D. Player rostering will be restricted by geographical territory.

E. Select teams that fail to comply with the required training curriculum will be deemed ineligible for Massachusetts Hockey State Championship and National Championships.

F. All teams are to notify in writing their players and parents of the Massachusetts Hockey Select/Player Development required training requirements.

Section 9. Process and Criteria for Admission to the Select League

The Select League shall establish a process and criteria for admission of teams into the Select League, subject to the approval of the Massachusetts Hockey Select Committee, Any existing teams as of the 2004-05 season shall be exempt from this admission process and criteria. Any applicant for admission to the Select League that shall be denied admission shall have fifteen (15) days from receipt of notice of such denial to appeal that adverse action to the Selects Committee of Massachusetts Hockey.

Section 10. Transfer of Control

No Select may transfer control of their interest in the Select Club without approval of the Select Committee.

ARTICLE XV - SEXUAL AND PHYSICAL ABUSE SCREENING

Section 1. Intent

The intent of these rules and regulations is to reduce the risk of a Massachusetts Hockey minor becoming the victim of sexual or physical abuse.

Section 2. Uniformity of Standard

All Massachusetts Hockey personnel and those of its members are subject to the same screening standard.

Section 3. Applicability of Standard

- A. All organizations associated with Massachusetts Hockey shall screen their personnel pursuant to these rules.
- B. For purposes of these rules, organizations associated with Massachusetts Hockey shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the Board of Directors and members of all committees of Massachusetts Hockey, Registered town associations, member club teams, member girls/women associations, select organizations, Team Massachusetts and Festival, or development camps, collectively referred to as "member(s)".
- C. For purposes of these rules, personnel shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, officers, members of Boards, coaches, managers, referees, instructors and staffs whether or not they receive compensation for the performance of their duties.
- D. Members may, in their discretion, apply the requirements of these rules to other volunteer personnel not carried on rosters or registered by means of an Individual Membership Registration form and not specifically mentioned herein.
- E. Any individual required under these rules to be screened who does not consent to be subject to the application of these rules shall not be allowed to participate in activities of Massachusetts Hockey and its members.

Section 4. Standard For Participation In Massachusetts Hockey And Its Member Associations

A person may be disqualified and prohibited from serving as an employee or volunteer of Massachusetts Hockey and its members if:

- A. The person has been convicted (including crimes the record of which has been expunged and pleas of "no contest") of any crime of violence against minors, or any crime which indicates the person may pose a risk to the safety and well-being of children under his/her direction and/or stewardship, including but not limited to:
 - indecent assault and battery on a child under fourteen,
 - indecent assault and battery on a mentally retarded person,
 - indecent assault and battery on a person who has obtained the age of fourteen,
 - rape,
 - rape of a child under sixteen with force,
 - rape and abuse of a child,
 - assault with intent to commit rape,
 - assault of a child under sixteen with the intent to commit rape
 - kidnapping of a child under sixteen,
 - open and gross lewdness and lascivious behavior,
 - unnatural and lascivious acts with a child under 16,
 - distribution and trafficking of narcotics or other controlled substances,
 - intent to commit any of the above crimes; and
 - like violation of the law in another state; or
- B. It is determined that: he/she has been adjudged liable for civil penalties or damages involving sexual or physical abuse of children, is subject to any court order involving sexual abuse or physical abuse of a minor, including, but not limited to domestic order or protection, has had his/her parental rights terminated for reasons involving sexual or physical abuse of children; or
- C. Massachusetts Hockey or its members comes into possession of verified information that he/she has a history with another organization (volunteer, employment, etc) of complaints of physical or sexual abuse of minors, resigned, been terminated or been asked to resign from a position, whether paid or unpaid, due to complaint(s) of sexual or physical abuse of minors.

Section 5. CORI Screening Tool and Process

Criminal Offender Record Inquiry ("CORI"). Each person to be screened as provided by Section 3 of this Article shall sign a consent form.

Members shall collect CORI consent statement, as required by Section 3 herein- above, certify by letter the names of all members participants required by Section 3 herein-above to be screened, and forward a certification letter with all completed consent forms attached, to the appropriate Registrar. In the case of Development Camp Staffs, the letter and forms shall be sent to the USA Hockey Registrar or a person designated by him. Each individual is required to sign only one consent form per season.

The members shall immediately notify the appropriate Registrar if an individual refuses to sign the consent form.

The lead official of the member, as appropriate, (e.g., association president), shall sign the certification letter. The certification letter shall be forwarded to the appropriate Registrar so as to be in the Registrar's possession no later than December 31, except for Development camp staffs and Team Massachusetts. The lead official of development camps and Team Massachusetts shall forward the certification Letter to the USA Hockey Registrar prior to the beginning of on-ice activities.

Registrars shall verify that members (and other organizations required to screen by Section 4 of this Article) have provided certifications and consent forms as required by Section 4 herein-above, and forward the letters and forms to the Task Force within two weeks of receipt.

CORI Screening Committee.

The CORI Screening Committee shall:

- A. Collect all letters and forms and construct a computer database of Massachusetts Hockey personnel.
- B. Forward to the Massachusetts Corrections History System Board all information required to obtain CORI information.
- C. Review the information provided by the Massachusetts Corrections History System Board.
- D. If relevant information, as defined in Section 4 of this Article is revealed, request that the President of Massachusetts Hockey (or his/her designee), notify the individual, his or her parent organization, and the cognizant registrar that the individual shall be prohibited from participation in Massachusetts Hockey. Notification shall be in writing, and indicate the individual is not in compliance with Massachusetts Hockey Policy.
- E. Maintain and update the database that information was received and reviewed.
- F. Safeguard all information as required by the Criminal History Systems Board..
- G. With approval of the Executive Board, audit members to gather data on compliance with these rules, seek better methods for implementation and assist members in implementing these rules.

Section 6. Administrative

- A. Individuals who refuse to consent to screening may appeal according to the provisions of Article XIV of the Massachusetts Hockey By-Laws.
- B. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of any other Article in these Rules and Regulations and the provisions of this Article, the provisions of Article XV of these Rules shall take precedence.

Section 7. Awareness Program

Massachusetts Hockey shall incorporate into its various literature and clinic programs educational/awareness information as developed by the CORI Screening Committee, or other authoritative sources as pertinent information becomes available

Section 8. Appeal Process

Individuals who are prohibited from participation in Massachusetts Hockey pursuant to the provisions of this Article may appeal this action to the CORI Screening Committee in writing within ten (10) days of receipt of notice of such prohibition. The CORI Screening Committee or a designated subcommittee thereof shall hear all appeals within thirty (30) days of receipt of the request at a place and time and in a manner determined by the CORI Screening Committee consistent with the practices of Massachusetts Hockey. A decision shall be rendered in writing within ten (10) days of the completion of the hearing. The individual may appeal any adverse decision of the CORI Screening Committee, in writing within ten (10) days of the receipt of same to the President of Massachusetts Hockey who will process the appeal consistent with its practices and procedures and these rules and regulations. A written decision signed by the members of the CORI Screening Committee rendering same shall be considered prima facie evidence of the facts stated therein, and the burden of proof as to why the individual shall not be prohibited from participation in Massachusetts Hockey shall be upon the individual in any hearing before the panel set up by the President whose decision shall be final.

Section 9. Complaint Process

Complaints concerning violations of the provisions of this Article and/or of Massachusetts Hockey's Sexual and Physical Abuse policy statements shall be in writing addressed to the President of Massachusetts Hockey and shall be signed by the individual making the complaint. The complaint shall state in full and complete detail the basis of the complaint concerning the alleged violations.

Upon receipt of such a written complaint, the President shall refer the matter to the Physical/Sexual Abuse Screening Committee for its review. All credible complaints of sexual and/or physical abuse shall be referred to the appropriate governmental authorities by the President after the Physical/Sexual Abuse Screening Committee's review.

The Physical/Sexual Abuse Screening Committee or a designated subcommittee may, in its discretion recommend Massachusetts Hockey initiate administrative action against the individual complained of pursuant to the applicable sections of its Constitution and By-Laws and these rules and regulations.

The individual may appeal any adverse decision or other action of the CORI Screening Committee in writing within ten (10) days of the receipt of same to the President of Massachusetts Hockey who will process the appeal consistent with its practices and procedures and these rules and regulations. A written decision signed by the members of the Physical/Sexual Abuse Screening Committee rendering it shall be considered prima facie evidence of the facts stated therein and the burden of proof as to why the individual shall not be prohibited from participation in Massachusetts Hockey shall be upon the individual in any hearing before the panel set up by the President whose decision shall be final.

POLICIES OF MASSACHUSETTS HOCKEY

SEXUAL AND PHYSICAL ABUSE

It is the policy of Massachusetts Hockey that there shall be no sexual and/or physical abuse of any minor participant involved in or associated with any and all activities organized and sponsored by Massachusetts Hockey by its officers, directors, employees, members or independent contractors.

Sexual abuse of a minor participant shall be deemed to occur when an officer, director, employee, member or independent contractor touches a minor participant for the purpose of causing the sexual arousal or gratification of either the minor participant or the officer, director, employee, member or independent contractor. Sexual abuse of a minor participant also occurs when a minor player touches an officer, director, employee, member or independent contractor for the sexual gratification of either the minor participant or the officer, director, employee, member or independent contractor, if the touching occurs at the direction, request or with the consent of the officer, director, employee, member or independent contractor.

Physical abuse shall be deemed to occur when an officer, director, employee, member or independent contractor has physical contact with a minor participant that intentionally causes or intentionally creates a threat of immediate bodily harm or personal injury. Physical abuse shall not include physical contact that is reasonably designed to coach, teach or demonstrate a hockey skill or technique. Permitted physical conduct may include, but is not necessarily limited to, shooting pucks at a goaltender, demonstrating checking and other hockey skills and communicating with or directing participants during the course of a game or practice, by touching him in a non-threatening, non-sexual manner.

It shall not be a defense to a complaint of sexual or physical abuse that the participant consented, that his/her age was unknown or mistaken or that the act did not take place at a hockey function.

It shall be the policy of Massachusetts Hockey to refer all complaints of such sexual and/or physical abuse to the appropriate governmental authorities. Massachusetts Hockey may, in its discretion, initiate administrative action against the individual complained of pursuant to the applicable sections of its Constitution and By-Laws and may permanently ban or suspend said individual from Massachusetts Hockey if the allegation is proven to be true.

COACHING CODE OF ETHICS

All coaches who have not previously signed the Coaches Code of Ethics with their Program will be required to sign this form prior to starting their coaching activities. The local Program will keep the forms on file.

2006 - 2007 Registration Procedures

Paper Registration

- A. IMR's Individual Membership Registration Forms
1. All Players and Coaches **MUST** fill out an IMR Form before going on the ice. There is no charge for Coaches who are also USA Hockey registered players. However, they must still fill out an IMR Form and check off the appropriate box on the IMR. To Register a Manager, please just check "MANAGER" on the IMR. There is no charge for a Manager but he/she is not to go on the ice. Please make sure the form is filled out **COMPLETELY**. Once the form is complete please have the person or their parent print their name at the bottom of the form.
 2. Be sure you fill in the box with the "Date and Received By", when you accept the Registration Form and money.
 3. The Player, Coach or Manager is to receive the back (4th) copy of the form. Please tell them that they should hold on to this form, as it might be needed at a later date to show that they are registered.
 4. Your Association then keeps the 3rd copy, and the top 2 copies go to your District/Division Registrar along with a Transmittal Form.
- B. Transmittals
1. All IMR'S must be sent in with a Transmittal Form. Do **NOT** use any Forms from last year. Make sure that the number at the top of the Transmittal starts with a RT7
 2. The top part of the Transmittal is to be filled out by your Association Registrar.
 3. You may submit up to 200 IMR' S with one Transmittal. If you have more than 200 IMR'S you must submit them with a second Transmittal. You may submit as many Transmittals as necessary.
 4. Do not hold on to any IMR Forms. All completed forms should be in the hands of the District/Division Registrar within 14 days of being completed.
 5. Complete the Transmittal Form and send the top 3 copies (4th copy is to be kept by your program) of the form to your District/Division Registrar along with the completed IMR Forms and 2 checks
 - a. Check #1 Made out to USA Hockey
 1. \$30.00 per player and coach with the following exceptions.
 - i. Players born in 2000 and later. No charge
 - ii. Initiation Program Coaches (Learn to Skate). No charge
 - iii. Coaches who are also USA Hockey registered players. No charge
 - iv. Managers. No charge.
 - b. Check #2 Made out to Mass. Hockey
 1. \$5.00 per player with the following exceptions.
 - i. No charge for any coaches or managers.
 - ii. Players born in 2000 and later. No charge
 - c. Include the total number of Managers being sent on the Transmittal form. Keep these IMR's together at the top of the batch.
- C. Team Rosters
1. Please **PRINT** or **TYPE** all the information on this Form. **DO NOT** give this form to the players to fill out. Only give it to them to sign. All coaches and players **MUST** sign the Roster, from Mites (Tier III or A Division) to Midgets. If they do not sign they will not be allowed to participate in Playdowns or State Tournaments. If your program does not want the players address give out, you must fill out a second roster without the addresses and have it signed as well as the one with addresses. USA Hockey highly recommends this procedure.
 2. Send the entire (4 pages) Roster, both the one with addresses and the one without, to your District/Division Registrar, along with the Team Membership Application.
 3. A Supplemental Roster **MUST** be filled out if you are adding either a new coach or player to a team. This Roster **MUST** be signed by either the coach or player. Once this is done a Roster Change Form (found in the Mass. Hockey Guide Book) must

be filled out and sent to your District/Division Registrar along with the complete signed Roster and the appropriate fee.

- D. Team Membership Applications
 - 1. Each Team Roster must be accompanied by a Team Membership Application.
 - 2. Fill out the form completely. Make sure the Coaches and Managers birth dates are filled in. Also be sure they have checked off the coaching level achieved.
 - 3. Send the complete (4 pages) Team Membership Form to your District/Division Registrar along with the Team Roster and check made out to Mass. Hockey for \$20.00 per Roster.

On Line Registration

- A. Inform your members that they can register online @ www.usahockey.com by clicking on "ONLINE REGISTRATION". Have them email or bring their confirmation to you.
- B. Follow the instruction for Electronic Registration except instead of entering the members information scan the bar code on the confirmation. CYBER SPORT software will establish a connection to USA Hockey on the internet and download the members information to your CYBER SPORT data base and update USA Hockey's data base.

Electronic Registration

- A. Registering Players, Coaches Etc.

Take a Pre Transmittal report to your Registration. Make sure you have printed the "All Member Report". Check spelling, address, phone no., etc. with everybody registering. Take this information to your computer and make any corrections necessary. Enter all new members. After you have entered and activated every body, print a Detailed Member Transmittal Report. Please make 2 Disks or CD's of the personal that you have activated.
- B. Transmittals
 - 1. After you have activated everybody, printed your Report and made your 2 Disks or CD's you are now ready to print your Transmittal Report. This Report will tell how many Players, Coaches etc. you will be sending in with this Batch. It will also tell you how much money you will have to send to USA Hockey. It will not tell you the amount of money owed to Mass. Hockey.
 - 2. Send the Transmittal, the 2 Disks or CD's, and the Detailed Member Transmittal Report to your District/Division Registrar along with 2 checks
 - a. Check #1 Made out to USA Hockey
 - i. \$30.00 per player and coach with the following exceptions.
 - I. Players born in 2000 and later. No charge
 - II. Initiation Program Coaches (Learn to Skate). No charge
 - III. Coaches who are also USA Hockey registered players. No charge
 - IV. Managers. No charge
 - V. Any member registered online
 - b. Check #2 Made out to Mass. Hockey
 - i. \$5.00 per player with the following exceptions.
 - I. No charge for any coaches or managers.
 - II. Players born in 2000 and later. No charge
 - III. Any member registered online
 - 3. Send the completed material to your District/Division Registrar within 14 days of being completed.
- C. Team Rosters
 - 1. Once you have activated all your players and coaches, you can then print your Roster. Before you have the participants sign the Roster please make a copy of it if you have an Ink Jet Printer. All coaches and players MUST sign one copy of the Roster, from Mites (Tier III or A Division) to Midgets. If they do not sign they will not be allowed to participate in Playdowns or State Tournaments. If your program does

not want the players addresses given out, you must print a second roster without the addresses and have it signed as well as the one with addresses. USA Hockey highly recommends this procedure.

2. Make 3 copies of each of the signed Roster and send all 4 (make sure the original copy is included) copies to your District/Division Registrar, along with the Team Membership Application.
 3. Team ID contains a code that uniquely identifies the team to the Cyber Sport system. It will appear in the upper right hand corner of the Team Application Form and on the Player Roster Form as Team #. Your Association Code is automatically part of this Code. There is an additional field that you name yourself Please follow this scenario; The Team ID for Mites – MT1, MT2. etc. for all your Mite Teams; SQ1, SO2, etc for all your Squirt Teams and so on through the age divisions (PW. BA. MD. HS. SR. GW. (for girls/womens teams)and IP (for Initiation program).
 4. Team Name is your choice. It is a field with a maximum of 25 characters.
 5. Division is the age classification of play (i.e. Initiation Program, Mite, Squirt, Peewee, Bantam, Midget 18 & under, Midget 16 & under for youth Teams) and (20 & Over for Women's Teams, High school, 19 & under, 16 & under, 14 & under, 12 & under, 10 & under and 8 and under for Girls Teams)
 6. Class is to be left blank.
 7. Category is a required field. Label each team with one of the following: Tier I, Tier II, Tier III, Tier IV, Tier V or House/Rec.
 8. A Supplemental Roster is also available to provide for the printing of a Roster with just the names of any new members that are added to the team. This Roster MUST be printed and signed by either the player or coach. Once this is done a Roster Change Form (found in the Mass, Hockey Guide Book) must be filled out and sent to your District/Division Registrar along with the 4 copies of the signed Roster and the appropriate fee.
- D. Team Membership Applications
1. Each Team Roster must be accompanied by a Team Membership Application.
 2. Fill out the form completely. Make sure the Coaches and Managers birth dates are filled in. Also be sure they have checked off the coaching level achieved.
 3. Make 3 copies of the Team Membership Form and send all 4 copies to your District/Division Registrar along with the Team Roster and a check made out to Mass. Hockey for \$20.00 per Roster

All Paper and Electronic Registration

- A. Waiver of Liability Form
1. To take the place of the Parents/Participant signature on the IMR'S they are asking you to get the Parents/Participant (10 years of age and older) signature on a Waiver of Liability Form. After you get this signature, you will keep this Form on file with your Association. Signing this Form is mandatory
- B. Consent to Treat Form
1. Use of this Form is optional. If you wish to use this Form you will then keep it on file with your Association.
- C. CORI Forms
1. All Association Officers, Directors, Team Coaches, Managers and Initiation Program Instructors MUST complete a CORI consent form. If they filled a Form out for a previous season, they do not have to fill out a new Form. These Forms are to be turned into their Association. The Association Registrar will send them to their District/Division Registrar, along with a certification letter. These Forms should be to your District/Division Registrar before December 1.
- D. Coaching Code of Ethics
1. All NEW COACHES must sign the Coaches Code of Ethics. The Forms will be kept on file with the local Association.

GIRLS/WOMEN CLASSIFICATION

NOTE in addition to the procedures below all USA Hockey and Massachusetts Hockey By-laws, Rules and Regulations and Procedures shall also apply.

Team registrations are due November 1st for National tournament bound teams, November 15th for Non-National tournament bound teams, and the balance of teams by December 1st. New Teams, non-tournament bound, may be formed after December 1st of the current season by applying to the Girls/Women's Registrar.

Player Registration

Each player registering for the first time with a Massachusetts Hockey Girls/Women program is allowed to register in any Girls/Women association at their respective age classification or above.

GIRLS — High School

GIRLS — Nineteen years of age and under as of December 31st

GIRLS — Sixteen years of age and under as of December 31st

GIRLS — Fourteen years of age and under as of December 31st

GIRLS — Twelve years of age and under as of December 31st

GIRLS — Ten years of age and under as of December 31st

GIRLS --- Eight years of age and under as of December 31st

Any player previously registered with a Massachusetts Hockey Girls/Women association may register for another Massachusetts Hockey Girls/Women association annually provided that she requests and is granted a waiver from the Girls/Women Registrar by following each of these steps.

- a. All previous documented financial obligations are completed from the previous years Youth Town and Girls/Women association(s).
- b. The player has NOT signed the USA Hockey Team Registration (Form 1T) with the original Girls/Women association in the same season.
- c. The waiver form has to be completed and returned to the Girls/Women Registrar or their designee for their approval and signature before the player participates in game competition with the waived to association.

National Bound Player -- the player's qualifying games do not count for State and National tournament play until the waived to association receives signed and dated approval from the Girls/Women Registrar. National Bound Players may NOT participate in sanctioned Non-National Tournaments.

Roster Changes

All applications for a roster change for the National Bound Teams Roster must be returned to the Girls/Women Registrar before December 31st with the proper fee for their approval and signature before the player is eligible to participate with the association and specific team.

Dual Registration

Girls who register with more than one Team must declare in writing to her USA Hockey District Registrar, or his/her designee, by December 31 which tournament bound team she wishes to be eligible to advance to the District, State and National Tournament. If the player does not indicate which team she wishes to be eligible for District, State, and National Tournaments, the District Registrar shall have authority to certify the eligibility of any such player solely on the basis of the date of the earliest Team Roster Registration form is received.

Select Girls Team

Select Girls/Women Teams may be formed with the direction and approval of the Girls/Women Registrar and the Massachusetts Hockey Board of Directors. Select Girls Teams may NOT participate in sanctioned National and Non-National Tournaments.