

CONSTITUTION OF THE CAROLINAS HOCKEY LEAGUE, INC.

ARTICLE I. Organization

Section 1: The organization constituted herein shall be known as the Carolinas Hockey League, Inc. (CHL), (herein referred to as the League).

Section 2: The League shall be organized as a non profit, tax exempt 501 c (3) corporation and shall be subject to such state and federal laws as may be applicable.

Section 3: The League shall issue no stock, nor shall it pay dividends of any sort. Any excess of income over expenses shall be returned to the League's general funds.

Section 4: Included for such purposes is the making of distributions to organizations under Section 501 © (3) of the United States Internal Revenue Codes or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE II. Place

Section 1: The office of the League shall be the office of the USA Hockey Affiliate, Carolinas Amateur Hockey Association, (CAHA). The correspondence address shall be the correspondence address of CAHA. The current correspondence address is

P.O. Box 38216
Charlotte, NC 28216

ARTICLE III. Purpose

Section 1: The corporation is organized exclusively for civic and educational non-profit purposes under the laws of the State of North Carolina.

Section 2: The League is organized to: provide a structured framework for the conduct of competitive amateur hockey among and between member associations; promote the development of amateur hockey as both a participation and spectator sport within the geographic area encompassed by the League; foster the development of hockey skills among member players; establish and maintain mutually beneficial athletic and social relationships between and among member associations; assist member associations in the character development of their players by promoting the ideals of sportsmanship, fair play, teamwork, and sacrifice through the medium of competitive hockey.

ARTICLE IV. Government

Section 1: The government of this corporation shall be vested in a Board of Directors, (herein referred to as the Board), which shall perform such duties and functions as is prescribed in the Bylaws and Operating Rules.

Section 2: Each member association in good standing shall be entitled to two seats and one vote on the Board of Directors.

Section 3: The Board shall be organized as follows:

- A. The Board shall elect from among its members a President, Vice President and Secretary. The Treasurer shall be appointed by the CAHA Affiliate Board of Directors, without vote, unless appointed from within the Board.
- B. The office of President shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. The offices of Vice President and Secretary shall be elected for a term of one year. The office Treasurer shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year.
- C. The term of office for all Directors, except the President, shall be one year beginning on May 1st and ending on April 30th following.

Section 4: The League shall be an affiliate organization of the Carolina Amateur Hockey Association, (CAHA), and USA Hockey.

Section 5: The President and Youth Committee Chairperson of CAHA shall be a member ex-officio of the Board, without vote.

Section 6: A simple majority of the members of the Board constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business. Within the voting quorum, a simple majority shall decide all matters brought to a vote. In cases of a tie vote, the matter under consideration shall be deemed to have failed.

Section 7: Should a vacancy occur as a result of death, illness, resignation, recall from office, or for any other reason, the member association represented by the vacancy shall designate a successor to fill the remainder of the term of office.

Section 8: The Board shall elect Commissioners for the Three (3) Divisions of League play, those being District Bound Travel, Recreational and High School from amongst themselves. The Board may, at its discretion, appoint such other League Officials as it deems necessary to carry out specific functions as described in the Bylaws. Unless filled by a duly appointed Director, such officials shall not be considered members of the Board of Directors, and shall not vote.

ARTICLE V. Annual Meeting

Section 1: An Annual Meeting will be conducted prior to May 15th of each year at which the newly appointed Board shall elect officers and the Board then in office shall transact such business as may properly come before it.

ARTICLE VI. Membership

Section 1: The league shall be composed of such amateur hockey associations, their teams, their respective members, and organizations which provide for amateur hockey teams and their players, which seek, qualify and are accepted for membership as provided for in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII. Dues

Section 1: League Membership Dues shall be payable annually by each member Association by the Annual Meeting of each year and in the amount specified by the Board as prescribed in the League Bylaws. Division Dues, if any, shall be payable annually as set forth by each Division. All checks for any dues shall be made payable to the Carolinas Hockey League, Inc. (CHL)

ARTICLE VIII. Limitations

Section 1: No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its Board, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the Corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Section 2: Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this Corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities

or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this Corporation.

ARTICLE IX. Dissolution

Section 1: Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of the place in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE X. Amendments

Section 1: Amendments to this Constitution shall be duly considered by the Board of Directors and will be enacted upon a favorable vote of at least three-fourths of the voting members. Voting on amendments may be conducted during any Board meeting, or by mail, providing that written notice describing the proposed amendment is furnished to all voting members at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to such meeting or date on which ballots must be returned.