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## **RINGWOOD YOUTH HOCKEY**

### **BY-LAWS**

#### **ARTICLE I. NAME**

Section 1. The name of the organization shall be known as the **RINGWOOD YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**.

Section 2. It shall also be known as **RYHA**.

#### **ARTICLE II. AFFILIATIONS**

Section 1. This organization shall be governed by the rules of **RINGWOOD RECREATION and USA HOCKEY**.

#### **ARTICLE III. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this organization shall be:

- A. To teach skating to all participating in the program.
- B. To instruct participating youth in the fundamental skills of ice hockey.
- C. To instill the necessary attitudes for team spirit and sportsmanship through success and cooperative effort.
- D. To foster safety, fairness, and fun.

#### **ARTICLE IV. GOVERNANCE & JURISDICTION**

Section 1. The elected governing body of the program shall be known as the "**Board of Directors**".

#### **ARTICLE V. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section 1. All "**Officers**" shall be elected by the membership for a term of two years, to carry out the management of the affairs of **RYHA**.

Section 2. All **Officers** shall have the responsibility to conduct and attend the **Board of Directors** meetings, having one vote per **Officer**, regardless of how many positions that board member holds.

Section 3. A "**quorum**" of at least 51% of the **Directors** must be present for a valid vote.

Section 4. All elected officers shall be determined by a vote of the majority (greatest number of votes) of the eligible vote, of the program membership present and voting.

Section 5. A vacancy on the **Board of Directors** shall be filled for the remainder of the term, by an election held among the remaining members of the **Board** at a meeting of the **Board of Directors**.

## **ARTICLE VI. FINANCIALS**

**Section 1.** Ringwood Recreation, in agreement with the RYHA Board of Directors, shall determine fees.

**Section 2.** RYHA may also maintain a booster account to manage cash from various fund-raising activities. Booster account funds are used to the benefit of RYHA members, such as the purchase of additional ice time, clinics, and equipment. All booster account funds shall be under the control of the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE VI. AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1.** The by-laws may be amended by a majority vote (greatest number of votes) of the members present at any general membership meeting

**Section 2.** Amendments may be proposed in writing by any member to the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE VII. ELECTIONS**

**Section 1.** Election of officers shall be at the "Annual Membership Meeting".

**Section 2.** The right to vote shall be provided to each parent/guardian of minor players, coaches, and any other volunteers in the program in the process for nomination and election of Directors. More than one adult member of each family shall be eligible for nomination and election to the Board of Directors.

**Section 3.** Candidates shall be nominated from the floor during the annual membership meeting.

## **ARTICLE VIII. MEETINGS**

**Section 1.** Board of Directors Meetings may be called by the President, Secretary or a majority of the Board of Directors. Officers have the only eligible vote in a general meeting.

**Section 2.** Board of Directors meetings shall be scheduled during the regular hockey season and shall be open to the membership.

**Section 3.** An "Annual Membership Meeting", for the purpose of electing officers, shall be held each year following the regular hockey season.

## **ARTICLE X. CODE of CONDUCT**

The Program shall adopt and distribute to all members a code of conduct which may from time to time be amended, for players, coaches, parents, other family members and spectators at games and practices which shall set forth appropriate rules of behavior, the violation of which could present grounds for action by the Board to restrict or prohibit attendance by particular individuals at the Program games and/or practices if the Board so votes.

## **ARTICLE XI. REMOVAL FROM OFFICE**

Any officer or director may be removed from office as a result of failure to fulfill the duties of said office, or for conduct detrimental to the best interests of the Program. Said removal must follow

the following procedures:

- A. A petition stating the charge shall be filed with the President and signed by two-thirds of the Board of Directors.
- B. The Secretary shall notify, in writing, each Board member before the question will be placed on a meeting agenda.
- C. Said officer or director shall be given written notice of the charge before the question will be placed on a meeting agenda.

#### **ARTICLE XII. AUTHORITY TO BIND**

No member of this program shall contract for or enter into any agreement, or otherwise obligate this program, financially or otherwise, without proper authorization from the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE XIII. GENERAL ARTICLE**

Any circumstance, rule or regulation not covered herein, shall fall under the jurisdiction of the Board of Directors.

Youth Hockey Association By-laws, as voted by the general membership of the Association on August 2005.

These By-laws shall supersede all other by-laws established before this date, and shall be the governing by-laws of the Ringwood Youth Hockey Association until such time as the general membership of this organization shall elect to alter or amend them.