

**ST. IGNACE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
BYLAWS**

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ARTICLE I-NAME

The name of this association shall be the St.Ignace Hockey Association and may be referred to as the “SIHA” or the “Association”.

ARTICLE II-PURPOSE

The purpose of the Association shall include:

- To Organize and Regulate Youth Hockey and Manage Associated Concession.
- The promotion, education, and development of hockey oriented recreational activities for youth of the community of St.Ignace and surrounding areas.
- The promotion of citizenship and good fellowship through the medium of hockey.
- The fostering of good sportsmanship and cultivation of physical welfare through organized competition in the game of ice hockey.

ARTICLE III-ASSOCIATION ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Section 1- This Association shall be incorporated in the State of Michigan, shall have no capital stock, and shall not be conducted for profit. It shall exist solely for educational purposes.

Section 2- Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of contributions under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Section 3- No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization 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 the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization 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. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by any organization contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Section 4- Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization 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 IV-MEMBERSHIP

Section 1- All board members, coaches, assistant coaches, managers, players and their parents or guardians shall be considered voting members (provided they are 18 years of age or older) of this Association. All members under 18 years of age are non voting members of this association. This group shall be known in total as the membership of the Association and each individual as a member of the Association.

Section 2- The term of membership shall be for the fiscal year of the Association.

Section 3- MEMBERSHIP FEES, DUES AND SANCTIONS

- Membership Fee. Annual registration fees and/or dues may be established by the Board of Directors for team registration or for membership in the MAHA. There is a \$10.00 membership card available to non-player participants (over 18 years of age) for purchase from the SIHA treasurer.
- Other assessments necessary for the operation of this Association may, from time to time, be established by the Board of Directors. All such assessments, etc., shall be payable as directed by said Board or the Executive Committee, in the Board's absence. Failure to comply with either Section A or B of this by-law and any rules promulgated hereunder shall result in the immediate suspension of said non-complying league, association, team and/or individual (s) and said suspension shall remain in full force and effect until such time as there is full compliance.

Section 4- REMOVAL OF MEMBER

Loss of membership: The Board of Directors, by majority vote, may suspend or expel any member for cause or conduct it deems.

- The expelled or suspended member has 7 calendar days after receipt of written expulsion or suspension by certified mail to request a hearing before the Board of Directors to appeal his or her specific case.
- Any member of SIHA may resign by written notice to the Board of Directors accompanied by payment of all money and property owed.

Section 5- The Board of Directors may, upon the recommendations of the Treasurer, set a fee to be paid by each player and sponsor of the Association, and a schedule for payment of the same. At the discretion of the board, membership in the Association may be conditioned upon the timely payment of said fees. The Board may, in its discretion, make special assessments of the membership.

- **INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS-**Registration fees may be paid in 5 monthly installments. Payments will be made on October 1st, November 1st, December 1st, January 1st and February 1st. Parents will be billed once a month, until

February 1st after such date any members with unpaid fees will no longer be able to skate during practice or games until such fees are paid.

- Each family will be required to work a minimum of 10 hours in the concession stand. (Deposit check of \$200- \$50 of it is a jersey deposit post-dated March 1st) Each family will be required to work 10 hours during adult pond hockey weekend. (Deposit check \$150 post-dated February 15th) Each family will be required to work 5 hours on additional fundraising activities or community activities. Any family not completing the required volunteer hours will be charged \$15 per hour not worked. After completion of mandatory work time and return of player's jerseys, the deposit checks will be returned to the parent.

Section 6- The Board of Directors may, by a two-thirds vote of all Board members at a regular or special board meeting, deny membership in the association to any individual for good cause.

Section 7- **HOLD HARMLESS**

The Saint Ignace Hockey Association. An affiliate of Michigan Amateur Hockey Association, and Association of USA Hockey, Inc., does hereby indemnify and hold harmless USA Hockey and each member thereof, the Executive Committee of USA Hockey and each member thereof, the councils and committees of USA Hockey and each member thereof, and all other elected, appointed, employed or volunteer representatives of USA Hockey from any and all claims, liability, judgments, costs, attorneys' fees, charges, and expenses whatsoever, arising from the acts and omissions of the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association, except to the extent (i) that USA Hockey or the afore described 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, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, Playing Rules or decisions of the Board of Directors of USA Hockey. Further, the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association understands and acknowledges that USA Hockey and its afore described representatives have assumed such assignment, function, office or capacity upon the express understanding, agreement and condition that they be so indemnified and held harmless to the extent described in this constitution.

Section 8 - **EXONERATION FROM PERSONAL LIABILITY**

As a non-profit association regulating amateur hockey in Michigan, the MAHA, its Officers, Directors, and Officials assume no responsibility for injury or damage to players under any circumstances.

Article V-General Meetings

Section 1- There shall be a minimum of one general meeting of the Association members held each year. Other general meetings of the Association may be called by the Board of Directors as deemed necessary. All meetings of the Association shall be governed by rules of parliamentary procedure. (Robert's Rules of Order).

Section 2- A general meeting shall be held at the fiscal year end. The purpose of this meeting shall be:

- To review the current season's activities.
- To discuss the objectives and goals of the upcoming season.
- To announce and introduce for questioning the candidates for election and to elect the members of the Board for the coming fiscal year.
- To deliver a written treasurer's report reflecting the financial status of the Association at the end of the fiscal year.

Section 3 Fifteen days prior to the date of which a general meeting is to be held, the following information shall be made public: The date, time, place of the General Meeting, and to whom candidates for election may apply (See Article X, Section 4).

Section 4 Association Annual meetings shall be open to the public. Debate and discussion shall be confined to Association members only. Any nonmember wishing to address the Association meeting shall write to the President one week prior to a scheduled general meeting stating his/her reason for such a request.

Section 5 A minimum of ten (10) voting members shall constitute a quorum at annual meetings. If a quorum is not present, the meeting shall be adjourned until a quorum is present.

Section 6 The order of business for Association general meetings shall be:

- Call to Order
- Reading and acceptance of previous year's annual meeting minutes.
- Treasurer's report
- Committee report
- Old Business
- New business (Board member elections)
- Announcements

- Adjournment

Article VI-Elections

Section 1 Elections of board members for each fiscal year by the membership of the Association shall be held at the end of the year banquet.

Section 2 Applications for candidacy should be filed with the Election Committee a minimum of ten (10) days prior to the date of the general meeting. Nominees shall be eighteen (18) years of age or older, members in good standing of the Association for a minimum of one (1) calendar year prior to applying. Voting shall be limited to members of the Association (Article V, Section 1). Election of each board member shall be by a plurality vote of the Association members present and voting. In no case can there be more than one (1) ballot per player nor more than one (1) ballot per parent two (2) per family.

Section 3 The Election Committee will make a public announcement and post the final results of the election.

Section 4 In the event of a tie vote, the membership shall decide by a simple majority of those voting who shall serve.

Article VII- Board of Directors

Section 1 The affairs of the SIHA shall be managed by the Board of Directors, which shall consist of the officers and directors described in Article IX. If proposed and elected, more than one person may share the duties of a single Board position described in Article IX, and each person shall be considered a separate member. All Board members duly elected may attend meetings and have full voting privileges.

Section 2 Persons applying for or accepting nomination for election to the Board must be in a position to donate sufficient time to assure proper discharge of the duties and responsibilities of their position.

Section 3 A board member who accrues two (2) consecutive absences from regularly scheduled or special Board meetings shall be notified by the Secretary of such absences. Upon three (3) in one fiscal year, the position may be deemed vacant upon a majority vote of the Board, and the Board may appoint a replacement.

Section 4 Three board positions shall expire each even year with three new Board members being elected each even year to fill the vacancies. Four Board positions shall expire each odd year with four new Board members being elected each odd year to fill the vacancies.

Section 5 The first Board of Directors meeting shall follow the general election. The Board shall elect new officers at that meeting. Outgoing members of the Board shall be encouraged to attend the meeting following the election to insure a smooth transition and to make recommendations.

Section 6 Upon vacancy of a Board position, a notice will be posted for all members to apply. If no applicants are received, the President shall appoint a person to fill the vacancy. At the next regularly scheduled Board meeting, applicants will be reviewed and will be subject to ratification of the Board.

Section 7 At all Board meetings where a Board member is called upon to cast a vote, said member must personally be present and is entitled to one (1) vote.

Section 8 A minimum majority of existing Board members present at a properly called Board meeting, where all Board members have been notified as required herein, shall constitute a quorum. A quorum of the Board is required to conduct the business of the SIHA.

Section 9 Board meetings will be scheduled by the President as required for the purpose of conducting the business of the SIHA. Forty-eight (48) hours advance notice of such a meeting is required. Special Board meetings may be called by any Board member; in which case, members must be notified at least five (5) days in advance.

Section 10 The President shall call a minimum of eight (8) Board meetings each fiscal term.

Section 11 No volunteer director of the Board shall be personally liable to the Corporation or its members for any monetary damages for breach of the fiduciary duties as a director except that this provision shall not eliminate or limit the limit the liability of a volunteer director for any of the following:

- A breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the Corporation or its members.
- Acts or omissions not in good faith or that involve intentional misconduct or knowing violation of law.
- A violation of Section 551 (1) of Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Act as amended.
- A transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.
- An act or omission occurring before September 1, 2003.
- An act or omission that is grossly negligent.

Article VIII-Members of the Board

Section 1 The Board of Directors of the Association shall consist of those elected during the month of April of the current fiscal year at the end of the year banquet. The Board of Directors shall total 7 members in total from which will be elected the

President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer. In addition, the Board shall consist of the following positions to be nominated by the President and approved by the Board: 3 members at large. Each will have one vote on the Board.

Section 2 The President's duties include:

- Responsibility for all Association operations subject to the approval of the Board.
- Responsibility for the day-to-day operations of the SIHA.
- Presiding at all meetings of the Board.
- Maintaining a direct liaison with the City of St. Ignace Recreation by appointing a member of the Executive Committee.
- Establishing the date, time, and place of all Board meetings.
- Designating the chairperson or acting chairperson on all committees where the position is not filled with the approval of the Board.
- Supervising and directing the activities of all officers and Directors of the Board and seeing that the respective functions of those members are performed.
- The President shall not exercise his or her vote unless it is to break a tie or the vote is by a ballot.

Section 3 The Vice-President's duties include:

- Serving as President Pro-Tem in the absence of the President. While serving in this capacity, the Vice-President shall have full authority and privileges of the office of President.
- Chairman of the Fund Raising Committee and will be assisted by the Treasurer and others related to said project.
- Shall oversee procurement and maintenance of all Association equipment and property.

Section 4 The Secretary's duties include:

- Responsibility for maintaining all SIHA documents such as: Constitution, Bylaws, registration documents, and list of voting members.
- Shall serve as Secretary for and have responsibility for the minutes of all meetings of the Association membership, the Board of Directors. Approved minutes of all meetings shall be made available to any member upon request.
- Shall see that notices of the Association membership, Board, and Executive Committee meetings are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws.
- Shall file any necessary insurance claims on behalf of any Association member.
- Shall be responsible for all SIHA communications.

Section 5 The Treasurer's duties include:

- Responsibility for implementing and administering proper accounting procedures and records governing the finances of the Association, fundraising and/or special projects involving cash transactions, and collecting all monies due SIHA.
- Serving as chairperson of the Finance Committee and calling all necessary meetings of the Finance Committee including one meeting prior to the general meeting (See Article VI, Section 3.B.) Shall be a member of the Executive Committee.
- Responsible for initial preparation and presentation of all financials.
- Responsible for arranging an independent audit in accordance with Article XV of Bylaws.
- Shall assist the Vice-President and/or other committees on fund-raising projects.
- Shall ensure that disbursements from Association funds are by check or designated employee of SIHA.

Article IX Committees

Section 1 Discipline and Accountability Committee

- Shall be chaired by an elected Board member and include the President as ex-officio.
- Shall hear all cases involving deviant behavior, misconduct, any penalties during a game where injury is inflicted, and/or match penalties. Shall convene regarding gross penalties within 72 hours of the MAHA ruling.
- Shall hear any cases involving Players, Coaches, Association Members, or Individuals associated with above, regarding compliance of Association Rules, the S.T.A.R. Program and Code of Conduct and Ethics.

- Shall issue any punishment, penalties, or suspensions, to be levied upon players, coaches, referees, parents, or any other association member resulting from such deviant conduct and misbehavior not already governed by MAHA and/or USA Hockey.
- Any decision by this committee may be appealed to the board of directors.

Section 2 Equipment Committee

- Shall be chaired by a member appointed by the Board.
- Shall have the responsibility for procurement, maintenance, and operation of any and all equipment that belongs to the Association.

ARTICLE X-PARTICIPATION OF OTHERS

Nothing in this constitution shall be construed to bar participation by other Association members in functions, which are the responsibility of the elected Board members. Volunteer assistance shall always be welcomed and encouraged. However, appointments of volunteers to positions of responsibility are subject to Board approval, and volunteers will serve at the discretion of the Board.

ARTICLE XI-EMPLOYEES

There shall be a paid position of concession stand manager. Said concession manager will provide the Association with proper DBA and will receive form 1099 from the Treasurer. Job description will be as follows.

When determined by the Finance Committee to be feasible, the Board shall be authorized to employ paid help to assist in the day-to-day operations of the SIHA.

ARTICLE XII-HEARINGS

Problems, disputes, grievances, etc., arising regarding the policies, procedures, Bylaws, rules, regulations, and Code of Conduct and Ethics Policy, which serve to govern the SIHA, will be referred first to the appropriate committee and, when necessary, will be dealt by the Board of Directors. (All requests for hearings shall be in writing at least 7 days prior to a scheduled board meeting.)

ARTICLE XIII-FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Association is May 1st to the 30th day of April in each year unless otherwise ordered by the Board.

ARTICLE XIV-AUDITED STATEMENT

There shall be an audited statement of the income and expenditure of the SIHA as of the fiscal year end presented to the Board of Directors from an accountant. It is recommended that this audit be completed every three years, whenever there is a change of Treasurer, or as requested by a majority vote of the Board.

ARTICLE XV-BONDING

Persons having check-signing authority on the general funds of the SIHA, if requested by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, shall be bonded in an amount as determined by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XVI-AMENDMENT

These Bylaws may be altered or amended by a majority of the registered voting members present and voting at any general or special meeting of Association members, provided that proper notice of such proposed changes is contained in the notice for such meetings and a quorum is present. Notice of changes in the constitution must be posted at the ice arena at least two weeks in advance of any meeting at which such changes are to be considered.

ARTICLE XVII-CONTRACTS AND CONVEYANCES

Section 1 When the Board has authorized the execution of any contract or other instrument in advance; the President or Vice-President may execute the same in the name of the Association.

Section 2 The Board of directors shall have the power to specifically designate other agents who shall have the authority to execute any instrument on behalf of the Association.

Section 3 The President shall have the power to bind the Association by written contract or conveyance without the specific authorization in advance by the Board provided his/her action is submitted for ratification at the next regular or special board meeting. The Board may ratify or rescind the action of the President and shall keep a record listing the names and addresses of all members.

ARTICLE XVIII-BOOKS AND RECORDS

Section 1 The Association Secretary shall keep accurate and complete Association records or accounts and shall also keep minutes of all Board of Directors and general membership meetings and any Executive Committee meetings, and shall keep a record listing the names and addresses of all members.

Section 2 All books and records of the Association shall be kept in a designated area and may be inspected by any member for any proper purpose at any reasonable time upon written request to the Association.

ARTICLE XIV-RULES AND REGULATIONS

- The Association shall at all times maintain membership in USA Hockey and the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association (MAHA). And other affiliated hockey associations in which its teams participate. The rules and regulations of these organizations will govern the Association, except as amended herein.
- Equal Opportunity

SIHA must provide an equal competitive opportunity, taking into account ability, physical size and other athletic criteria, to amateur athletes, coaches, trainers, managers, administrators, and officials to participate, consistent with the requirements of the Amateur Sports Act of 1978, as amended, in amateur athletic competition without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, or national origin.

- Grievance Resolution

SIHA shall provide for the prompt and equitable resolution of grievances of its members, including fair notice and notice opportunity for a hearing to any amateur athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator, or official before declaring such individual ineligible to participate.

- Abuse

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

ARTICLE XX-REGISTRATION

Player registration requirements are:

- Annual registration fees and/or dues may be established by the board of directors for team registration or for membership in the MAHA.
- Other assessments necessary for the operation of this Association may, from time to time, be established by the Board of Directors. All assessments, etc., shall be payable as directed by said Board or the Executive Committee, in the

Board's absence. Failure to comply with either Section A or B of this by-law and any rules promulgated hereunder shall result in the immediate suspension of said non-complying league, association, team and/or individual(s) and said suspension shall remain in full force and effect until such time as there is full compliance.

- Signed registration form with parent or guardian signature.
- Signed Parent, Player Code of Conduct & Ethics and S.T.A.R. program forms.
- Registration fees paid according to the rules and regulations set by the SIHA Board prior to each playing season.
- No refunds will be made after November 1. Exceptions considered for a refund are player injuries, illnesses, and financial hardships.
- A refund will be based on the pro-rated cost of ice time including 10% of the total registration fee (if one is charged), the % of the MAHA team cost, % of the NMHL team cost and all team equipment including jersey must be returned.
- Any request for refunds must be in writing to the Board.

ARTICLE XXI-ELIGIBILITY

Section 1 The Association reserves the right, through the Board of Directors, to prescribe qualification requirements, including the promulgation of rules and decisions specifying grounds for refusing or withdrawing participation, disciplinary actions, and related matters.

Section 2 Each player shall play in the division determined by USA Hockey and MAHA rules and regulations for their age classifications. Any player wishing to play up a division shall meet the following criteria:

- A player wishing to move up a division must submit to the Board their request in writing.

- The Coaches from each Division involved, will meet to discuss the proposed player movement. The coaches will make recommendations to the Board.
- The SIHA Board of Directors will vote on the recommendation of the Coaches within 14 days.
- The amount of players on each of the involved teams will be taken into consideration.
- The MAHA District 7 Executive Committee will have the final say.

Section 3 Any registration fee, in an amount established by the Board of Directors, shall be collected from each player at the start of the season. The Association in accordance with the terms prescribed by the Board must receive this registration fee. Failure to pay the balance of any money due, in accordance with the term prescribed by the Board of Directors, shall result in a player being denied further participation until such time payment is made.

Section 4 In financial-hardship cases, the coach, or his designee, shall advise the Board of the situation along with recommendations of the amount that can be paid or the delayed payment schedule that can be met. The Board of Directors decision regarding financial arrangements will be final.

Section 5 If in the prior season a player was in arrears full payment must be made before the player is allowed to register for the upcoming season.

Section 6 Players are responsible for maintaining SIHA equipment, such as jerseys, and goalie equipment in good condition. If a player deliberately damages, misplaces, or does not return SIHA equipment, that player will be required by the Board to return the equipment or replace it (purchasing) as a condition of continuing league play or participating in the Association thereafter.

Section 7 House (B) Team Draft Rules:

- SIHA will notify MAHA District 7 in advance of the draft so they may attend the draft.
- All players will be rated at the pre-season rating sessions.
- All players must show up for rating and draft skating sessions.
- Protected Players

1. A coach may protect one player for placement on his team. A coach must protect his own child or family member. Protected players will be placed on a team at their rated level. In the event that 2 coaches attempt to protect the same player, No protection will be allowed for the player or team.

2. When a protected player is drafted, an alternate player of the same or comparable rating will be drafted to each team to maintain a competitive balance.

3. No coach may reject a player.

4. If a player misses the rating skates he will not be included in the draft procedure. The player will be considered a new registration and will be placed on the team who would have had the next draft pick.

Section 7A Draft Procedure

- Draft Procedure will be as follows:
- Evaluation of Players-Evaluators will be assigned per each evaluation skate.
- Ratings-Ratings 1-3, with 1 being lowest and 3 being highest. Using the evaluation forms, all eligible players will be rated by (2) or more evaluators. After each player is rated in each of the listed categories, a mutually agreed upon, overall rating will be assigned by the evaluators. The head coach for each team will then draft all eligible players. At least one board member will be in attendance to govern all drafts. The
- Parental requests pertaining to not playing for a specific coach for transportation or twin siblings reasons must be submitted in writing by the parent(s) to the association 1 week prior to the draft.
- Whenever the first sibling is drafted the remaining sibling(s) will be placed on that teams roster as the first select in the round containing their draft rating. The same procedure would be followed for requests for transportation reasons.
- Draft Order-Each head coach shall draw a number to determine the order that they will draft. Second players for each division will be drafted first. Goalies will be drafted first 91) Draft sequence is as follows: two team divisions 1, 2-2, 1-1, 2-2,-1.....

Three team division 1, 23-2, 3, 1-3, 1, 2-1, 23

- Drafting will continue until all available players are drafted to teams.
- In the event a team fails to meet the maximum 2nd year players scale an exception will be requested.
- In the event there are not enough players registered to have a draft, players will be taken on a first come basis.

District 7 Association's Travel Team Policy

Effective Date 03/15/2016

Youth Tier II, 10-u, 12-u, 14-u, 16-u, 18-u - Travel Try-outs cant take place until after May 1st

- Age appropriate players on existing teams as of 2/17/16 will be grandfathered, and will be permitted to age out until age 18, provided their current roster does NOT change by more than 30% each year hereafter.
- Any new tier II team forming after 2/17/16 must meet the following criteria:
 - The Association must meet the minimum MAHA requirements to be an association
 - There must be at least (1) one established Tier III team of at least 12 "age appropriate" players or more in that division in that association.
 - No move-up of lower division player(s) will be allowed to meet the minimum requirements of the house team, where an association is forming a travel team in that division.
 - The travel roster must have at least 75% of the players from within the association.
 - A player from within that association is defined as: a player that was registered with that association in the previous season.
 - Percentage of out of association players will be rounded down to the nearest number not up.
 - Players can try out for a Tier II team one classification higher than their age classification under the following conditions:
 - They must request the move-up through the District.
 - Must pass an on-ice evaluation by an independent District approved evaluator prior to Team Tryout, with the player being responsible for costs of ice.

Girls Tier II, 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U, 19U – Travel try outs can't take place until after May 1st

- Age appropriate players on existing teams as of 2/17/16 will be grandfathered, and will be permitted to age out until age 19, provided their current roster does NOT change by more than 30% each year hereafter.
- Any new Tier II teams forming after 2/17/16, must meet the following criteria:
 - The association must meet the minimum MAHA requirements to be an association.
- The roster must have at least 75% of the players from within that association.
 - A player from within the association is defined as: a player that was registered with that association in the previous season.
 - Percentage of out of association players will be rounded down to the nearest number not up

Approved by District 7 council on 03/15/16 by a 9 to 1 vote

ARTICLE XXII-PRACTICE AND GAMES

Section 1 No player shall go onto the ice until the ice-resurfacing machine is completely off the ice. No pucks shall be on the ice until all rink doors are closed. Violation of the provision may be penalized as a minor bench penalty by the referee.

Section 2 All coaches and managers shall see that no unauthorized personnel are allowed in the general area around or near the player's bench, penalty box, locker rooms, and officials rooms during games or practices without approval of the Board and/or coach. Violators must vacate the area or they will be subject to disciplinary actions.

Section 3 Each game shall have at least a three-minute warm-up time prior to the start of the game unless otherwise directed.

Section 4 Canadian teams will be governed by SIHA, MAHA, and USA Hockey playing rules when playing in St. Ignace.

ARTICLE XXIII-UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

Section 1 All equipment issued to players of the SIHA shall only be used in authorized games or practices. No game jerseys are allowed to be worn outside of games unless authorized by the SIHA board.

Section 2 Each coach and/or team representative shall be responsible for all equipment issued to his team and for its return or replacement. Each coach and/or team representative may be required to sign a receipt for the jerseys and/or equipment of the Association issued to his team including goalie equipment.

ARTICLE XXIV-SUSPENSIONS

Section 1 All suspensions for penalties shall be handled according to MAHA, USA Hockey and S.T.A.R. Program rules and guidelines.

Section 2 Any misconduct on the part of an Association member may result in suspension from all Association activities until such time as said member can appear before the Disciplinary and Accountability Committee for disciplinary action.

Section 3 It shall be the responsibility of the Board to enforce these rules and attempt to inform affected players and coaches of these rules when violations occur.

ARTICLE XXV-COACHES AND TEAM REPRESENTATIVES RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 1 All Association coaches and managers must consider the participation and advancement of every player to their fundamental coaching objective.

Section 2 All coaches participating in the SIHA program shall be approved by the Board.

Section 3 All coaches and managers must be knowledgeable of, abide by, and strictly enforce all rules and regulation incorporated by the Association, Bylaws, Code of Conduct and Ethics and S.T.A.R. Program, and Safe Sport. Coaches are required to participate in all coaching clinics and ACE Programs designed for their benefit.

A. The Board requires all coaches to be certified per USA Hockey regulations.

B. The coach shall be responsible for the conduct of themselves, their assistants, the team manager, and players. They must attempt to prevent disorderly conduct, before, during and after each game on or off the ice, and at any place in the rink, or place of lodging.

Section 4 The coach, assistant coach, or team representative must arrive at the ice arena a minimum of thirty minutes prior to a scheduled game or practice. The coach or his assistant must be on the ice (or on the bench) at practices as soon as the players are on the ice.

Section 5 The coach and team representative are responsible for the conduct of their players in the locker room as well as the condition of their locker room before, during, and after a game or practice. There must be two adults that have successfully passed a background check as locker room monitors at all times. No cell phones are allowed at any time. Hazing, bullying, or any other destructive behavior or abuse, etc. will not be tolerated.

Section 6 The coach or manager is responsible for those skaters on the ice during a practice session. Such skaters shall only include the coach and his designated assistants and registered team players. All players must wear complete protective equipment at all times while on the ice during practices, tryouts, and games. All on ice participants will be required to wear a helmet.

Section 7 The coach is responsible for seeing that his team leaves the ice immediately at the conclusion of their scheduled practice time. If a coach desires to eliminate the resurfacing of the ice prior to his practice, he must notify the ice machine operator fifteen minutes prior to the start of the scheduled practice.

Section 8 The assistant coach or team representative shall assume the responsibilities and duties of the head coach in his absence.

Section 9 Each coach shall agree to abide by and enforce all Association, MAHA, USA Hockey and S.T.A.R. Program rules and regulations.

Section 10 Team Representatives

- Shall maintain team rosters.
- Shall attend all Association meetings as representative of the coach, and is responsible to the SIHA Board of Directors.
- Shall maintain contact with coaches and parents of their team and be responsible for collecting jerseys and goalie equipment.
- Shall be responsible for notifying their team of the schedule and schedule changes.

1. Initiation Director

2. U6

3. U8

4. U10

5. U12

6. U14

7. U18

ARTICLE XXVI-TOURNAMENTS

Section 1 All sponsored SIHA tournaments will be sanctioned and conducted according to MAHA rules.

Section 2 All tournament costs are at the expense of each team. SIHA will pay for each team to participate in districts and states only.