

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**



**SCAHA**

**2021-2022 SEASON**

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## SCAHA MEMBER CLUBS

(as of May 2021)



Anaheim Junior  
Ducks



Junior Reign



Bakersfield  
Jr. Condors



Bay Harbor Red  
Wings



California Golden  
Bears



California Gold Rush



California Heat



California Wave



Desert Blaze



Empire Hockey Club



Jr. Ice Dogs



Los Angeles Jr. Kings



OC Hockey Club



Ontario Moose



Pasadena Maple  
Leafs



Santa Barbara  
Ice Hawks



San Diego Jr. Gulls



San Diego Ice Arena



San Diego Saints



Valencia Jr. Flyers



Ventura Mariners

## SCAHA Executive Committee

Dave Bigelow	Commissioner
Rosemary Vouelkas	Deputy Commissioner
Helen Alex	Treasurer
Rosemary Vouelikas	Secretary
Jane Lord	Parliamentarian
Nancy Hodge	Coach-in-Chief
Bridget Hopkinson	Director of Managers
Jim Burcar	Director at Large
Monica Gordon	Director at Large
Todd Thomasy	Director at Large

## SCAHA Program Directors

Jim Burcar	8U Program Liaison
Rich Hutchinson	SafeSport

## SCAHA Staff

Nancy Hodge	Member Services
Dave Bigelow	Ice Convener
Rob Foster	Statistician

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**BYLAWS OF THE  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AMATEUR  
HOCKEY ASSOCIATION  
(SCAHA)**

**ADOPTED  
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# SCAHA BY-LAWS

## Article 1 - NAME

- 1.01 The name of this corporation shall be the Southern California Amateur Hockey Association (SCAHA), herein referred to as the Association or League.
- 1.02 No Member Club within this League shall carry "Southern California" in its name.

## Article 2 - OFFICE

- 2.01 For the purpose of transacting business, the principal office of the Association shall be located within Southern California, at such place or places as may be designated by the Board of Directors from time to time. Normally, however, the principal office will be the home address of the current Commissioner of the Association.
- 2.02 The Association may also have offices at such other places within or without the State of California where it is qualified to do business as its business may require and as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate.

## Article 3 - PURPOSE

- 3.01 The specific and primary purpose of this Association is to act as a regulatory and governing body for member amateur hockey clubs and teams in SCAHA.
- 3.02 The general purposes and powers shall be as stated in the articles of incorporation of this Association.

## Article 4 - MEMBERSHIP

- 4.01 The League shall consist of regular members and probationary members only. A regular or probationary member is a club, organization or team involved in competitive play.
- 4.02 Membership shall be open to hockey clubs within the Southern California region of the Pacific District with approval from the Board of Directors.
- 4.03 New Member Club voting privileges will commence with the first active season in SCAHA. Exhibition status is not considered an active season.
- 4.04 No member shall hold more than one (1) membership in the League. All teams of the Member Club must be members of SCAHA.
- 4.05 All property, rights, interests and privileges of each regular and probationary member shall be equal.
- 4.06 Members shall abide by and be members in good standing of the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of SCAHA, CAHA and USA Hockey.
- 4.07 New clubs shall be approved for membership by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the existing Member Clubs present at a meeting for which this purpose is previously disclosed and in which a quorum is present.

- A) **New associations seeking SCAHA membership must obtain preliminary approval from CAHA prior to March 15 in order to submit an application for membership to SCAHA by April 1. (refer to CAHA Rule 1.1-1)**
- B) Only clubs that have submitted their application for membership prior to April 1st and have been accepted prior to May 1st of the current season shall be included in the SCAHA schedule for the upcoming season.
- C) New club applications must include the following:
- Club name
  - Board of Directors names and positions. Must have at a minimum President, Vice President, Registrar, Secretary, Director of Coaches, Directory of Managers, SafeSport Coordinator.
  - Club ByLaws and Rules/Policies
  - Club philosophy (Mission Statement)
  - Program Structure
  - Jersey style, colors, and logo
- D) Club name shall not conflict with any other Club in the League and shall be confined to one (1) name. Tier teams may be excluded from this naming requirement.
- E) All new clubs will be accepted on a “probationary” basis only, regardless of previous affiliations or participation until December 8th of the affected season. The new club shall be subject to a compliance review by the Executive Committee prior to December 8th. The compliance review may include, but is not limited to, registration procedures, accrued penalty minutes, submission of scoresheets, adherence to game misconduct, suspension rules, adherence to SafeSport and Lockerroom policies, and any other additional information that the Executive Committee determines to be of a pertinent nature. The Executive Committee will lift or extend the probationary status as it sees fit.

4.08 A Member Club may be placed on probationary status for cause:

- a) In the event a Member Club shall commit repeated and uncorrected violations of the League’s Bylaws or Rules, or the policies, procedures, practices and guidelines from time to time established by the Executive Committee or Board of Directors, the Executive Committee may place that Member Club on administrative probation pending correction of the deficiency or its cause within a time period to be established by the Executive Committee. The decision to place a Member Club on administrative probation shall not be subject to appeal and shall not affect the Member Club’s right to participate in League games or playoffs. Notice of being placed on administrative probationary status shall be provided to the offending Member Club only. The executive committee may, at its discretion, impose a fine on a club that is placed on probationary status.
- b) In the event that a Member Club that has been placed on administrative probation fails to correct the deficiencies or the cause therefore cited by the Executive Committee within the time period established in the notice of being placed on administrative probation (which period may be extended by the Executive Committee), the Executive Committee may recommend to the SCAHA Board of Directors that the Member Club be placed on probationary status, thereby making the Member Club ineligible for playoff participation while the probationary status remains in effect.

- c) A Member Club that has been placed on probationary status may apply to the Executive Committee for lifting of the probationary status and the Executive Committee shall, at or before the next meeting of the SCAHA Board of Directors, make a recommendation to the SCAHA Board of Directors as to whether the Member Club should have its probationary status lifted.
- 4.09 A Member Club's membership may be terminated for cause by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the existing Member Clubs present at a meeting for which this purpose is previously disclosed and in which a quorum is present.
- 4.10 Any Member Club may resign from the League, but such resignation shall not relieve the Member Club of the obligation to pay any dues or charges accrued and unpaid.
- 4.11 Member Clubs shall have one (1) name and one (1) jersey style. Tier teams may be excluded from this requirement.
- 4.12 Existing Member Clubs who wish to change jersey style, color or logo must receive Executive Committee approval prior to tryouts. Approved changes will go into effect the upcoming season. Clubs wishing to use a third jersey or special jersey must have Executive Committee approval prior to the jersey being worn. Any club not receiving Executive Committee approval before wearing the unapproved jersey may be fined up to \$3,000.
- 4.13 A Member Club that does not field at least one (1) team shall be allowed one (1) year to develop its Club. Membership shall be terminated if no teams are in place the following year.
- 4.14 a) All Member Clubs must provide electronic contact (e-mail) for the League to communicate with club officers including, but not limited to, the President, Ice Convener, Registrar and Team Managers.
- b) **All member clubs must submit the SCAHA Membership Agreement annually prior to tryouts. Failure to submit the annual membership agreement may result in probationary status of the club. (refer to SCAHA Rule 4.08)**
- 4.15 All clubs must use the USA Hockey online registration system for all its members.
- 4.16 When two (2) Member Clubs merge, for the purposes of League membership, one (1) club shall remain with one (1) President seated with voting rights. The League must be notified which Member Club has given up its membership (resigned its CAHA number). New jersey styles and colors must be approved before tryouts for the upcoming season. If no changes are made in name or logo, rule 4.12 will apply.
- 4.17 Consolidation of Member Clubs' Tier II programs requires written notification, including detailed program structure submitted to both SCAHA and CAHA for review and approval by April 30<sup>th</sup>. None of the clubs involved in the consolidation can field separate Tier II teams while the consolidation exists.

## Article 5 - FEES AND DUES

- 5.01 All Member Clubs are subject to the full payment of dues as established by the Board of Directors.
- 5.02 The Board of Directors is authorized to establish the amount of said dues in the form of a player registration fee for each rostered player.

- 5.03 The said dues shall be payable to the League by the Member Clubs as directed by the Executive Committee.
- 5.04 As required, the Executive Committee may request special assessments from Member Clubs with the approval of the Board of Directors.
- 5.05 The process for administering amounts owed by member clubs will be as follows:
- a) SCAHA determines an amount is owed by a member club.
  - b) SCAHA will send a detailed invoice to the club treasurer and president.
  - c) Payment is due thirty (30) days from the date of the invoice.
  - d) In the event a member club is late making payment for an outstanding invoice, the member club may be subject to an additional fine of up to 5% of the outstanding amount owed. Any amounts which remain outstanding 45-days from the original date of the invoice are subject to an additional fine of up to 5% of the amount owed (10% total). Amounts not paid within 45-days subject the club to supplemental discipline per SCAHA Bylaw 4.08.

## **Article 6 - GOVERNMENT**

- 6.01 The League shall be governed by two (2) bodies; one body shall be the Board of Directors and the other body shall be the Executive Committee.

## **Article 7 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- 7.01 The Board of Directors shall consist of the President of each Member Club and shall be the main decision-making body of the League. The Board of Directors shall:
- a) Direct and manage all phases of the League program except where it so delegates to the Executive Committee.
  - b) Work in conjunction with the Executive Committee in the direction and development of organizational policies to further the purpose of the League.
- 7.02 Each Director shall have voting rights in the League unless said Director's Member Club is on suspension.
- 7.03 Each Director is entitled to one (1) vote.
- 7.04 Voting at duly held meetings shall be by show of hands or ballot as is stated in the Bylaws.

## **Article 8 - MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- 8.01 There shall be one (1) meeting which shall be called the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors each year held in May at a time and place fixed by the Executive Committee.
- a) The purpose of the Annual Meeting shall be to vote on any proposals made for revisions to the SCAHA Guidelines, Rules and Regulations and/or Bylaws.
  - b) Nominations for the elected Executive Committee members shall be made 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting. Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors.
  - c) Elected officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the Directors present at the Annual Meeting provided the number present constitutes a quorum.

- d) Voting for elected officers shall be by ballot.
  - e) The Secretary, when appropriate, will prepare, distribute and collect ballots.
- 8.02 In the absence of a Member Club's President, the Member Club's Vice-President or designee, who shall be an elected or appointed member of that Club's Board of Directors, may represent the Member Club with the same rights as the President. The Club President shall notify the SCAHA Commissioner prior to the meeting of any such designation.
- 8.03 Any Member Club failing to attend two (2) consecutive meetings or three (3) meetings total in a season shall be automatically placed on probation as described in Bylaw 4.08(a). A second violation of this rule shall result in formal probation as described in Bylaw 408(b).
- 8.04 The Commissioner alone shall have the power to call special meetings of the Board of Directors at any time giving the Directors no less than three (3) working days written notice of the time, place and agenda of said meeting.
- 8.05 The business of any special meeting shall be limited to that particular agenda for which the meeting was called.
- 8.06 Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be presided over by the Commissioner, or in his or her absence, the Deputy Commissioner, or a chairperson designated by the Commissioner.
- 8.07 Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall take place on a schedule established by the Executive Committee.
- 8.08 Notice of meetings of the Directors shall specify the place, the date and the hour of the meeting.
- 8.09 The order of business for any meeting shall be: Meeting Called to Order; Reading and Approval of Minutes; Financial Report; Nomination/Election of Officers; Reports of Officers and Committees; Unfinished Business; New Business; Adjournment. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of business except where otherwise provided herein.

## Article 9 - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 9.01 The voting Executive Committee shall consist of no less than five (5) and no more than nine (9) members but shall include the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner. The Board must ratify persons appointed by the Commissioner. No More than two members from the same club are allowed to be on the executive board.
- 9.02 The Executive Committee will consist of voting members and non-voting members. The Executive Committee shall consist of three (3) parts: the elected officers (Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner), appointed members and staff. Paid staff as well as those persons appointed by the Commissioner will require ratification by the Board of Directors. The Commissioner will vote in tie-breaking issues only. The Executive Committee shall:
- a) Carry out the day-to-day business of the League; perform all the duties of the League between meetings of the Board of Directors.
  - b) Carry out the directives of the Board of Directors.
  - c) Have jurisdiction over suspensions of teams, parents, spectators, officers, players, coaches and managers; adjudication of protests and lifting of suspensions; may delegate the power to suspend to the Discipline Committee.

- d) Have determination of all questions, taking of any action and meeting any situation involving the League, not otherwise specifically provided for in the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations or by the vote of the Board of Directors.
  - e) Have the responsibility and authority to enforce all the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations and policies of the League.
- 9.03 The Executive Committee has the power to impose monetary or other sanctions for violations of the League's Bylaws or Rules, or the policies, procedures, practices and guidelines established by the Executive Committee or the SCAHA Board of Directors.
- 9.04 The Executive Committee may consist of other positions as deemed necessary by the Commissioner. Staff members may also hold an Executive Committee voting position.
- 9.05 The elected officers shall be the Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioner.
- 9.06 The Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of SCAHA shall not hold any elected voting or paid positions within individual clubs while serving their terms as Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner.
- 9.07 Elected officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the Directors present at the Annual Meeting providing the number present constitutes a quorum.
- a) Voting for elected officers shall be by ballot.
  - b) The Secretary, when appropriate, shall prepare, distribute and collect ballots.
- 9.08 The Treasurer, Secretary, Parliamentarian, ACE Coordinator, Director of Managers, Directors at Large, Member Services, Ice Convener and Statistician shall be appointed by the Commissioner and approved by the Board of Directors. Other program directors may be appointed by the Commissioner.
- 9.09 The Commissioner shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Association and shall have all the powers and duties usual to that position including, but not limited to, the following:
- a) Cast the deciding vote in case of a tie at meetings of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee.
  - b) Represent the Association in matters involving other leagues and associations under USA Hockey itself and other relationships outside the Association. SCAHA will reimburse the Commissioner for travel, room and board to represent SCAHA at State playoffs, Pacific District meetings and the USA Hockey Annual Meeting subject to Executive Committee approval.
  - c) Make commitments in the name of the Association in cases of emergency subject to review and ratification by the Executive Committee at the following meeting.
  - d) Preside over all regular meetings of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee.
  - e) Sign with the Treasurer on the Association's bank account and all checks written on behalf of the Association.
  - f) Sign and execute all written contracts, conveyances and obligations of the Association.
  - g) Work with the Treasurer to prepare an annual budget of income and expenses for the ensuing year.
  - h) Appoint the voting and non-voting members of the Executive Committee.

- i) Appoint committees and representatives from within the League membership with approval of the Executive Committee, and to be an ex-officio member of all committees created by or connected with the League.
  - j) Perform other such duties as pertain to this office as the Board of Directors may deem necessary.
  - k) Serve as the SCAHA Representative to the CAHA Youth Council and on the CAHA Board of Directors.
- 9.10 The Deputy Commissioner shall be second in order of seniority in the Association and shall have the following duties and powers:
- a) Perform other such duties as delegated by the Commissioner.
  - b) Chair the Discipline Committee.
  - c) Chair the Rules and Regulations and Bylaw Committees.
  - d) Be the alternate for any SCAHA or CAHA meeting.
- 9.11 In the absence of the Deputy Commissioner or in the event of his or her inability to act, the Commissioner shall appoint a representative from the Executive Committee who will have and exercise all power and duties of the Deputy Commissioner.
- 9.12 The Treasurer of the Association shall be responsible for all financial matters of the Association including, but not limited to:
- a) Maintain the financial accounts of the Association, receiving all monies paid to the Association and making disbursement of funds for the Association.
  - b) Open and maintain the only SCAHA-authorized accounts in such banks as directed by the Board of Directors and under such conditions as prescribed by the Board of Directors.
  - c) Prepare all checks against the accounts of the Association for disbursement of amount owed. For all expenditures in excess of \$500, the second signature to be added upon approval of the Executive Committee. The Treasurer and Commissioner only are authorized to sign on any account of the Association.
  - d) Work with the Commissioner to prepare an annual budget of income and expenses for the ensuing year and to recommend to the Board of Directors a player registration fee for anticipated needs of the Association.
  - e) Provide a monthly financial statement to the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors and to make available the books of the Association upon request of the Executive Committee or as directed by the Commissioner.
  - f) File all necessary tax returns in a timely manner.
- 9.13 The duties of the Secretary shall be to:
- a) Issue notice of all meetings of the League.
  - b) Maintain a record of all proceedings at such meetings.
  - c) Prepare and distribute and collect ballots as required.
  - d) Be responsible for the distribution of the minutes to every member of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors within two (2) weeks of such meetings.
  - e) Advise clubs who do not attend meetings regarding rules related to attendance and any resulting change in club status.

- 9.14 The duties of the Parliamentarian shall be to:
- a) Attend Executive and League meetings as needed and ensure *Robert's Rules of Order* are followed.
  - b) Assist Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner as needed.
- 9.15 The duties of the Coach-in-Chief shall be to:
- a) Compile a complete list of all Director of Coaches for all Member Clubs.
  - b) Notify clubs of upcoming coaching clinics at Board of Directors meetings.
  - c) Maintain a list of all coaches who are screened and eligible to participate in the League as a qualified coach.
  - d) Maintain a list of all coaching certifications and ensure compliance with all USA Hockey requirements.
- 9.16 The duties of the Director of Managers shall be to:
- a) Train managers and assist with situations as they arise.
  - b) Communicate with managers during the season regarding duties, League requirements and deadlines.
- 9.17 The duties of the Directors at Large shall be to:
- a) Attend Executive and League meetings.
  - b) Assist Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner as needed.
- 9.18 Each term of office shall commence as of the date they are duly elected/appointed.
- 9.19 The term of office for each elected officer shall be for two (2) years. The term of office for each appointed officer shall be for one (1) year.
- 9.20 The term of office as herein above set forth shall not be construed as to limit an officer to only one (1) term of office. If duly elected/appointed, an officer may serve consecutive terms of office.
- 9.21 Each officer shall hold office for the term herein set forth until she or he resigns or is removed or otherwise disqualified to serve, or his successor shall be duly elected/appointed, whichever occurs first.
- 9.22 Any officer appointed by the Commissioner may be removed either with or without cause at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
- 9.23 Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Commissioner. Any such resignation shall take effect at the date of receipt of such notice, or at any later time specified therein. The acceptance of the resignation by the Commissioner shall not be necessary to make it effective.
- 9.24 Any elected officer may be removed from office by a seventy-five percent (75%) vote of the Board of Directors.
- 9.25 Any vacancy caused by death, resignation or otherwise of the Commissioner shall be filled by the Deputy Commissioner for the remaining term.

- 9.26 Any vacancy caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, of the Deputy Commissioner, may be filled temporarily by appointment of the Commissioner until such time as the Board of Directors shall fill the vacancy by a regular or special meeting to be called within thirty (30) days.
- 9.27 Any vacancy caused by death, resignation, or otherwise of an officer appointed by the Commissioner shall be filled by reappointment by the Commissioner and approved by the Board of Directors.
- 9.28 The qualifications to be a candidate for Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner requires having served as a President or Vice President of a Member Club, unless the candidate is approved by a seventy-five percent (75%) vote of the Board of Directors.
- 9.29 Regular attendance at meetings is required of all officers. Failure to attend meetings regularly can be considered just cause for removal.

## **Article 10 - MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- 10.01 Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be called by the Commissioner. Meetings shall occur on a regular basis and be separate from the Board of Directors meeting.
- 10.02 Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be presided over by the Commissioner, or in his or her absence, the Deputy Commissioner.
- 10.03 Meetings will be conducted under *Robert's Rules of Order* unless in conflict with this Association's Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws or Rules and Regulations.

## **Article 11 - QUORUM**

- 11.01 A quorum of all meetings of this Association shall consist of a majority of the voting members. If there is an even number of members, one-half (1/2) shall constitute a quorum.
- 11.02 In the absence of a quorum, any meetings of the association may be adjourned by a majority vote of the members present, but no other business shall be transacted.
- 11.03 The members present at a duly called or held meeting at which a quorum is present may continue to do business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough members to leave less than a quorum.

## **Article 12 - COMMITTEES**

- 12.01 The Commissioner may from time to time appoint committees and representatives within the Association membership with the approval of the Executive Committee in order to transact and expedite the business and/or activities of the Association.

## **Article 13 - FINANCIAL REVIEW**

- 13.01 A financial review shall be made of the books of the Association at the end of each fiscal year and at any change of the office of Treasurer.
- 13.02 A committee of three (3), appointed by the Commissioner, will conduct the review.

- 13.03 A professional audit may be ordered as an alternative and at the option of the Commissioner, Executive Committee or Board of Directors.
- 13.04 The Board of Directors shall approve all financial reports.

## **Article 14 - DISSOLUTION**

- 14.01 This Association is a non-profit organization and all donations shall be considered charitable contributions.
- 14.02 If at any time this Association shall cease to carry out the purpose herein stated as outlined in the Articles of Incorporation, the property of said Association shall inure only to the benefit of a fund, foundation, or association organized and operated for charitable purposes.

## **Article 15 - BYLAWS**

- 15.01 These Bylaws shall become effective immediately on their adoption.
- 15.02 Amendments of these Bylaws shall become effective immediately upon their adoption unless the Board of Directors in adopting them provides that they are to become effective at a later date.
- 15.03 Proposed Bylaw changes may only be made at the Annual meeting. Such proposals must be made to the Executive Committee for review at least 15 days prior to the Annual Meeting.
- 15.04 Proposed Bylaw changes, after review by the Executive committee, must be given in writing to the full Board of Directors prior to any vote to adopt said proposal.
- 15.05 Any new Bylaws or Amendments to the current Bylaws require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting members of the full Board of Directors.
- 15.06 Additional provisions to accomplish the objectives of the Bylaws are contained in the Association's Rules and Regulations.

## **Article 16 - RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES**

- 16.01 It is the express purpose of this Article to establish a fair and orderly process for the resolution of disputes within SCAHA and to require all members of SCAHA to utilize that process. In the event a controversy or dispute arises regarding the construction, interpretation or application of the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations or decisions of the Board of Directors or Executive Committee of SCAHA, CAHA or USA Hockey, the dispute shall first be submitted to the SCAHA Executive Committee of this corporation, or its designee, for resolution.
- 16.02 Appeals - Any party disputing the decision of a person or committee established by the Executive Committee under the Bylaws and Rules and Regulations of SCAHA may appeal the decision to the Board of Directors of SCAHA. The Board of Directors shall consider the appeal at a special meeting or the next regularly scheduled meeting (except the Annual meeting or Rules and Elections meeting), whichever is sooner. The Board of Directors or the SCAHA Commissioner may require a fourteen (14) period to review the material prior to any dispute meeting.

Any party disputing the decision of the Executive Committee may, after a review by the Board of Directors, appeal the decision to CAHA following the procedures set out in the CAHA Bylaws and Rules and Regulations. CAHA decisions may be appealed to USA Hockey subject to the procedures in the USA Hockey Bylaws and other applicable USA Hockey Rules and Regulations.

- 16.03 Sanctions - Each individual member, member team, local association, its agents or representatives, shall confine the resolution of disputes with SCAHA to the process described herein. Therefore, any recourse directly to CAHA or USA Hockey, or the courts of any jurisdiction by any individual member, member team, local association, its agents or representatives before all of the procedures, rights, and remedies described in these Bylaws have been exhausted shall be deemed ungentlemanly conduct within the meaning of these Bylaws. Such a violation of these Bylaws and procedures shall subject the individual member, member team, or local association and its agents or representatives to immediate suspension and disqualification.
- 16.04 Sanctions imposed under this Bylaw shall be modified or removed only by a vote of the Executive Committee of this Association at a special meeting or a regularly scheduled meeting of the Executive Committee, whichever occurs first.
- 16.05 In order to defray some of the costs associated with SCAHA resolving the dispute, the appealing party shall forward a bond in the form of a certified check in the amount of \$250, made out to SCAHA, along with a written request for resolution. If the decision is in favor of the appealing party, the bond will be returned.
- 16.06 Any party that wishes to appeal any decision may do so by exhausting his/her home club appeal process. If satisfaction is not given, he/she must then exhaust the Association (SCAHA) appeal process. If satisfaction is not given, he/she must then exhaust the affiliate (CAHA) appeal process. If satisfaction is not given, he/she must then appeal to USA Hockey (reference USA Hockey Annual Guide, Suspension and Resolutions of Disputes Section).

**RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SOUTHERN  
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(SCAHA)**

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# SCAHA RULES AND REGULATIONS

## SECTION 17 - GENERAL

- 17.01 USA Hockey and CAHA's Rules and Regulations shall apply. SCAHA has the authority to enact any rules or regulations that do not conflict with USA Hockey or CAHA rules, regulations or policies.
- 17.02 Any rules, regulations or directives that are approved by the Club Presidents at the Annual Meeting cannot be changed or amended by the SCAHA Executive Committee unless approved by two-thirds (2/3) vote of all registered clubs present at a meeting for which this purpose is previously disclosed and in which a quorum is present. The Commissioner retains the power to call special meetings to address policy, rule or bylaw changes as emergency situations dictate. (See Article 8.04)
- 17.03 The Executive Committee has the authority to interpret and apply the Rules and Regulations consistent with their intent and in the best interests of the League.
- 17.04 Any Head or Assistant Coach may not attend the tryout sessions of any SCAHA club other than his or her own club. Coaches who violate this rule shall be sanctioned.
- 17.05 A parent/legal guardian signed "Letter of Intent/Membership Registration" (hereinafter "LOI") shall be submitted for each player indicating their knowledge that the SCAHA rules are available on the SCAHA website and signifying their agreement to abide by those rules/regulations. All clubs must retain signed copies of the LOI for the remainder of the season. It is the responsibility of those who do not have online access to the SCAHA Guidebook to request a printed copy of the rules from their club.
- 17.06 By April 15, clubs must notify all parents/players in writing of any club delinquency. Such written notice must be sent by mail or e-mail and contain a detailed summary of the total amounts owed, paid, and the remaining balance owed. By April 15, clubs must submit a list of players to the League who are financially delinquent. These players (and siblings) will be placed on the League delinquency list and are not permitted to participate in tryouts or any other activities with any club until their financial obligations have been satisfied. Additionally, CAHA and Pacific District shall be notified so that the delinquency list is honored for all State and District activities.
- Clubs not able to demonstrate that these procedures were followed, or that notification to the player or league was not made by the deadlines, will be prohibited from placing the player on the delinquency list. If, in the event of a dispute, it is discovered these procedures were not properly followed by the Club, the player will be removed from the delinquency list.
- 17.07 The master delinquency list is accessible on the SCAHA site. Club Registrars must login to the SCAHA site to obtain the list of delinquent players.
- 17.08 During the regular playing season, the Club shall have the right to suspend any player who has become financially delinquent. Clubs must have a policy regarding delinquencies that gives a 14 day notice to the player and parents to clear the delinquency. Upon notification by a club, the League shall place the player on the league wide delinquency list and the player will not be removed until the club has notified the League that the player is financially clear.

- 17.09 Clubs are required to have a written financial agreement in place for all players signed by parent and/or legal guardian. Failure to adhere to this requirement prevents clubs from adding players with no written agreement to the delinquency list.
- 17.10 The use of a mobile device is not permitted in the locker room at any USA Hockey sanctioned event.
- 17.11 The use of a mobile device is not permitted on the bench or on the ice during games.
- 17.12 USA Hockey specifically prohibits hazing, which includes any conduct which is intimidating, humiliating, offensive, physically harmful or potentially physically harmful. This includes but is not limited to “locker boxing”. Activities that fit the definition of hazing are considered to be hazing regardless of a person’s willingness to cooperate or participate. Any USA Hockey participant or parent of a participant who violates this hazing policy is subject to appropriate disciplinary action including, but not limited to, suspension, permanent suspension and/or referral to law enforcement authorities. Reports may be made at to the SCAHA SafeSport Coordinator and/or USA Hockey. Refer to USA Hockey Safesport Handbook.
- 17.13 Spectator, coach, player, and parent conduct, before, during, and after a game is subject to review and possible sanction by SCAHA.
- 17.14 In the event that a game official or League official deems it necessary to eject a spectator, the following shall occur:
- The spectator will be ejected and shall leave the rink property and shall not be allowed re-entry to the property for a minimum of three (3) hours.
  - The scoresheet shall be documented that an ejection occurred. Whenever possible, the spectator’s name should be documented on the scoresheet. The referee will file a report within 24 hours with the League.
  - The club of the offending spectator shall be fined up to \$500 per ejection, payable to the League within 30 days. Each offending spectator shall pay the \$500 fine to the club.
  - The spectator will immediately be suspended from all USA Hockey activities for 30 days.
  - The team Manager is responsible for facilitating compliance with this rule including assisting with identification of the offending party for the scoresheet.
- 17.15 Zero Tolerance: Coaches, players, parents, or any other spectator are prohibited from discussing any part of the game with the officials as the officials are coming off the ice and are walking to their lockerroom. Any abusive language towards an official will result in a spectator ejection.
- 17.16 Any player or coach who is given a penalty as a result of using language that is offensive, hateful or discriminatory in nature anywhere in the rink before, during or after the game will be assessed a match penalty. (refer to CAHA Rule 6.12)
- 17.17 Players who have previously played for another USA Hockey or Hockey Canada club must have a release from the prior club or association, which demonstrates the player is financially “free and clear”, before he/she can be registered by a SCAHA club.

## SECTION 18 - TRYOUTS

- 18.01 Players will be eligible for tryouts if they have met their financial and/or equipment obligations. Tryouts shall begin as follows: (refer to CAHA Rule 6.19)

- a) Tier I tryouts (youth and girls) are permitted to begin the first Friday in June.
  - b) Tier II tryouts (youth and girls, including girls 8U and 10U) are permitted to begin the second Friday in June.
  - c) A & B tryouts (youth) are permitted to begin the third Friday in June.
- 18.02 The League will provide a link to each club's website for the purpose of tryout advertising. It is the responsibility of each club to maintain and update their tryout schedules.
- 18.03 A player whose name is on the delinquency list, and is permitted to tryout, and/or sign an LOI will be fined a sum of **\$500** payable to the League. **Clubs are responsible in verifying the league wide delinquency list prior to players participating in tryouts and/or rostering. The club allowing the tryout may also be sanctioned.**
- 18.04 The SCAHA LOI is valid for all teams in all Member Clubs. Clubs fielding Tier I teams shall submit all rosters and LOI's to the League in order to track player movement.
- 18.05 The LOI is in force from the date of signing until April 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.
- 18.06 A parent or legal guardian must sign the out-of-age division consent section of the LOI if a player is playing-up. Once a player has been rostered, he/she cannot move back to their age appropriate division.
- 18.07 If more than one (1) LOI is signed for a given player, the player will immediately be suspended from any on-ice participation, which includes games/practices, until such time as his or her status has been determined by SCAHA. Parents/legal guardians signing more than one (1) LOI for a given player will be fined up to \$500.
- 18.08 Once a SCAHA agreement form is signed, Clubs have 24 hours to complete the on-line electronic LOI. Clubs who are found to be non-compliant in regard to this rule shall be subject to fines/sanctions at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
- 18.09 Deposits paid with the LOI are non-refundable.
- 18.10 To participate with a different club, players will be required to have their club complete the proper SCAHA Release form. (See Section 29.)

## SECTION 19 - REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PLAYERS

- 19.01 Any player who participates in SCAHA organized programs, team practices and games must first be registered with USA Hockey and registered/rostered with SCAHA using their legal names.
- 19.02 Proof of age must be submitted for all new players. A copy of a government-issued birth certificate or passport will be the only acceptable proof of age. Proof of legal residency is also required to the satisfaction of USA Hockey prior to the rostering of non-US citizens.
- 19.03 Any player whose name appears on the game scoresheet must be properly registered and rostered with USA Hockey and SCAHA prior to taking part in his/her first game. Failure to register and roster can mean forfeiture of all subject games. Forfeiture fees may apply.

- 19.04 No 8U aged player may play up including in tournament play during the current playing season, August 15 through to April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- 19.05 **Out of state play for 8U players is limited to Arizona, Nevada and Utah only. Refer to CAHA Rule 10.2-3.**
- 19.06 No youth player may play up from a non-checking to a checking division. In other age classifications (10U and 14U) a player who by birth is in the last year of his or her age division may play up one age classification but may not drop back to their appropriate age classification.
- 19.07 A player may not register with more than two (2) SCAHA clubs in a single season. Upon signing with the 2<sup>nd</sup> club, the player may not move again, including back to his first club of record.
- 19.08 As of April 30<sup>th</sup>, teams may use next season age classification for tournament play.

## SECTION 20 - PLAYING RULES

- 20.01 Current USA Hockey and CAHA rules apply in all divisions.
- 20.02 Referee and linesmen's fees must be paid in accordance with the procedure established by the officials association. It is the responsibility of the Coach or Manager to fill out the SCAHA scoresheet and give it to the scorer or referee before the start of the game. Referees may not start the game if the scorer does not have the scoresheet; however, the clock may be started.
- 20.03 Failure to meet minimum player requirements will result in forfeiture of game. Forfeiture fees do not apply if at least six (6) players show up for a game. The game must be stopped if there are less than four (4) eligible players left on the team. 8U teams are exempt from this requirement.
- 20.04 No SCAHA game shall be played with less than two (2) certified officials present. If there are less than two (2) certified officials present, the game will be rescheduled for a future date. In such an event, the Ice Convener will investigate the cause of the incident and the responsible parties will be required to pay the full cost of ice and officials. 8U teams are exempt from this requirement.

## SECTION 21 - REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR TEAMS

- 21.01 No team can participate in any SCAHA-organized activities without being properly rostered with SCAHA, CAHA and USA Hockey.
- 21.02 Each team shall be entitled to register 20 active players. In order to compete in the SCAHA regular season, 10U and 12U teams must have 10 players; 14U, 16U and 18U teams must have 12 players. (Refer to CAHA Guidebook for Tier teams.)
- 21.03 Teams will be registered at the USA Hockey-recognized age division based on the oldest player listed on the roster. Girls' exhibition teams must seek Executive Committee approval to play in the League at the appropriate level of play (without regards to age).
- 21.04 Teams having an over-age player, player without proper release or fictitious proof of age documentation, may forfeit all games in which the ineligible player has participated.

- 21.05 **TEAM CREDENTIALS BOOK:** The team credentials book must be prepared in proper order per CAHA Section 15.1, Team Credentials. USA Hockey and CAHA forms shall not be altered.

## SECTION 22 - DECLARATIONS

- 22.01 In order to be included in the SCAHA schedule, team declarations and game slots must be submitted electronically by the date specified by the SCAHA Executive Committee. Clubs that do not submit game slots that meet the criteria of Rule 27.03 by the date specified must pay a fine of \$500 each day until the required game slots are submitted. If the games slots are not submitted within three (3) days of the specified deadline, the club will not be placed in the schedule.
- 22.02 Once declared a Tier II team, the team must drop into the A division by September 15, per CAHA rules and after receiving approval from the Level of Play committee appointed by the Commissioner. After receiving approval, the club must notify each parent in writing and copy the SCAHA Member Services that they are free to tryout with a different team.
- 22.03 If a team drops a level of play, the League will immediately void all LOI's upon notification from the club.
- The club must notify each parent and failure to comply automatically releases the player from any future obligations, at the discretion of the parent.
  - Player has no further financial obligations; player is a free agent, or
  - Player can sign an LOI at the new level.

## SECTION 23 - TEAM ELIGIBILITY

- 23.01 Block Recruitment occurs when more than the approved number of players from a final team roster in the previous season is rostered with a different club's team in the new season. The team will not be included in the SCAHA schedule and will be ineligible for post-season playoffs. The approved numbers of players that may join a team from a different club's previous season roster are as follows: **For 8U teams only, 8U to 8U teams, 8U - 2 -players; 10U - 5 players; 12U, 14U, 16U and 18U - 6 players. Once notified by the league of a Block Recruitment issue, clubs have up to one week to fix the block recruitment issue in order to be considered in the SCAHA season schedule. All teams of a member club must be part of SCAHA. No independent teams are permitted in SCAHA or CAHA (refer to SCAHA Rule 4.04 and CAHA Rule 1.6). Clubs in noncompliance may be placed on probationary status. (refer to SCAHA Rule 4.08).**

- 23.02 CAHA RULE - In order to be eligible for SCAHA and CAHA playoffs, 12U, 14U, 16U and 18U Tier II and 'A' level teams must meet the CAHA player development requirements (PDR).
- 23.03 CAHA limits the rostering of out-of-state players to no more than 25% per A/BB/B team. An out of state player is defined as an un-emancipated minor whose parents' or guardian's primary residence is outside of the state of California. (refer to CAHA Rule 10.1)
- 23.04 Any team deemed ineligible for violating SCAHA or CAHA rules will not be included in the SCAHA schedule.

## SECTION 24 - MANAGERS/VOLUNTEERS

- 24.01 It is the responsibility of all managers/volunteers to use their legal name when completing the following before participating with any team or association (refer to CAHA Rule 2.1-3).
- Register with USA Hockey as a manager/volunteer and must use legal name when registering.
  - Complete the CAHA mandated screening (every two years) and appear on the Compliance List.
  - Complete the USA Hockey SafeSport training (every year). Submit completion certificate to the club.
  - Register on-line with SCAHA website.
  - Managers must complete LOI with Club.
- 24.02 Locker Room Attendants: It is the policy of USA Hockey that all Affiliates, Districts, Leagues and local hockey programs have at least one responsible, screened and SafeSport certified adult present directly monitoring the locker room during all team events to assure that only participants (coaches and players), approved team personnel and family members are permitted in the locker room and to supervise the conduct in the locker room.
- 24.03 Team Managers/Team Treasurer are required to maintain detailed financial records of all team's income and expenses. Team Managers must provide a monthly summary statement to all members of the team.

## SECTION 25 - COACHES

- 25.01 It is the responsibility of all coaches to use their legal name when completing the following before participating with any team or association: (refer to CAHA Rule 2.1-2).
- Register with USA Hockey as a coach and must use legal name when registering.
  - Complete the CAHA mandated screening (every two years) and appear on the Compliance List.
  - Complete the USA Hockey SafeSport training (every year) and submit completion certificate to the Club.
  - Register on-line with SCAHA website.
  - Must complete USA Hockey age specific modules before rostering
  - Complete LOI with Club.
  - Head Coaches are not allowed to be managers**

- 25.02 All coaches, including 8U coaches, must have current CEP coaching certification Levels prior to December 31 unless their club has an earlier completion date.
- 25.03 All age appropriate student coaches (refer to USA Hockey) must audit a CEP Level 1 coaching clinic prior to December 31 unless their club has an earlier completion date. In addition, a completed signed student coaching form must be submitted to the league before rostering.
- 25.04 Bench personnel must be designated as coaches on the official roster. The Head Coach must be identified on the roster. Managers and trainers are not considered as coaches. All rosters must include a Manager.
- 25.05 Any ineligible individual who participates at a practice shall be subject to fines and/or suspensions as well as the club and Head Coach.
- 25.06 All coaches must wear a helmet for all practices or on-ice sessions. Helmets must be HECC approved with no alterations and chin strap must be properly fastened. Failure to comply will result in a 30 day suspension from all activities involving USA Hockey registered programs. In addition, the provisions of CAHA Rule 6.6 apply.
- 25.07 Coaches that were removed from the roster the previous season for CEP (Coaching Education Program) non-compliance will not be eligible to roster for the current season until their CEP is current and at the appropriate level.

## **SECTION 26 - ON-ICE AND MINOR OFFICIALS**

- 26.01 SCAHA will arrange for the officiating program. On-ice officials are not permitted to work games in which they have family members playing or at levels in which they are a coach or player.
- 26.02 Clubs shall pay officials in a timely fashion, not to exceed 14 days of the game date. Clubs who are found to be delinquent in payments to officials may be required to fund an impound account with the League or be put on a cash payment basis as determined by the League and the officials association.

## **SECTION 27 - SCAHA GAMES**

- 27.01 In all SCAHA games teams must wear their SCAHA approved jerseys; home teams wear their dark jerseys and the away teams wear light jerseys. Players' names on jerseys must match players' names on the official 1-T USA Hockey roster.
- 27.02 Executive Committee must approve all requests for placing a patch on jerseys.
- 27.03 A club removing a team(s) after any portion of the schedule is established shall be fined \$250 per game scheduled, subject to review by the Executive Committee. Fines will be payable to the League within thirty (30) days. A club owing fines to the League will not be eligible for playoffs until the fine(s) have been paid. All statistics involving games played with teams removed from the schedule will be eliminated from the records of the remaining teams in the division.
- 27.04 Member Clubs shall provide one (1) game slot for every two (2) teams. If there are an odd number of teams, an additional game slot must be provided.

- 27.05 Prior to the start of **tryouts**, all clubs must submit their game slot costs **in their SCAHA Membership Agreement**. This is required for purposes of invoicing teams that cancel/forfeit away games. All information will remain confidential. **Any updates to the club's ice cost that was submitted with the club's membership agreement must be submitted by July 15.** If not submitted by July 15, that club will not be reimbursed for any ice costs for forfeiture or rescheduling fees.
- 27.06 Weekend game slots must be between the hours of 7:00 a.m. (earliest start time) and 9:00 p.m. (latest start time).
- 27.07 All 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U and 18U teams shall be scheduled for three (3) 15-minute stop-time periods each. Game slots for these teams shall be a minimum of one hour and thirty minutes (1:30) in length excluding ice cuts.
- 27.08 One (1) time-out of 60 seconds is allowed per team in each SCAHA game. Time-outs will be noted on the scoresheet.
- 27.09 Mercy Rule - Games will go to running time when there is a seven (7) goal differential in the third period. Games will not revert back to stop time and final official scores will not reflect a goal differential greater than seven (7) goals.
- 27.10 No cancellations of games listed on the master schedule will be permitted. Any team ('A' or 'B') refusing to play a game at any time in the preseason, regular or playoff seasons, will forfeit the game, and pay forfeiture fees. Note: forfeiture fees are the cost of ice and officials, plus an additional \$750 fine will apply. Clubs must pay forfeiture fees and fines to SCAHA within 30 days of notice. SCAHA shall facilitate both the collection and reimbursement of these fines.
- 27.11 Tier II teams may reschedule games as long as the following criteria are met:
- a) Both teams must agree to the new date, time, and location of the rescheduled game prior to notifying the League Ice Convener and CAHA Tier II Commissioner.
  - b) The new date, time, location must be submitted to the League Ice Convener no less than 10 days of the original scheduled game for approval. Failure to meet the deadline may result in a \$250 fine per rescheduled game.
  - c) Must receive approval from the League Ice Convener no less than 7 days of the original scheduled game.
  - d) The rescheduled game must be played within 30 days of the original game. Failure to play the rescheduled game within 30 days may result in a \$250 fine.
  - e) All rescheduled SCAHA Tier II games must be played by the last SCAHA Tier II League scheduled weekend.
  - f) Only one reschedule request may be approved per scheduled game.
  - g) If the away team requested the reschedule, they shall reimburse the home team for the full cost of the ice for the game.
  - h) The original scheduled home team is always responsible for the official fees.
  - i) Disputes regarding the rescheduling of games shall be handled by the League whose decision will be final.

- j) These rescheduling rules do not apply to CAHA weekend games.
- 27.12 Tier II teams are prohibited from forfeiting any league scheduled game. If a team forfeits a game, said team will lose their playoff eligibility with the League (SCAHA) and state (CAHA).
- 27.13 SCAHA will reschedule and determine the venue for games in the event of documented “loss of ice”. Loss of ice is defined as:
- a) No available ice due to a rink scheduling conflict. The rink General Manager must document such loss of ice in writing directly to the League Commissioner and Ice Convener 30 days in advance of the date of affected game(s). Usable ice slots shall accompany this notice to facilitate the rescheduling of games.
  - b) “Act of God” which shall be defined as:
    - no ice due to mechanical failure
    - natural disaster or condition preventing access to the rink or a natural condition exists that creates such a safety concern that the league deems it necessary to reschedule a game. such natural disaster or condition must be documented by state/local authorities.
- 27.14 It is each club’s responsibility to distribute game schedules and game changes to its teams. Failure by a club to notify teams of a scheduled game or a game change will be deemed a forfeit, and applicable forfeiture fees and fines will apply.
- 27.15 SCAHA will ensure that all teams within the same division will have the same number of games count toward standings. However, SCAHA does not guarantee that all divisions will play the same number of preseason or regular season games. The League will assure that all divisions will play no less than fifteen (15) regular season games. If the overall regular season game schedule for a division provides that some teams will be playing more regular season games than other teams in the same division, the League Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner, in the presence of the Executive Committee or Board of Directors, may select on a random basis (by lot or in some other manner which eliminates the possibility of a subjective selection) one (1) or more games which will not count toward the standings for each team in the division which is scheduled to play more regular season games than the others so as to assure that all teams will have the same number of games count toward standings. The game or games which will not count toward the standings shall not be disclosed until after all the games so selected have been played.
- 27.16 All teams will provide scoresheet rosters in a League-provided format (using legal name on official USA Hockey roster) for use on all copies of the official scoresheet. Players will be listed in alphabetical order to facilitate proper statistical tracking. All teams will cross off players not in attendance or who are not able to participate on all copies of the scoresheet. Players and/or coaches that have been crossed off the scoresheet arriving after the start of the game will incur a bench minor penalty. **For all non-SCAHA league games, games must be recorded on a hard copy scoresheet (refer to CAHA Rule 6.8).**
- 27.17 It is the responsible of the Head Official to properly verify the accuracy of the scoresheet before and after the game. Scoresheet verification includes but is not limited to game player head count to match scoresheet rosters, penalties, and game notes as well as to perform a general safety/equipment check.
- 27.18 Coaches are responsible for the accuracy of their team personnel as listed on the scoresheets. Inaccurate scoresheets may result in fines, suspensions or forfeitures as determined by the SCAHA Executive Committee.

- 27.19 No parent, coach or spectator is allowed in the penalty box.
- 27.20 Before each game, all rostered coaches who are present are required to sign the scoresheet and provide their USA Hockey Coaching Education Program (CEP) number as well as level and date of expiration. Non-rostered coaches who sign a scoresheet shall be suspended for one (1) game per offense, along with Head Coach, with additional fines or sanctions to the coach or club as deemed appropriate by the League. Exceptions to this rule will be made at the sole discretion of the League and only when prior approval has been granted.
- 27.21 For all teams (A/B, Tier II and Girls), the home club is responsible for the distribution of the scoresheets. Both teams must enter all game statistics and upload a legible scanned copy of the scoresheet on the SCAHA website by 10pm of the following Monday after the game date. Clubs failing to complete the scoresheet procedures will be warned by the League Statistician. Upon second notification, the club will be assessed a \$50 fine per late scoresheet.
- 27.22 The Home Team is responsible for retaining the original copy of the scoresheet in its team's binder. The Away Team is responsible for retaining a copy of the scoresheet in its team's binder.
- 27.23 It is the responsibility of each individual club to train their scorekeepers to ensure accurate reporting of statistics. Clubs failing to submit properly completed score sheets will be warned by the League Statistician. On second notification, the offending club may be fined \$50 for each incomplete or inaccurate score sheet.
- 27.24 A notation must be made on the scoresheet for all injuries.
- 27.25 All noisemakers are prohibited during all league games. A noisemaker is defined as any object/device or action intended to produce a loud noise. If any on-ice official or league official deems a spectator's noisemaker to be disruptive they can direct the spectator to desist or leave the arena. Club personnel with League approval are also empowered to determine if the noisemaker is disruptive. All spectators are expected to cooperate fully with the officials.
- 27.26 Suspended players may not be on the players' bench.

## SECTION 28 - GAME PROTESTS

- 28.01 Game protests based on an official's decision will not be considered.
- 28.02 All protests must be filed in writing with the Deputy Commissioner within seventy-two (72) hours after the game and a protest fee of \$250 to be retained by the League must accompany the protest. The party or parties against whom the protest is made shall be notified by SCAHA. One (1) copy will be sent to the Review Committee and one (1) copy to the opposing club. The protest shall set out the regulation and rules, by number, under which the protest is made and shall be signed by the Club President or his/her designee. Accompanying this protest shall be a summary of the evidence submitted. Any protest not following this format will not be considered for review.
- 28.03 Upon receipt of the written official protest, the Review Committee shall arrange a hearing of the protest within fourteen (14) days at which time all those concerned shall be given an opportunity to present their evidence.

## SECTION 29 - PLAYER MOVEMENT

29.01 Only rostered players are eligible to participate in SCAHA games. Players may not try out in SCAHA Preseason or Regular Season games. Prior to October 31<sup>st</sup>, players may move to a lower skill level. Movement down becomes permanent for that season. Prior to December 31<sup>st</sup>, players may move to a higher skill level. Movement after these deadlines will render a player post-season ineligible. No player may be cut or dropped after December 1. (See CAHA Rule 6.21)

29.02 PLAYER MOVEMENT:

PLAYER MOVEMENT	REMOVED:	ADDED:	POST SEASON ELIGIBLE
TIER I TO TIER I	DROP BY 12/31	BY 12/31	YES
	CUT BY 12/1	BY 12/31	YES
TIER I TO TIER II	DROP BY 10/31	11/1-12/31	YES
	<b>DROP 11/1-12/31</b>	<b>11/1-12/31</b>	<b>NO</b>
	CUT BY 12/1	BY 12/31	YES
TIER I TO 'A'	DROP BY 10/31	11/1-12/31	YES
	<b>DROP 11/1-12/31</b>	<b>11/1-12/31</b>	<b>NO</b>
	CUT BY 12/1	BY 12/31	YES
TIER I TO 'BB' or 'B'	<b>PLAYER MOVEMENT NOT ALLOWED</b>		
TIER II TO TIER I	BY 12/31	BY 12/31	YES
TIER II TO TIER II	DROP BY 12/31	BY 12/31	YES
	CUT BY 12/1	BY 12/31	YES
TIER II TO 'A'	DROP BY 10/31	11/1-12/31	YES
	<b>DROP 11/1-12/31</b>	<b>11/1-12/31</b>	<b>NO</b>
	CUT BY 12/1	BY 12/31	YES
TIER II TO 'BB' or 'B'	DROP BY 10/31	11/1-12/31	YES
	<b>DROP 11/1-12/31</b>	<b>11/1-12/31</b>	<b>NO</b>
	CUT BY 12/1	BY 12/31	YES
'A' TO TIER I	BY 12/31	BY 12/31	YES
'A' TO TIER II	BY 12/31	BY 12/31	YES
'A' TO 'A'	DROP BY 12/31	BY 12/31	YES
	CUT BY 12/1	BY 12/31	YES
'A' TO 'BB' or 'B'	DROP BY 10/31	11/1-12/31	YES
	<b>DROP 11/1-12/31</b>	<b>11/1-12/31</b>	<b>NO</b>
	CUT BY 12/1	BY 12/31	YES
'BB' or 'B' TO TIER I	BY 12/31	BY 12/31	YES
'BB' or 'B' TO TIER II	BY 12/31	BY 12/31	YES
'BB' or 'B' TO 'A'	BY 12/31	BY 12/31	YES
'BB' or 'B' TO 'BB' or 'B'	BY 12/31	BY 12/31	YES

- 29.03 Prior to December 31, CAHA does not recognize emergency goalies. Any goalie must be legally rostered prior to participation. After December 31, any emergency goalie for a Youth and Girls Tier team must be from a lower level and pre-approved by the CAHA Youth Council. Any emergency goalie for a A/BB/B team must be from a lower level respectively and pre-approved by their respective league (SCAHA, Norcal). (Refer to CAHA Rule 6.22)

## SECTION 30 - PERMANENT PLAYER RELEASES

- 30.01 After signing an LOI, players in good financial standing will be eligible for a Permanent Player Release. Contested releases shall be subject to the Appeal Hearing Process as outlined in the SCAHA Guidebook.
- 30.02 After signing an LOI any player participating with a club other than his or her own club without a valid release shall be suspended and is automatically ineligible for any on-ice participation, which includes games and/or practices unless and until such a time as his/her status has been determined by SCAHA. (See SCAHA Rule 18.06)
- 30.03 All requests for Permanent releases must be in writing. The club has seven (7) days to acknowledge the request and 14 days to respond with an official determination or the matter will be referred to the League for resolution.
- 30.04 Clubs must submit the online Permanent Release form to the League for approval.
- 30.05 If a player is released by his or her home club to skate at a higher level of competition with a different club within the same age division, and the player is subsequently dropped to a lower competitive level at his or her new club, the player will be post-season ineligible.
- 30.06 Any outstanding player or parent suspensions will be noted on release. These suspensions shall be honored by the accepting club.
- 30.07 The releasing club must pay all applicable SCAHA fees, except for players who were released prior to being rostered.

## SECTION 31 - TEMPORARY RELEASES

- 31.01 From the time a player signs an LOI until the end of the SCAHA season (April 30th), players wishing to participate with another team must apply for a temporary release. Clubs maintain full control regarding the granting of these releases.
- 31.02 During the season, temporary releases will be granted at the discretion of the club and can be denied.
- 31.03 Parents/Guardians must request a Temporary Release in writing any time a player wishes to skate with any team other than his/her own team for the duration of the SCAHA season. Any players found to have violated this rule shall be subject to immediate suspension pending a hearing.
- 31.04 The Temporary Release form must be used for:
- Tournament team participation
  - League special teams
  - Exhibition games

## d) Special team tryouts

- 31.05 Clubs must submit the Temporary Release form online to the League for informational purposes only.
- 31.06 Temporary releases will be issued by the player's home club only when it has been determined that these games/tryouts will not conflict with any regular season, tournament, or exhibition games or practices in which the player's own team is participating.
- 31.07 A player may not participate with a different team until his/her own club has filed the Temporary Release online to the League. Failure to file the Temporary Release can be cause for suspension from SCAHA for the offending player, team and/or coaches.
- 31.08 Any active SCAHA player who is granted a temporary release to play with another team at the same or lower level will not be eligible to join that team for the remainder of the current season.

## SECTION 32 - TOURNAMENT AND EXHIBITION GAMES

- 32.01 During the SCAHA playing season, no team shall compete in any tournament except USA Hockey-sanctioned tournaments.
- 32.02 Travel outside of U.S. requires a travel permit approved by the District Registrar.
- 32.03 Any suspension received at a Tournament left unresolved will be handled by the League or Affiliate upon return.
- 32.04 Any SCAHA team wishing to play in tournaments or exhibition games must notify the SCAHA Statistician in advance of proposed games. The SCAHA Statistician must give permission for these games to be played. These games must not interfere with SCAHA preseason, regular season and or League playoff games. Requests to play are automatically denied if the tournament games conflict with league scheduled games.
- 32.05 All SCAHA teams participating in tournaments and/or exhibition games must submit an online scoresheet and complete an online game summary form on the SCAHA website for all games in which the team participated within two (2) days of the last game played. If they are not added in a timely manner, they will not count towards credentialing.
- 32.06 An exhibition game is defined as a contest played against another USA Hockey registered team or member organization of the IIHF. Games include exhibition, sanctioned league play, invitational tournament and sanctioned events. All games played between two member associations must use a minimum two-man officiating system and must be recorded on a scoresheet. Scoresheets must be submitted to the League. Teams that do not comply with this requirement may be fined \$50 per scoresheet and the head coach from each team will be assessed a one(1) game suspension.
- a) All games played between two member associations must be recorded on a scoresheet and must use a minimum two-man officiating system in order to count towards a team's USA Hockey playing rule requirement; (10/20; 10/14; or 5/10).
- b) Scrimmage games are defined as controlled practices between two teams of the same member association. No scoresheet or officials are required to be scheduled. However, whenever two teams from separate member associations are playing, the

scheduling of a two-man officiating system and the use of a scoresheet is mandatory.  
(refer to CAHA Rule 6.8)

c) 8U teams are not permitted to play any type of full ice games per affiliate rules; this includes all games as defined above as well as scrimmage games. Teams that do not comply with this requirement may result in the head coach being assessed supplemental discipline and the team assessed fines as determined by the Disciplinary Committee.

## SECTION 33 - POST-SEASON ELIGIBILITY

- 33.01 A team must play an overall minimum number of games, including League play, of 20 games. (CAHA Rule 10.2)
- 33.02 Individual players must play a minimum of ten (10) games with their team, six (6) of which must be SCAHA League games. Tournament roster games (rosters that include a temporary player) do not count towards minimum game requirements.

## SECTION 34 - PLAYOFFS

- 34.01 Season standings and playoff eligibility will be determined by the number of points earned by each team in a division. Each team will earn two (2) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie and zero (0) points for a loss.
- 34.02 Tie-breakers for purposes of determining advancement to the SCAHA Post-Season Playoff Tournament at the conclusion of the regular playing season will be determined by:
- a) Standings
  - b) Most Wins
  - c) Head-to-Head
  - d) Goal Differential
  - e) Quotient

In the event a team qualifies for the SCAHA Post-Season Playoff Tournament but is otherwise ineligible or chooses not to participate, the team with the next-highest point total in the division will be invited to participate.

- 34.03 Only teams that are eligible to advance to CAHA playoffs are eligible to participate in the SCAHA Post-Season Playoff Tournament, and those teams shall only be entitled to use players during the tournament that will be eligible to participate on the team during the CAHA playoffs.
- 34.04 The Executive Committee may make special rulings during playoffs.
- 34.05 Players receiving a game suspension during a playoff game MUST serve the suspension in the next scheduled playoff game or the suspension will carry over to the following season to be served in a League game.
- 34.06 Each eligible team desiring to participate in the SCAHA Post-Season Playoff Tournament shall submit any tournament fees set by SCAHA in the form of a club check or cashier's check payable to SCAHA no later than seven (7) days prior to the start of the tournament.
- 34.07 A club owing fines to the League will not be eligible for playoffs until the fine(s) have been paid.
- 34.08 The number of berths and tournament structure for the SCAHA Post-Season Playoff Tournament shall be determined in October and announced at the November Board of Directors meeting.
- 34.09 The playing and tournament scoring rules for the SCAHA Post-Season Playoff Tournament will be the same as apply during the regular season except as follows:

- a) All games will be stop-time.
- b) One (1) time-out of 60 seconds is allowed for each team.
- c) If at any time after the start of the 3<sup>rd</sup> period a seven (7) goal differential exists, the game shall go to running time and shall not revert back.
- d) In regular playoff games, if at the end of three (3) periods of regulation play the game is tied, the game will continue with one (1) 5-minute "sudden-death" overtime period followed by a 5-man shootout, followed by a 1-man shootout. No player may shoot a second time until the team with the least number of players on its bench has used all its players. In "sudden-death" the winner will be awarded two (2) points for the win and the loser will be awarded one (1) point for the loss.
- e) In Semi-Final and Championship games, the game will continue with regulation-length sudden-death 4 on 4 overtime periods until a winner is determined.
- f) **Tie Breaking Rules to Determine Standings Position:**
  - i. If two or more teams have an equal number of points, their position in the standings shall be determined by the following tie breaking format. If one tie-breaker establishes a position for one or more teams, each team is placed in the applicable position. Once a team or teams are placed, the remaining tied teams shall start the tie breaking process again at step 1. (If all tied teams have not played each other, then proceed to step 2). *Note: A team may go into the tie breaking process having defeated another of the tied teams and still not advance.*
  - ii. The tie-breaker formulas are as follows:
    - 1) The results of the head-to-head games played between the tied teams in the following order:
      - a) Standings – Most points.
      - b) Most total wins (whether in regulation, overtime and shootout).
      - c) Differential – Subtracting goals scored against from goals scored in these games, the positions being determined in order of the greatest surplus.
      - d) Quotient – Dividing the goals scored in these games by the goals scored against, the positions being determined in order of the greatest quotient. A quotient involving dividing by zero (0) has higher standing than a quotient from 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."
    - 2) If after applying the formulas of 1 a, b, c or d the tie still exists, the results of all the games played by the teams tied in the following order:
      - a) Most total wins (whether in regulation, overtime and shootout).
      - b) Differential – Subtracting goals scored against from goals scored in these games, the positions being determined in order of the greatest surplus.
      - c) Quotient – Dividing the goals scored in these games by the goals scored against, the positions being determined in order of the greatest quotient. A quotient involving dividing by zero (0) has higher standing than a quotient from dividing by any number other than zero. Where two or more teams have no goals against and the quotient tiebreaker is required, the teams shall be ranked high to low in descending order of "goals for."
      - d) Most periods won – In the games played by each tied team, points will be awarded for each regulation period won (2 points) and for each regulation period tied (1 point). Positions shall be in the order of highest point total.

- e) Quickest first goal – The team that scored the quickest goal in their preliminary round games shall be ranked highest.
- 3) If the above procedure does not break the tie, the teams shall use a shootout procedure as previously described. Note: 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 nonoffending team.
- g) If a team intentionally no-shows one (1) or more games in the tournament, all games it has played shall be forfeited and shall be recorded as 1-0 victories for the opposing team(s).
  - h) If the tie still exists after applying the formulas as outlined, the formulas will be applied to all of the games played by the teams tied (not head-to-head).
  - i) There shall be a minimum of four (4) hours between games played on the same day and twelve (12) hours between games played on consecutive days. Time is counted from the end of one game to the start (puck drop) of the next game. No waiver shall be granted in championship games, except with permission of the team which will forfeit its rest period.
- 34.10 Each team participating in the SCAHA Post-Season Playoff Tournament shall furnish the following credentials to the SCAHA tournament credentials chairperson or his/her designee prior to the start of the tournament by the prescribed date, time and location and in the approved manner and form:
- a) Team Information
    - 1. Certified Team Roster (1-T)
    - 2. Game scoresheets, arranged chronologically from the last game played to the first game played

All materials must be in a three-ring binder with plastic cover on the front and along the left spine. The team's name shall be displayed both on the front and along the left spine. Each item should be placed inside a sheet protector. A divider tab should identify each section with the title of the section.

- 34.11 Failure to provide full documentation to SCAHA by the specified deadline and in the specified SCAHA format may result in the disqualification of the team.

## **SECTION 35 - ACCOUNTABILITY, DISCIPLINE, SUSPENSION & EXPULSION**

- 35.01 Any violation of the Articles of Incorporation, Rules and Regulations of SCAHA, SCAHA Member Club Agreement, CAHA rules and regulations and USA Hockey rules and regulations, or decisions of the Executive Committee by any member of this Association shall render such member, club or team liable to suspension and/or expulsion. "Team" is defined to mean collectively the team players, coach, manager and parents.
- 35.02 Any team that participates in a game with an ineligible player shall forfeit the game. The game shall be recorded as a 1-0 victory for the opposing team. The coach shall also be suspended for minimum of one (1) game while the League investigates the matter. Additional fines/sanctions may also be levied against the coach, parents, player or club.
- 35.03 Any team, official or player who knowingly allows false information to appear on a player's birth certificate or who makes a false representation to SCAHA shall be suspended for a period to be determined by the Review Committee.

- 35.04 Any coach, manager, parent, player or other SCAHA member involved in physical violence or any other conduct deemed detrimental to the sport of hockey shall be immediately suspended without prejudice, subject to appeal.
- 35.05 Documented damage to a rink, or causing a billable amount of excess maintenance by parents, players or any team member, must be reimbursed by the offender's club within 30 days of invoice.
- 35.06 Head coaches shall be responsible for the conduct of their assistant coaches and players.
- 35.07 Any player or coach who leaves the game bench or penalty box during an altercation or for the purpose of starting one will be assessed a game misconduct and is subject to supplementary discipline at the discretion of the Deputy Commissioner. Players and coaches involved will be subject to supplementary disciplinary action as allowed under USA Hockey Rule 4.10(a).
- 35.08 Any player receiving a Game Misconduct must serve the penalty in their next scheduled SCAHA game, tournament game or previously scheduled game. In addition, SCAHA Guidelines for serving Game Misconducts are as follows:
- a) Players and coaches serving a suspension may not have any contact with their team one (1) hour before, during and one (1) hour after the game in which they are suspended.
  - b) Coaches who are "asked to leave" games will be assessed a Game Misconduct.
  - c) A Game Misconduct or Match Penalty assessed in the final game of the season will be served at the start of the following season.
  - d) A Game Misconduct assessed in playoffs must be served in the next playoff game. If assessed in the Championship game, the suspension must be served in the first League game the following season.
- 35.09 Playoff games are SCAHA scheduled games.
- 35.10 Failure to serve a game suspension may result in the forfeiture of that game or games that should have been served. The suspended player and Head Coach may be suspended for the next two (2) SCAHA scheduled games from the time the infraction is discovered.
- 35.11 When a team has incurred the following penalties in League scheduled games, a penalty review hearing for the Head Coach and/or players may occur.
- a) 10U teams - 275 penalty minutes
  - b) 12U, 14U, 16U and 18U teams - 400 minutes
  - c) Tier II teams - 550 minutes
- 35.12 The League will track penalty minute statistics for all game scoresheets. Should a team or individual player incur what is deemed to be an excessive number of penalties for the number of games played, that player or Head Coach may be required to attend a mandatory penalty review hearing.
- 35.13 Clubs are responsible for monitoring the USA Hockey playing rules and automatic suspensions, as well as the following:
- a) Any player receiving **four (4)** or more penalties in one (1) game shall be removed immediately from the game and be assessed a Game Misconduct. The player shall be warned that a reoccurrence will result in a Discipline Committee hearing

- b) Four (4) penalties plus a Game Misconduct issued to a player in a game shall be assessed an additional Game Misconduct.
  - c) For the second misconduct penalty assessed to the same player during the same game, a game misconduct penalty shall be assessed to that player in lieu of the second misconduct penalty. Any player or coach accumulating three (3) Game Misconducts shall be subject to supplemental discipline at the discretion of the Discipline Committee.
  - d) A double minor is considered two (2) penalties.
  - e) Any player who receives two (2) major penalties in a game shall receive two (2) Game Misconducts.
  - f) If the Head Coach receives a Game Misconduct penalty during a game, one of the Assistant Coaches remaining on the bench must be immediately designated as acting Head Coach, and this designation must be reported immediately to the referee and scorekeeper. Subsequent Game Misconduct penalties assessed to that team during the same game for receiving 12 or more penalties under USA Hockey rule 401(b) will be assessed to and served by the acting Head Coach as designated. If no such designation is reported, subsequent Game Misconduct penalties under rule 401(b) will be assessed to and served by the Assistant Coach who is both present on the bench and listed first alphabetically on the team's roster. (Refer to CAHA rule 6.10-7)
  - g) Refer to USA Hockey Rule 411 regarding progressive suspensions.
- 35.14 In all instances where the official USA Hockey playing rules provide for an automatic minimum one (1) game suspension (Game Misconduct) or provide for non-play until reviewed by the Discipline Committee (Match Penalty), the Discipline Committee may impose further suspensions.
- 35.15 Game Misconduct penalties are not appealable.
- 35.16 Coaches shall not consume alcohol in the presence of their team at any time.
- 35.17 Any player using non-prescription, non-prescribed controlled substances, alcoholic beverages or illegal substances before, during or after a game, while representing his/her club team or SCAHA, shall be suspended pending a hearing.
- 35.18 Any coach or team official who supplies non-prescription medication must have prior written consent from the player's parent or legal guardian. Any coach or team official who supplies non-prescribed controlled substances or alcoholic beverages to a player at any time will be automatically suspended from SCAHA.
- 35.19 Use of tobacco in any form on the game bench or locker room is specifically prohibited. The first offense will result in a one game suspension. The second offense will result in a match penalty.
- 35.20 Failure to comply with all the rules contained herein as well as all USA Hockey or CAHA rules or Codes of Conduct could result in immediate dismissal from SCAHA and forfeiture of any and all monies paid to their Member Club and SCAHA.

- 35.21 A coach or player serving a suspension may, but is not required to, attend the game for which they are suspended. Suspended players and coaches may not sit on or near the bench. Coaches/players serving a Game Misconduct are not allowed to be in the locker room with his or her players one (1) hour prior to or one (1) hour after the game. Coaches/players serving Game Misconducts may not be positioned in such a way as to be in close proximity of the game bench. Coaches/players serving Game Misconducts may not communicate with the game bench before, during or after the game in any manner. Violations by a coach/player for any of these restrictions will result in immediate suspension pending review by the SCAHA Discipline Committee.
- 35.22 Coaches, parents or players serving a Match Penalty are prohibited from participating in any USA Hockey related activity or any other league-imposed suspensions may not be in attendance of any team or club related activities.
- 35.23 There shall be no discrimination based upon race, ethnicity, gender, religion or national origin in any event or program conducted under the auspices of the Southern California Amateur Hockey Association. Alleged violations of this policy are to be immediately brought to the attention of the Commissioner by any member of SCAHA or Member Club. The Executive Committee or Discipline Committee shall review any alleged violations. It should be noted that age and gender would continue to be a factor in determining League programs and policies. In accordance with USA Hockey Rules, any use of racial, religious, ethnic or gender slurs is an automatic Game Misconduct with a 30-day suspension pending a hearing.
- 35.24 The SCAHA Commissioner shall appoint a Discipline Committee, which shall consist of the Deputy Commissioner as chairperson and a minimum of three (3) additional members.
- 35.25 The Discipline Committee is empowered to conduct hearings and issue suspensions for Game Misconducts and Match Penalties or any infractions of the rules and policies as set forth in USA Hockey Official Playing Rules Book, USA Hockey Annual Guide, CAHA Guidelines and SCAHA Rules and Regulations.
- 35.26 The Discipline Committee shall not impose any suspension extending beyond thirty (30) days from the date of the incident without a full hearing conducted in complete accordance with the current version of the USA Hockey Annual Guide.
- 35.27 SCAHA clubs must appoint a Discipline Committee that consists of a chairperson and at least two (2) members. No suspension of a club member shall be imposed without providing the member the right to a hearing. Any request to a club for a hearing must be submitted to the club in writing within fourteen (14) days of the suspension. Failure to provide a hearing within thirty (30) days of the suspension shall void the suspension by the club.

## APPENDIX

### SCAHA MEMBER CLUB AGREEMENT

This agreement, made and entered into this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_ (year) by and between the Southern California Amateur Hockey Association (hereinafter referred to as SCAHA), a non-profit California Corporation, with its principal place of business to be in the city designated by the current Commissioner, County of \_\_\_\_\_, California, and the \_\_\_\_\_ Amateur Hockey Association (hereinafter referred to as Member Club), a profit, non-profit or incorporated organization with its principal place of business located at \_\_\_\_\_ in the City of \_\_\_\_\_, State of California, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ for, and in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained. Whereas, SCAHA is the duly authorized representative of the California Amateur Hockey Association (hereinafter referred to as CAHA), which is the affiliate member of USA Hockey, Inc. (hereinafter referred to a USA Hockey) and, whereas, the Member Club is desirous of association with SCAHA in the interest of assisting SCAHA in the development and control of the sport within SCAHA's geographical jurisdiction, as provided herein, and consistent with the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, and decisions of SCAHA, CAHA and USA Hockey, and the International Ice Hockey Association. Now, therefore, intending to be legally bound hereby, SCAHA and the Member Club hereby mutually covenant and agree as follows:

#### JURISDICTION

SCAHA hereby grants to the Member Club jurisdiction to conduct the delegated affairs of SCAHA, to govern the members of SCAHA (as defined in the SCAHA Bylaws and Rules and Regulations) and to regulate all authorized amateur competition and events in the sport of ice hockey within said club's geographical jurisdiction as hereinafter may be defined and to perform and/or provide any and all authorized services or functions, SCAHA agrees to cooperate and assist the Member Club in the administration and organization of the play of the sport of ice hockey.

#### BYLAWS AND/OR POLICIES, WHICH MUST BE ADOPTED BY CLUB MEMBERS

The Member Club, in consideration of this agreement, hereby agrees to adopt as official policy and/or Bylaws of its organization, the following:

##### A. BYLAW #1 - SCAHA PREEMINENCE

\_\_\_\_\_, a Member Club of SCAHA shall abide by and act in accordance with all SCAHA Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, and SCAHA's decisions shall take precedence over and supersede all similar governing documents and/or the decisions of the Member Club in the event of a conflict. Further, the Member Club shall assist SCAHA in the administration and enforcement of the provisions of the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations and the decisions of the Board of Directors of SCAHA within and upon its members.

##### B. BYLAW #2 - INDEMNITY

\_\_\_\_\_, a Member Club of SCAHA shall indemnify and hold harmless SCAHA, the Board of Directors and each member thereof, the Executive Committee and each member thereof, committees of SCAHA and each member thereof, from any and all liability, judgments, costs, charges, and expenses whatsoever, which is brought, commenced, or prosecuted against SCAHA, or its representatives, for and in regard to any act, deed, matter, decision, or thing whatsoever made, done, or permitted to be done about, or in relation to the local affairs of \_\_\_\_\_, through willful neglect and disregard of the SCAHA Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, and decisions of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. The Member Club must ensure that its club, all ice rinks, and any facilities it uses are insured, but only with respect to the operations by or on behalf of sanctioned SCAHA events, games, practices and clinics.

## **PRINCIPLES THAT MUST BE CONTAINED IN MEMBER CLUB BY-LAWS OR OFFICIAL POLICY**

The Member Club hereby understands and agrees that the organization, structure, policy, Bylaws, and/or operation of the Member Club shall in no way violate any of the following principles:

### **A. MEMBERSHIP**

All members of the Member Club, as a condition of membership in good standing, shall also be required to be members in good standing of SCAHA. All Member Clubs must provide electronic contact (e-mail) for the League to communicate in Word and Excel to the Club officers including but not limited to the President, Statistician, Ice Convener and Registrar. **In addition, all Member Clubs must provide their ice cost: \$\_\_\_\_\_ per hour as part of their annual SCAHA Membership Agreement prior to tryouts.**

### **B. VOTING**

Each member of the Member Club shall be entitled to one (1) vote in the process adopted by the Member Club for the elections of its governing body and that no proxy voting shall be allowed in such election. All members are notified no less than fifteen (15) days in advance thereof.

### **C. GOVERNMENT**

The government and authority of the Member Club shall be vested in a Board composed of a number of representatives, as determined by the Member Club, selected through a democratic election process, and the officers of the Member Club selected by the members shall include no less than a President, Vice-President, and Secretary. Member Clubs' board shall include a Team Representative from each team registered with the Member Club having full voting rights on all other matters brought to the Board of Directors of the Member Club for a vote.

### **D. ANNUAL MEETING**

Any action(s) or policy(s) adopted by the Board of Directors of the Member Club shall be reported to its membership or their duly authorized representatives at least once each year at the meeting called for such purpose with notice of such meeting being given to all members of the Member Club no less than fifteen (15) days in advance of the holding of the meeting which shall be open to any and all members of the Member Club.

### **E. PUBLICATION OF BYLAWS**

The Member Club shall publish and distribute to its members and SCAHA copies of its Constitution, Bylaws and/or any other governing documents and all amendments thereto. Copies shall be available upon request. Evidence satisfactory to SCAHA, shall be provided by the Member Club to SCAHA as a condition of granting continuing affiliation by SCAHA to the Member Club.

### **F. TERM**

The term of this agreement shall be for one (1) year, from July 1, 20\_\_\_\_ to June 30, 20\_\_\_\_, and automatically renewed annually thereafter, unless either party shall notify the other of an intention to terminate the relationship herein created no less than sixty (60) days prior to the end of the term provided for above. The foregoing shall apply unless sooner terminated for breach as herein provided.

### **G. BREACH**

In the event that a Member Club shall breach any one or more of the terms and conditions of this Agreement or any one or more of the terms, provisions and conditions of the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, and the decisions of the Board of Directors of SCAHA, (which provisions are incorporated herein by this reference as though fully set forth), then SCAHA shall have the immediate right to impose sanctions. Sanctions may include suspension and/or termination of this Agreement.

### **H. MISCELLANEOUS**

For the purpose of consistent administration of the Agreement, the following shall govern and control the relation between SCAHA and the Member Club:

**I. NOTICE**

Each party shall annually designate the name and address of its official representative to whom notice shall be given of any and all matters involving SCAHA and the Member Club as provided for this Agreement, or in the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, or decisions of the Board of Directors of SCAHA. The official representatives of the parties are as follows:

SCAHA Commissioner	Member Club President
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**J. AMENDMENT**

This Agreement is not subject to any addition, alteration, modification, or amendment, unless and upon condition that said addition, alteration, modification, or amendment is in writing, and signed by both parties hereto.

**K. SEVERABILITY**

In the event that any article, section, or clause of this Agreement shall be declared illegal or void by a court of competent jurisdiction, then the article, section, or clause so declared, shall be deleted from this Agreement to the extent that it violates the law, or has been declared void. The remaining articles, sections, and clauses shall remain in full force and effect throughout the entire term hereof.

**L. ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement shall be binding upon both parties hereto, and supersedes all other agreements and understandings by and between the parties hereto.

**M. GOVERNING LAW**

This Agreement shall be construed, administered, enforced and interpreted pursuant to the laws of the State of California.

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**PRESIDENT, MEMBER CLUB**

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**MEMBER CLUB ORGANIZATION**

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**SCAHA COMMISSIONER**