



Plattsburgh Youth Hockey

Bylaws

Incorporated November 15, 1974



ARTICLE I

NAME OF THE CORPORATION

1. This Corporation's name shall be known as Plattsburgh Youth Hockey, Inc. (PYH).
2. The colors of the Corporation will be red and black.

ARTICLE II

OBJECTIVES

1. The objectives of the organization shall be to foster, advance, develop, encourage and regulate the game of ice hockey for the benefit of the youth of the city of Plattsburgh and the Clinton County area, to include any and all activities on behalf of ice hockey within the greater Plattsburgh area.

ARTICLE III

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The business, affairs and property of this Corporation shall be under the control and management of the Board of Directors, which shall consist of all the elected officers of the Corporation plus the immediate Past President.
2. The Board of Directors of this organization shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Fundraising Director, (4) four Directors plus the immediate Past President.
3. The Executive Board shall be the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

ARTICLE IV

TERMS OF OFFICE

1. Except for the immediate Past President, each of the board members shall be elected bi-annually as a result of the election process set forth in Article VIII. Elections shall be held for President, Treasurer, Fundraising Director and two (2) Directors during years ending in odd numbers for a period of two (2) years. Elections shall be held for Vice President, Secretary, and two (2) Directors during years ending in even numbers for a period of two (2) years. The immediate Past President may remain on the Board for a maximum of one year in an advisory capacity in a non-elected status with no voting privileges.
2. If a Board vacancy occurs during an elected term of office, the Board shall appoint by a majority vote a sustaining member to serve for the balance of the term.
3. All elected officers shall not serve more than three (3) consecutive elected terms in a given office.
4. Newly elected officers will attend meetings during the month of April. They will assume voting privileges either when the elected position is vacated or at the first meeting after May 1.
5. Any Board member missing more than three (3) consecutive meetings or a total of five (5) meetings per year may be subject to dismissal by the Board, with the exception of the immediate Past President.
6. Any member and or officer not in good standing with the organization or the USA Hockey/NYSAHA shall not assume any office.



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ARTICLE V

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD

1. The Board shall have the entire authority in the management of affairs and finances of PYH and have general control of all its property. The Board shall make such rules as they deem proper respecting the use and application of its property and operating philosophy, fix penalties of offenses against the rules, and make rules for their own government and for the government of the committees appointed by them. All appropriations from the funds of PYH shall be made by the Board. The Board shall appoint any committee, with full authority over them, as deemed necessary to the conduct of PYH. The Board may establish, organize, and direct activities of hockey leagues, sponsor clinics, hockey games, and other activities in accordance with the aims of PYH. The Board shall make such rules and guidelines as deemed proper and relevant to the conduct of all participants in the program. The Board may conduct money raising projects, engage employees, agents, and servants to the extent necessary, determine their remuneration and borrow money; mortgage and pledge its assets, and do all other acts necessary to carry out the purpose of PYH. They shall arrange for the audit of the records of the Executive Board and Committees whenever appropriate.
2. The Corporation shall indemnify any and all persons who may serve or who have served at any time as directors or officers, and their respective heirs, successors and assigns, against any and all expenses, including amounts paid upon judgments, council fees and amounts paid in settlement (whether before or after suit is commenced), actually and necessarily incurred by such person or persons in connection with the defense or settlement of any civil claims, action, suit or proceedings in which they, or any of them, are a party or parties, or which may be asserted against them or any of them, by reason of being or having been directors or officers of the Corporation; except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person or persons shall have been adjudged to be liable for his/her own gross negligence or willful misconduct in the performance of his/her duty.

ARTICLE VI

DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

1. President: Shall preside at all meetings of the membership and of the Board of Directors; sign contracts, leases, deeds and also notes and other evidences of indebtedness upon approval of the Board; sign checks; call PYH member and Board meetings; have general supervision of affairs of PYH.
2. Vice President: Shall assist the President in the discharge of his/her duties and in his/her absence or disability to assume his/her duties and officiate in his/her stead.
3. Treasurer: Shall have charge of the funds of PYH and keep a record of all receipts and disbursements, and shall render a written report monthly or when requested by the President of the Board of Directors. They are responsible for receiving all funds due the organization and deposit these funds in the bank designated by the Board and make payment for all expenses authorized by the board. The Treasurer will prepare an annual income and expense report and make sure that all Federal and State Corporate tax returns are filed accordingly. In addition, the Treasurer shall serve as the advisor for insurance policies.
4. Secretary: Shall keep the minutes of PYH member and Board meetings and keep all reports and documents connected with the business of the PYH. Shall maintain a role of membership; post minutes and notices of regular meetings and special meetings of PYH and Board; send same minutes to Board of Directors. Whenever notice is required under these Bylaws, such notice may be given by regular mail, by electronic mail, by publication in area newspapers, or by any combination of such methods the Board shall determine to be appropriate.



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ARTICLE VII

MEETINGS OF THE CORPORATION (BOARD OF DIRECTORS)

1. Regular meetings of the Corporation will be held at least four (4) times a year and additional meetings may be held at the discretion of the President and of a majority of the Board of directors in which case each member will be notified.
2. Notice of meetings will be announced one week prior to and on the day of the meeting.
3. Six or more members present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, at regular membership meetings. A vote by a majority of the Board with a quorum present shall be necessary to carry a motion.
4. Each Board member shall have one vote, excluding the immediate Past President who shall be a nonvoting member of the Board.
5. Board members may participate by phone or any other medium that allows them to hear other members and also be heard by them.
6. The Board may act without a meeting upon the consent of all Board members.

ARTICLE VIII

MEMBERSHIP/ANNUAL MEETING

1. Membership in the Corporation shall consist of parents or guardians of any youth registered in the hockey program. Such members shall be referred to as sustaining members. They shall have the right to vote and hold office in the Corporation.
2. Annual Meeting
 - 2.1. There shall be an annual meeting of the membership of the corporation each May or June. Notice of this meeting will be announced one week prior to and on the day of the meeting.
 - 2.2. At this annual meeting, the proposed fundraising approved by the Board of Directors shall be voted on by the sustaining members present. Sustaining members present shall constitute a quorum. A majority vote is necessary to approve the proposed fee structure and fund raising.
 - 2.3. Any additional assessment against sustaining members can only be made upon notification of each member in writing distributed by each team manager to each sustaining member advising them of the proposed assessment and of the date and time of the membership meeting. A majority of the sustaining members present shall constitute a quorum. A vote by a majority of the sustaining members present is necessary to approve the assessment.

ARTICLE IX

ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Beginning February 1 of each year, the team manager of each team will ask every parent or guardian of a child on his team if they are interested in running for a specific office on the Board of Directors.
2. Any nominations collected by the team manager shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Corporation by midnight February 15th. If any position remains unfilled by this nomination process, the Board of Directors can nominate a sustaining member by February 22nd.
3. On or before March 1st. the Secretary shall deliver the ballots with the nominees for each office to the team managers who shall distribute them to each sustaining member. The ballots shall be returned by the team managers to the Secretary by March 15th.
4. Election to each office shall be awarded by the highest number of votes received. A majority vote is not necessary. A tie vote for any office shall be decided by a runoff.



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ARTICLE X

CONDUCTION OF MEETINGS

1. All meetings will be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Orders.
2. In the absence of the President and Vice President, a temporary presiding officer shall be elected from the members of the Board of Directors.
3. The following shall be the regular order of business at all meetings:
 - 3.1. Call to order
 - 3.2. Approval of agenda
 - 3.3. Approval of minutes
 - 3.4. Public comments
 - 3.5. Treasurer's report
 - 3.6. Committee reports
 - 3.7. Old business
 - 3.8. New business
 - 3.9. Adjournment

ARTICLE XI

COMMITTEES

1. There shall be committees appointed by the President -each year with any sustaining member vying being allowed to serve on such committee except the audit committee. The audit committee shall consist of three (3) members of the Board of Directors other than the President and Treasurer.
2. Each committee shall consist of not less than three (3) members, one of which shall be appointed chairperson.
3. Permanent committees shall consist of:
 - 3.1. Audit: to review the records of the Treasurer and report to the General Membership at the annual election meeting.
4. Nothing in this section shall prevent the President from establishing other committees deemed necessary by the President, Board of Directors, or the General Membership.

ARTICLE XII

PROHIBITIONS

1. No officer or member shall incur any indebtedness on behalf of the Corporation without the authority of the Board of Directors.
2. No officer or member shall receive, directly or indirectly, any salary, compensation or emolument from such Corporation, unless such compensation shall be reimbursement for expenses incurred upon authorization from the Board of Directors.



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ARTICLE XIII

CORPORATE SEAL

1. The corporation seal shall be circular in form with the words "PLATTSBURGH YOUTH HOCKEY, INC, PLATTSBURGH, N.Y." on the circumference and the words and figures "CORPORATE SEAL 1974" in the center.

ARTICLE XIV

AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

1. Amendments of these by-laws may be made at any meeting following notification to the sustaining members of the proposed change.
2. Any change in the by-laws shall require a two-thirds majority vote of the members present.
- ~~3. In the event the organization dissolves or terminates, all remaining assets will be turned over to the City of Plattsburgh Recreation Department. Per resolution passed by unanimous vote at a special general membership meeting held on October 10, 1977: BE IT SO RESOLVED:~~
 - 3.1. "Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation is organized exclusively for one or more of the following purposes: religious, charitable, scientific, testing for public safety, literary, or educational purposed, or to foster national or international amateur sports competition (but only if no part of its activities involve the provision of athletic facilities or equipment), or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, as specified in section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, and shall not carry activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954."
 - 3.2. "No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member, trustee, director, officer of the corporation, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation), and no member, trustee, officer of the corporation or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the corporation."
 - 3.3. "No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except as otherwise provided by Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (h)), or participating in or intervening in (including the publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office."

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ARTICLE XV

HISTORY OF REVISIONS

1. March, 1977
2. October 10, 1977
3. April 30, 1979
4. April 29, 1982
5. September 15, 1987
6. September 20, 1989
7. September 14, 1993
8. April, 1994
9. February, 1998
10. August, 2002
11. August, 2013
12. June 2016
13. June 24, 2018 – removed Article XIV, Section 3