



THE GREATER BRIDGEPORT JUNIOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, INC.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this Association shall be the Greater Bridgeport Junior Hockey Association, Inc. ("GBJHA" or "Association").

ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

The purpose of this Association shall be to stimulate and encourage interest in the sport of ice hockey, to instruct and train young men and women in all aspects of the sport, to develop their skating ability, and to encourage in all participants the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, team loyalty, courage, fair play and respect for authority.

To achieve these purposes, the Association will provide a supervised program of instructional drills and competitive games under the rules and policies of the Association. Moreover, the Association will make every reasonable effort to field a range of teams at each age level that provides constructive and challenging competition for all participants.

Directors, officers, coaches and members of the Association shall bear in mind that stressing exceptional athletic skills or the winning of games is secondary to teaching the fundamental skills of hockey and developing the character of participants in the program.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Active members ("Member(s)") of the Association shall be (1) the parents or guardians of any skater duly registered for participation during a hockey-season, but only for the current year of such registration and only if due program fees have been fully paid, and (2) coaches, managers and other volunteers appointed by the President giving voluntarily of their time, for each year during which they may function in this capacity.

ARTICLE IV - DIRECTORS

1. Number, Qualification and Term of Office

The Association shall have a Board of Directors that shall consist of duly elected Association Members. The total number of Directors shall not exceed nineteen (19) nor be less than eleven (11). Once elected, a member of the Board of Directors shall immediately assume office and shall serve for a three (3) year term or until his resignation or removal in accordance with Article VI of these Bylaws.

2. Nomination of Directors

During the January 11, 2009 Board of Directors meeting this article was amended by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors. At its regular meeting held during the month of ~~(March)~~February, the Board of Directors shall fix the number of Directorships for the upcoming year within the minimum and maximum number prescribed herein above. The President shall then, at that meeting, appoint a Nomination Committee of three (3) Directors, who shall not be current Officers of the Association, to prepare a slate of nominees for election to the Board. The Nomination Committee will immediately post a notice on the rink bulletin board indicating the Board vacancies to be filled and soliciting interested parties to contact the committee. The Nomination Committee may contact and consider any Members it deems appropriate whether responding to the posted solicitation or not. The Committee will present all potential nominees and its recommendations to the Board of Directors at its regular meeting held during the month of ~~(April)~~ March.

3. Election of Directors

The initial Board of Directors shall be elected at the organization meeting of the Association. Thereafter, the existing Board of Directors shall, by majority vote, elect subsequent Directors from among nominees presented in accordance with Article IV, Section 2 of these By-laws.

4. Powers

The property, business and affairs of the Association shall be managed by the Board of Directors which may exercise all power and do all things which may be exercised or done by the Association subject to the provisions of law, the statutes of the State of Connecticut, the Certificate of Incorporation and these By-laws. The Board of Directors shall determine all questions of policy and administration relative to the purposes of the Association and the methods for carrying out such purposes.

5. Quorum and Voting

At any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors, a majority of the Directors in office shall constitute a quorum. Except as otherwise provided by law or these By-laws, all issues, questions and motions brought before the Board shall be decided by a vote of the majority of the Directors present at any meeting at which a quorum is present.

6. Vacancies

Any vacancy on the Board of Directors during the course of a year shall be filled by the vote of a majority of the Directors then holding office. Directors so appointed shall hold office until his successor has been duly elected.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

1. Titles and Duties

The Association shall have the following Officers: a President, an Executive Vice president, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. In addition, the Board of Directors may elect one or more Vice Presidents as it deems necessary, from time to time, for the proper conduct of the affairs of the Association. In addition to the duties and authority that normally attach to such offices and in addition to which the Board of Directors may from time to time delegate, the Officers of the Association shall have the following duties and authority:

- a. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association. He shall preside at all meetings and shall be Chairman of the Board of Directors. He shall issue the call for regular and special Board meetings. He shall appoint and supervise the activities of various committees or delegate such powers of appointment and supervision. He shall see that regular elections are held in accordance with these By-laws.
- b. The Executive Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence and, while performing in such capacity, shall have the same authority as the President. He shall carry out such other duties and have such additional authority as may be delegated to him by the President or the Board of Directors.
- c. The Secretary shall keep an accurate and up-to-date record of the proceedings of the Association and shall conduct such other business as is necessary for the welfare of the Association.

- d. The Treasurer shall pay all accounts by check drawn on the account of the Association. He shall keep an accurate and up-to-date record of all monies received and disbursed and report the same at each regular meeting of the Board of Directors. In addition, the Treasurer, shall prepare and present at each regular meeting of the Board of Directors a financial statement showing the current cash on hand, the current balance in all revenue and expense accounts and his projections for the balance of the fiscal year. He shall also prepare and file in a timely manner such annual tax returns as may be required by federal, state and local taxing authorities.

2. Nomination and Election of Officers

The Nomination Committee appointed annually pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 of these By-laws shall also prepare a slate of nominees for officers of the Association. The Nomination Committee shall consider nominees, contact those individuals that it intends to nominate to insure that they are willing to serve if nominated, and present its nominations to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall, by majority vote, elect the officers of the Association for the upcoming term.

3. Term of Office

Upon being elected, an officer shall immediately assume his duties and shall serve in such elected capacity for one year or until his successor has been duly elected.

ARTICLE VI - REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

At any regular meeting of the Board of Directors (or special meeting called for that purpose) at which a majority of Directors in office is present the Board of Directors may, by a two-thirds vote, discipline, suspend or remove any Director, or officer or Member of the Association.

ARTICLE VII - FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Association shall be comprised of the twelve-month period from July 1 through June 30 of the succeeding calendar year in order to comprise one complete hockey season.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

These By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the total number of members of the Board of Directors, at any duly held meeting thereof provided that notice of the meeting, which notice shall include the subject matter of the amendment, was mailed to each Director.

Approved: 5/11/87