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CENTRAL ILLINOIS HOCKEY LEAGUE, INC.

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Article 1--Name Status and Affiliation

1.1 The name of this organization shall be the Central Illinois Hockey League, Inc. (CIHL). CIHL shall be affiliated with the Amateur Hockey Association of Illinois, Inc. (AHA) and USA Hockey Inc. (USA Hockey) or any other organization (governing organization) by which CIHL may elect to be governed. CIHL shall be a not for profit Organization.

Article 2--Purpose

2.1 To operate a competitive youth hockey league in the geographic area of Central Illinois and to encourage the highest standards of excellence and sportsmanship in hockey play among members. As determined by the Board, the CIHL may conduct competition at any age group, classification and/or age group division of youth hockey or high school hockey recognized by AHA. The level of competition will be established each year by the Board and follow the standard ability classifications of AA, A or B.

3.1 Application for membership in the CIHL shall be open to all Hockey Associations in the geographic area as defined by the Board that make application and are accepted for membership ("Members"). Membership may be limited to the maximum number of Members that can be effectively accommodated in CIHL and by judgments of the ability of prospective Members to comply with the standards set forth in this Article.

3.2 Membership standards shall include but not be limited to the following:

- a. Members must demonstrate ability to field competitive teams in the age group and standard ability classifications at which CIHL is conducting competition.
- b. Members must demonstrate ability to provide sufficient "home" ice time under satisfactory conditions to fulfill the schedule of games.
- c. Members must demonstrate attitude and conduct that are compatible with other Members in matters such as districting, rules, enlisting players, player conduct, etc.

3.3 Member players must qualify for and appear on an official "districted" roster approved and accepted by a governing organization or, if none, a roster conforming to "districts" approved by the Board.

3.4 Each Member should field two (2) teams within each age group standard classification. As to all age classifications, a "Members" first (only) team in any classification shall be designated as "AA" except when the team is allowed to play down to the "A" level after presenting a petition from the team containing complete information about its players and approval by two-thirds (2/3) of the Members present and voting at a Board Meeting. Such petition to play down must be presented to the CIHL President prior to the Board Meeting designated by the Board to vote on such petitions.

3.5 Each Member is expected to conform to all provisions of the CIHL by-laws. If a member is found to be in violation of these provisions by a majority vote of all Directors, that Member will be placed on probation for a term of one year.

3.6 If such violation which caused the probation is not resolved or any additional violations occur during the term of probation, the offending Member may be placed on suspension for a term of one year by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all CIHL Members. A member that has been placed on suspension:

- a. Will retain the rights and privileges that are provided by Article 4 of the by-laws,
- b. Will be expected to remit the annual membership fee as provided for in Section 3.7 of this article.
- c. May field teams to participate on a scheduled exhibition basis but such participation will be ineligible for season awards, play-off awards and listing in the league standings.
- d. May be expelled from membership under the provisions of Section 3.9 of this article.

3.7 Each member shall pay a membership fee in an amount set by the Board. Such fee must be submitted by October 1 of each year. Loss of eligibility may be imposed on any delinquent member.

3.8 Membership shall be approved by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Members at any regular or special meeting of the Board. New Members shall be accepted on a probationary basis for one (1) season with full membership rights, but subject to a confirming acceptance vote after one (1) year.

New Members shall pay an initial fee, as determined by the Board, in addition to the annual membership fee.

3.9 A Member shall remain a Member until its membership is requested by another Member and such termination is voted by two-thirds (2/3) of the Members at any regular or special meeting of the Board. **3.10** All fines on a Member's team shall be paid by that Member's Board of Directors/Organization.

Failure to do so will result in suspension of that organization.

Article 4-- Board of Directors

4.1 The Board of Directors ("Board") shall consist of a number of Directors equal to the number of Members multiplied by two (2) plus any Honorary Directors designated by the Board.

4.2 Each Member shall designate two (2) representatives to serve as Directors, one to be designated as the voting Director and the other as the Alternate Director.

4.3 The names of the Directors of each Member to serve the following year shall be given in writing to the Secretary one month prior to the date of the Annual Meeting.

4.4 A Member may replace a Director during the year by serving notice of such replacement to the Secretary.

4.5 All matters concerning the conduct, rules and regulations of CIHL shall be managed by the Board. The Board shall elect a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term by the majority vote of the Directors at any regular or special meeting. A majority of the Members must be represented by a Director present in person to constitute a quorum for any meeting. A majority of the votes by Members shall, unless a larger vote is required by these by-laws, constitute the acting of the Board. Proxies from Directors shall be in writing and shall be presented to the President before the start of a meeting. The Alternate Director is empowered to cast the vote of a Member organization without a proxy, in the absence of the Voting Director. Proxies shall not be counted in determining whether a quorum is present for any meeting. A substitute Director with a proxy, shall be permitted to vote, except that motions (1) to terminate the membership of a Member, (2) to revise or amend the CIHL by-laws, or (3) to change the Rules and Regulations may be voted by proxy how a Member's vote is to be cast. An annual meeting of the Board shall be held in August of each year. Monthly meetings of the Board shall be held, except that such meetings may be deferred by the president, unless a member has requested in writing that a specific matter be considered at the next meeting. Special meetings may be held at any time on the call of the President or at the request in writing of any three (3) voting directors. At least one week's written notice is to be given to all directors of any meetings. Any Member who does not send a representative to a Board meeting shall be subject to fines or disciplinary action as determined by the Board.

Article 5--Officers

5.1 Officers of the CIHL shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and a Treasurer. They shall be elected for a one-year term at the Annual Meeting.

5.2 The duties of the President shall include presiding at all meetings, calling any special meetings, making emergency decision not covered by the by-laws and representing the CIHL at various ice hockey functions and meetings.

5.3 The functions of the Vice President shall include assuming the powers of and acting for the President in his absence also shall act as league registrar.

5.4 The duties of the Secretary are to keep minutes of each meeting, keep an updated list of all Directors and have notices and minutes of all meetings mailed to Directors. The secretary shall handle all correspondence on behalf the CIHL when so required by the President. The Secretary shall also assume the duties of the President and Vice President in their absences. The Secretary shall have custody of the corporate seal and shall affix it to all papers and documents whenever the seal is required. The Secretary shall be responsible for filing all necessary state and federal reports, fees and taxes.

5.5 The duties of the Treasurer are to keep full and correct accounts of receipts and disbursements and to deposit all monies and other valuable effects in the name of and to the credit of the CIHL, in such bank as may be designated by the Board. The treasurer shall issue invoices as necessary and take appropriate action to assure that all monies due to the CIHL are collected. The Treasurer shall sign and issue checks for expenditures approved by the Board, keeping proper vouchers in support of such disbursements. The Treasurer shall report on the financial condition and transaction of CIHL at all meetings and shall render an Annual Financial Report. The Treasurer shall also provide a necessary financial information needed by the Secretary to file state and federal reports, fees and taxes.

5.6 A nominating Committee, consisting of at least (3) Directors shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board. The Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate of Officers candidates to serve if elected and shall present the slate no later than the monthly meeting immediately preceding the Annual Meeting. Additional nominations may be made by Directors by presenting written nominations to the Secretary at least ten (10) days before election. The secretary shall notify Directors of all nominations by means of minutes, notices or phone calls. Whenever there is more than one (1) candidate for an office, voting shall be by secret ballot.

5.7 The Board may engage an individual to handle various record keeping, clerical and secretarial functions. Selection of an individual, compensation, duties and supervision of this position, to be known as Recording Secretary are to be determined by the Board.

5.8 The Board will appoint a Rules and Disciplinary Committee to handle rule violations of Members and Member players. The Board may appoint other special committees to aid and assist the Board in the management of the affairs of CIHL. Such committees may include, but are not limited to, functions such

as scheduling, awards and tournaments/playoffs. Membership on committees is not restricted to Directors.

Article 6--Rules and Regulations

6.1 The Board may adopt rules and regulations. Terms used in the rules and regulations shall have the meaning given to such terms by these by-laws. In case of conflict between provisions of the rules and regulations and of the by-laws, the by-laws shall govern. The rules and regulations may be amended or changed at the Annual Meeting or at any meeting of the Board by a vote of a majority of the Members voting at the meeting.

Article 7--Amendments

7.1 These by-laws may be amended or changed at the Annual Meeting or at any meeting of the Board.

7.2 Any proposed amendment must be submitted in writing to the President prior to the meeting.

7.3 Amendments may be presented at any meeting, but shall not be voted on and adopted until the meeting following the meeting at which presented.

7.4 A vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Members voting at the meeting shall be required to adopt the amendment.

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