



Southwest Collegiate Hockey League

Official By-Laws

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SCHL BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I NAME

Section 1 - The name of the Association shall be the Southwest Collegiate Hockey League (SCHL).

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

Section 1 - The purpose of the Association is to be an organization of affiliated collegiate programs that provides structure, regulates operations, and promotes quality in collegiate hockey.

Section 2 - The purpose and activities of the Association shall be limited at all times to those specified in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - Any two or four year college or university approved active roller hockey team is eligible for full membership in this Association and upon compliance with all provisions of these Bylaws and all Policies and Procedures of this Association, shall be deemed a member program and entitled to all rights and privileges of that status.

Section 2 - Each member program is responsible for electing one representative to attend and cast his or her member's vote on all relevant issues at the League Annual Meeting.

Section 3 - Member programs shall be required to pay the Association team registration fee(s).

Section 4 - Member programs shall be required to comply with membership requirements as specified in the Association's Policies and Procedures Manual.

ARTICLE IV GOVERNANCE

Section 1 - The Board of Directors shall govern the affairs of this Association.

Section 2 - The principal office of the Association shall be the principal office of the currently elected Executive Director.

ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section I - The Board of Directors shall be the officers of the Association nominated by the Executive Director and consented to by a majority of the members present at the League Annual Meeting. Specific titles and job responsibilities of each officer shall be decided by the Executive Director with the consent of the officer affected and a majority of all other officers.

Section 2 – Except in cases of impeachment from office, officers may serve until they choose to vacate their office freely.

- A. A vacancy occurring in any such office shall be filled until the next League Annual Meeting by any person selected with the unanimous consent of the remaining officers.
- B. Any officer may be impeached from office with good cause and only at the League Annual Meeting of the Association with a proposal by the Executive Director or the unanimous proposal of all other officers and following any proposal, a vote affirming to

impeach in excess of two-thirds of the attending members and only after the officer in question has had the opportunity to be heard.

Section 3 - The Board of Directors shall have the power and responsibility to:

- A. Interpret, define and explain all provisions of these Bylaws and Association's Policies, Procedures, and Rules.
- B. Manage the business and affairs of the Association and have the authority to establish management policies for the operation of the Association and its programs.
- C. Replace Board Members in the event of a vacancy between annual meetings.
- D. Manage the appointment of an Executive Director.
- E. Call meetings of the Association.
- F. Admit new members.
- G. Impose and enforce penalties for violation of the Bylaws or Policies and Procedures.
- H. Remove any penalties for violation of the By-laws or Policies and Procedures.
- I. Appoint committees from the Board and/or the membership representatives, supervise committee work, and receive reports.
- J. Establish and collect membership/registration fees and other funds of the Association.
- K. Budget and direct the expenditures of the Association.
- L. Audit all books, vouchers, receipts and records of the Association.
- M. Determine who shall be authorized from time to time on the Corporation's behalf to sign checks, drafts, or other orders for payment of money; to sign acceptances, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness; to enter into contracts; or to execute and deliver other documents and instruments.
- N. Selection of all events and teams that bear the namesake of the Association, Organization, League, or SCHL.

Section 4 – All decisions affecting the Association shall be decided by a majority vote of the officers.

- A. In the interest of expediency, the Executive Director may circumvent the other officers in making decisions, provided that as soon as it becomes possible he inform all of the officers of any decisions made and allow for said decisions to be overturned by a majority vote of the officers.
- B. Failure by the Executive Director to inform the Board of Directors of all decisions and important information shall be considered good cause for impeachment.

ARTICLE VI OFFICERS

Section 1 - The Officers of this Association shall have the following powers and responsibilities:

- A. The Executive Director shall preside at all meetings of the membership and the Board of Directors. The Executive Director shall be responsible for setting meeting agendas and supervising the general progress of the Association. Further the Executive Director shall serve as an ex-officio member of all committees (except the Ranking Committees) and exercise all duties and power of the Board of Directors when it is impractical for him/her to obtain a vote of the Board of Directors. He/she shall promptly report such actions to the Board of Directors.
- B. The Treasurer shall report on the financial status of the Association as requested. In addition the Treasurer shall be responsible for presenting an annual budget to the membership at the Association's annual meeting. The treasurer shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors.
- C. The Referee in Chief shall direct and be ultimately responsible for the league's Officials Corp.
- D. Other officer titles and duties may change from time to time and shall be determined by the Executive Director with the consent each particular officer affected.

Article VII MEETINGS

Section 1 - Members of the Association shall meet annually at the League Annual Meeting

Section 2 - The League Annual Meeting of the Association membership shall be held before the first game of the upcoming season.

Section 3 – The League Annual Meeting's specific date, time, and location shall be announced no less than two weeks prior. Meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the Executive Director at any time necessary.

Section 4 - The procedure of meetings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order except where altered within the Association Bylaws.

Section 5 - Decisions shall be made by majority of the vote cast except where a greater proportion is required by the Bylaws.

Section 6 - At all meetings of the Board of Directors, a simple majority of the Board members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 7 - Each member of the Board of Directors in attendance shall have one vote.

Section 8 - At no time shall proxy votes be acceptable at meetings of the membership or Board of Directors.

Section 9 - A meeting of the Board of Directors may take place via conference call or by electronic medium in lieu of a meeting.

ARTICLE VIII RULES AND POLICIES

Section 1 - The Association shall abide by the previously established Policies Manual and the official rule book of the NCRHA except where it is altered by a special Rules Addendum.

Section 2 - Changes to the Policies Manual and Rules Addendum may be formulated and proposed by any officer but must be unanimously consented to by all officers and approved by majority vote of those in attendance at the League Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE IX FISCAL YEAR

Section 1 - The fiscal year for the Association shall begin August 1. Non-profit corporate tax papers (IRS Form 990, etc.) shall be filed corresponding to this date.

ARTICLE X DISSOLUTION

Section 1 - In the event the Southwest Collegiate Hockey League finds it necessary or desirable to dissolve or cease to function as a non-profit corporation, all remaining assets shall be distributed to an organization or organizations, to be selected by the Board of Directors, which qualify as exempt organizations within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or any succeeding provision of Federal Tax Law.

ARTICLE XI PROVISION FOR CHANGE IN THE BYLAWS

Section 1 - These Bylaws may be amended by proposal by the Executive Director and unanimous consent of the officers and an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Association present at the League Annual Meeting.