

Amendments to Spring-Ford Hockey Club By-Laws Approved by the voting membership on May 16, 2010

Amendment to Article I, Section 1. Name: This organization shall be known as the Spring-Ford Hockey Club (Club) and is also know as the Spring-Ford Ice Hockey Club (Club) or SFIHC (Club). The name of the club may be used by any member only if such use is in conformance with a policy established and approved by the Board of Directors.

Amendment to Article II, Section 1. Active Playership: This category of the membership shall be confined to those students who attend Middle School, Junior High School and or High School within the Spring-Ford Area School District, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Those students who are eligible to play that do not reside within the Spring-Ford Area School District will be looked at on an individual basis. All applications for playership and renewal are subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. All applications for playership and renewal for players that do not reside in Spring-Ford Area School are also subject to the approval of the applicable club hockey league.

Amendment to Article II, Section 1a. New Playership: Applications for new playership shall be made to the Registrar, who shall submit the application to the Board of Directors for final approval as provided in Section 1 of this article. Further, the Registrar shall keep and maintain a list of all players, which shall include such information about that person, as the Board deems necessary.

Amendment to Article II, Section 1b. Voting Membership: This category of membership shall consist of parents and/or guardians of active playership as of July 1 through June 30th of the season (which is the active fiscal year). There will be one vote allowed per playership.

Amendment to Article III, Section 1. Officers. The officers of the Club shall be a President, Vice President, Registrar, Treasurer, and Secretary. Head coaches will not be allowed to hold an officer position.

Amendment to Article III, Section 6. Elections. Elections of Officers and member of the Board of Directors shall be held every year no later than the month of June, with the elected Officers and Board taking office at the beginning of the club fiscal year. The fiscal year shall run from July 1st to June 30th. The Board of Directors will establish the election process.

Amendment to Article IV, Section 1. Board of Directors: a Board of Directors shall govern The Club. The Board shall be comprised of voting members and advisory members. Voting members will include all elected Board members. Advisory members will include the Coaching Coordinator, Equipment Manager and Team Representatives. The Board shall consist of no less than 5 voting members and no more than 9 voting members. An odd number of Board members are suggested to allow for a quorum. A majority number of voting Board members need to be in attendance to constitute a quorum.

Amendment to Article IV, Section 4. Vice President: In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall be the Chief Executive Officer and act as such. He/She will act as the chairperson of the Ethical Practices and Grievances Committee.

Amendment to Article IV, Section 6, Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be custodian and primary depositor of the funds for the Club and shall disburse such funds by check or cash as herein authorized or upon approval by the Board of Directors for purposes, which promote the welfare and objects of the Club. He/she shall render a completed summary of all income, disbursements and balances whenever required by the Board and to the members at each regular meeting. A written copy of this report shall be made available to any member upon request. He/She shall furnish bond to the Club in the form and amount designated by the Board. The cost thereto shall be paid by the Club.

Amendment to Article IV, Section 9. Indemnification. Refer to the USA Hockey indemnification clause as it applies to our Club, Officers, and Board.

Amendment to Article VI, Section 1. Monthly: A meeting by the Board shall be held monthly during on a date that is mutually agreeable to all Board members. A minimum of 6 meetings shall be held each year with the emphasis being during hockey season. A meeting must have enough voting members of the Board of Direct present to allow for a quorum and must be approved by the President.

Amendment to Article VI, Section 3. Board of Directors: The Board of Directors shall meet at any time or place upon call of the President or a majority of the Board. Emergency business of the Board may be conducted by telephone conference call at the discretion of the President, or upon the decision of a majority of Board members. E-mail “inform to all” and “reply to all” may be used to poll votes in the absence of a meeting. The Vice President shall have such authority in the event of the resignation of the President, or in the event the President is unable to fulfill his/her duties. The telephone conference call shall be conducted as a regular Board Meeting in the accordance with the Constitution and by-laws. A majority of the Board of Directors must be present to conduct business. The Secretary shall take minutes of the meeting, and shall reduce it to writing for distribution. Individual calls or “polling” shall not be considered to meet the necessary standards for a quorum at a Board meeting.

Amendment to Article VI, Section 4. Meeting Attendance: Each voting Board member is required to attend no less than four (4) Board meetings in order to maintain his/her position on the Board of Directors.

Amendment to Article VII, Section 1, Fees and Dues: Dues for membership shall be determined by the Board of Directors and shall be payable by October 31st of each year (or on such other schedule as set by the Board) to the Treasurer of the Club. Failure to pay dues will suspend membership and voting privileges in the Club until such time as they are paid in full for that fiscal year.

Amendment to Article VIII, Section 1. B, Registration: Registration forms will be available on the website. In addition, the Club will do their best to have announcements made in all Spring-Ford schools notifying students in grades 5 through 12 about the upcoming season and scheduled hockey skills evaluation sessions.

Amendment to Article VIII, Section 1. D. All registration fees shall be considered NON-REFUNDABLE with the following exceptions:

1. A season ending injury, as certified in writing by a medical doctor, which prevents someone from playing before the end of the hockey season, and will not be refunded until the end of the season, but no later than April 15th.

Amendment to Article VIII, Section 1. E. All requests for refunds, as outlined above, shall be **determined as follows:** Membership dues shall not be refunded; except they may be prorated as follows:

1. If a player relocates to another school district and is deemed ineligible by the league, after club petitioning, in which events a pro-rated refund will be made, or
2. If the player suffers a physical disability preventing him or her from playing ice hockey for the remainder of the injured season, in which events a pro-rated refund will be made.

Refunds shall be prorated and refunds will be issued no earlier than April 15th.

Amendment to Article VIII, Section 1. F. All registration fees shall be paid in full by the designated due date(s). Any player or parent experiencing financial difficulty may request an alternate payment schedule by contacting the Treasurer. Approval of an alternate payment schedule is at the Treasurer's discretion. All payments must be paid in full by April 15th. The Treasurer will report to the board the status of all payment plans on a monthly basis. The Treasurer is not authorized to give discounts beyond what is stated in the club registration packet.

Amendment to Article X, Section 1. References. The rules and regulations of USA Hockey, Inc. and the leagues in which the club participates are incorporated herein by reference. In instances where this document is more restrictive, this document will supersede all others. In instances where the leagues in which the club participates, rules and regulations are more restrictive, they will supersede this document. Additionally, the rules and regulations as set forth in the Spring-Ford Hockey Club Sportsmanship Code and Rules of Conduct are incorporated herein by reference.

Amendment to Article XI, Section 1. Requirements. The Constitution may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Club by a majority vote of voting members present who are in good standing with the club. If no members are present, the Board of Directors will constitute the membership and need a majority vote to approve the amendments, subject to the following:

- A. The Board of Directors has voted in favor of the proposed amendment.
- B. The Constitution and by-laws Committee is authorized to review and automatically amend, as necessary, those portions of the Constitution and by-laws, including amendments, which are in conflict with existing Federal statutes, regulations, or laws pertaining to gender/sex discrimination.
- C. **Grievances.** If the grievance being heard is in any way deemed a conflict of interest with a Committee member, which includes Board members, advisory board members, etc. and that member, is expected to remove him or herself from that specific hearing.