

Central States Developmental Hockey League

**CSDHL CALENDAR OF EVENTS
2011/2012 Season**

September 17, 2011	League Meeting
September 24, 2011	League Play Begins
October TBA	League Meeting
November 19, 2011	League Meeting
December TBA	League Meeting
January 14, 2012	League Meeting
February 4, 2012	League Play Ends
February 10, 2012	CSDHL Playoffs Begin
April 14, 2012	League Meeting

* All league meetings will be held at the AHAI Hockey Center (a.k.a. The Edge Ice Arena in Bensenville, IL) unless otherwise noted.

2011/2012 CSDHL Teams

Squirt Level: Affton Americans, Chicago Blues, Chicago Bruins, Chesterfield Falcons, Deerfield Falcons, Glenview Stars, Huskies, Ice Dogs, Indy Racers, Sabres, Vikings, Winnetka Warriors

Pee Wee Minor Level: Affton Americans, Chicago Blues, Chicago Bruins, Chesterfield Falcons, Cyclones, Indy Racers, Nashville Jr. Predators, Vikings

Pee Wee Major Level: Affton Americans, Chicago Blues, Chicago Bruins, Chesterfield Falcons, Cylones, Deerfield Falcons, Indy Racers, Sabres, Vikings, Winnetka Warriors

Bantam Minor Level: Affton Americans, Chicago Blues, Chicago Hawks, Chesterfield Falcons, Cyclones, Deerfield Falcons, Indy Racers, Nashville Jr. Predators, NW Chargers, Vikings

Bantam Major Level: Affton Americans, Chicago Blues, Chicago Bruins, Chicago Hawks, Chesterfield Falcons, Cyclones, Deerfield Falcons, Huskies, Leafs, Sabres

Midget Minor: Affton Americans, Chicago Bruins, Chicago Hawks, Chesterfield Falcons, Deerfield Falcons, Huskies, Ice Dogs, Leafs, Nashville Jr. Predators, NW Chargers, Sabres, Twin Bridges

Midget Majors: Affton Americans, Chicago Bruins, Chesterfield Falcons, Deerfield Falcons, Express, Huskies, Leafs, NW Chargers, Rockford, Sabres, Twin Bridges, Vikings

**Central States Developmental Hockey League
CSDHL Bylaws (June, 2001)**

ARTICLE I. Name and Affiliation

The name of this corporation shall be the Central States Developmental Hockey League. (Referred to hereinafter as CSDHL). CSDHL shall be affiliated with USA Hockey.

ARTICLE II. Offices

The principal office of CSDHL shall be in the State of Illinois. CSDHL may have such other offices, either within or outside the State of Illinois, as the business of the corporation may require from time to time.

The registered office of CSDHL, required by the General Not-For-Profit Corporation Act to be maintained in the State of Illinois may be, but need not be; identical with the principal office in the State of Illinois, and the address of the registered office may be changed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III. Purposes

SECTION 1. To operate a highly competitive league specifically designed for the elite Tier II hockey teams within Illinois and the Central States region.

SECTION 2. To develop and promote the development of Tier II hockey in Illinois and Central States region by offering, establishing, and maintaining the highest standards of excellence and sportsmanship in the individualized and team play.

SECTION 3. To affiliate with USA Hockey and encourage registration of all teams at all levels of play with USA Hockey.

SECTION 4. To conduct hockey tournaments and to sanction teams to enter and participate in said tournaments.

SECTION 5. To communicate and cooperate with the USA Hockey Central District Association, other State and Officials Associations so as to improve and promote the sport of hockey both within and without the State of Illinois.

SECTION 6. To do any and all acts necessary of desirable in the furtherance of the foregoing purposes and the sport of hockey.

SECTION 7. To promote excellence in the academics and personal conduct among Tier II youth hockey players by establishing and maintaining the highest standards for participating teams and players as a condition for membership in the League.

SECTION 8. The CSDHL may promulgate codes of conduct, academic performances, playing rules, player eligibility rules, and rules pertaining to membership in the CSDHL that establishes a standard of behavior and performance that may be higher than those standards set forth by AHAI or USA Hockey.

SECTION 9. The CSDHL shall have the responsibility for the administrative and enforcement of the CSDHL League Articles, and Rules and Regulation unique to the CSDHL.

SECTION 10. The CSDHL may make recommendations to

AHAI on any matter pertaining to amateur youth hockey. AHAI may consult with the CSDHL on any matter pertaining uniquely to Tier II youth hockey or CSDHL.

ARTICLE IV: GOVERNANCE

SECTION 1. The Board of Directors of the CSDHL will be responsible for the day to day operations of the league and shall conduct the business of the league to assure that all matters and games are conducted in the best interest of the youth participating in the league and in the best interest of the amateur elite Tier II youth hockey.

SECTION 2. The Chairperson, any member of a CSDHL Committee, and President of the League may be removed from him/her respective position by a two thirds vote by the CSDHL board of directors. A vacancy in office or position shall occur upon the removal of the President, Chairperson of a Committee, or Committee member or upon the individual's resignation, death, or an incapacitation.

SECTION 3. The CSDHL shall establish a CSDHL Management Advisory Committee comprised of one (1) representative for each of the Tier II organizations participating in the league during the current playing season commencing on September 1 and ending at the conclusion of the USA Hockey National Tournaments. The CSHDL Advisory Committee will meet periodically in conjunction with the CSHDL Board of Directors on all matters pertaining to the CSDHL.

SECTION 4. The CSDHL Board of Directors will meet regularly to conduct business of the League. The first meeting shall take place immediately following the annual meeting. One purpose of this meeting is considering petitions of teams for admittance into the CSDHL for the next immediate playing season.

ARTICLE V: FINANCE

SECTION 1. A committee, appointed by the CSDHL Board of Directors will propose a budget for its operation for the fiscal year commencing on August 1 of each year and ending on the rest ensuing July 31. Upon request, a copy of said budget will be provided for to each organization that is represented in the CSDHL.

SECTION 2. The CSDHL will publish an annual statement of its finances.

ARTICLE VI: POWERS, DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CENTRAL STATES COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. Promulgate rules and regulations of the CSDHL provided that neither rule nor regulation may contradict or conflict with a rule(s) of AHAI or USA Hockey.

SECTION 2. Promulgate rules and regulations governing the conduct of players, coaches, teams, and spectators at the games of CSDHL.

SECTION 3. Establish a minimum academic standard for the players, and a code of conduct governing the conduct of all players, coaches, parents and spectators of the CSDHL.

SECTION 4. Conduct clinics, seminars, workshops for coaches participating in the league.

SECTION 5. Establish such other rules, policies, and regulations that are in the best interest of coaches, players while participating in the CSDHL.

**ARTICLE VII: ADMISSION OF TEAMS INTO THE
 CENTRAL STATES LEAGUE**

SECTION 1. The CSDHL Committee shall submit a list of teams for consideration to the Board of Directors for entry into the CSDHL.

The league shall be comprised of Seven (7) USA Hockey Tier II age divisions: 18 and under (Midget Major) 16 and under (Midget Minor), 14 and under (Bantam Major), 13 (Bantam Minor) 12 and under (Peewee Major), 11 (Peewee Minor) and 10 and under (Squirt).

SECTION 2. There shall be no more than fourteen (14) teams participating in any of the seven age Classifications. In addition, no player who has not attained the age of years prior to July 1 may participate in this league. No mite age players will be allowed to compete in the CSDHL.

SECTION 3. The CSDHL Selection Committee shall propose to the CSDHL Board of Directors a selection criteria and procedure prior to April 1 of each year for the next succeeding playing season. These criteria shall enable the CSDHL Committee and Board of Directors, using its best efforts, to identify and qualify for admissions into the CSDHL the best performing Tier I & Tier II youth hockey teams in each of the respective age divisions. The Committee may consider but not be limited to consideration of playing records, overall strength of proposed team rosters, strength of competition, recommendation and assessments of scouts, coaches, and other individuals with an expertise in evaluating hockey talent, strength of coaching staff, allocation of ice time, intangibles, and any other criteria which may assist in identifying the teams. A team may reapply for entry into the CSDHL for each playing season.

SECTION 4. In making an application for admission into the

CSDHL, a team residing within the jurisdiction of CSDHL must be sponsored by a Member Association that is in good standing with CSDHL. Teams outside the jurisdiction of CSDHL must be sponsored by a Member Association that is approved and in good standing with an Affiliate organization of USA Hockey with jurisdiction over member organization other than AHAI; provided that a team is not eligible to apply for admission into the CSDHL if the Selection Committee determines that a principle purpose for the team residing outside the jurisdiction of AHAI is to circumvent the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of AHAI pertaining to Member Association and their team's or its admission would be detrimental to the purposes of the CSDHL.

SECTION 5. The applicant teams should agree to the following:

- A. Abide by the League Articles, Rules and Regulations of the CSDHL.
- B. Provide for games ice times that are convenient times to accommodate all home games and to pay for all home game related costs.
- C. Pursue a policy of conducting two (2) team practices for every scheduled sanctioned game or tournament game.
- D. Submit to and abide by the scheduling decisions of the League Scheduler in Chief.
- E. Provide home game ice to the League Scheduler in Chief for the scheduling of all League and CSDHL Tournament games.

SECTION 6. In making an application for admission into the CSDHL, a team must provide the CSDHL Selection Committee with all information requested by the CSDHL in a timely manner. Said information will be in accordance with the selection procedure. This information will include but not be limited to the following:

- A. tentative schedule of available home game ice slots.
- B. a proposed practice schedule including the location, times, and length of times for practices.
- C. Names, addresses, telephone numbers and relevant background information as it pertains to all coaching and management personnel.
- D. the proposed plan and guidelines to monitor and support the academic performances of the players.
- E. a proposed plan and guidelines for monitoring and supporting the conduct of all players, coaches, team officials, and spectators that are associated with the CSDHL.
- F. The names, addresses, telephone numbers and relevant background information as it pertains to the anticipated players on the team. The final selection of all team players will be completed at the conclusion of open and fair tryouts conducted in accordance to the Rules and Regulations of AHAI or the appropriate USA Hockey Affiliate Organization.
- G. A copy of the fact sheet on a form established by the CSDHL that will be provided to each player participating in team tryouts. The fact sheets shall include information about the CSDHL, coaches, team management personnel, the organization, the plan and guidelines on academic performances, personal conduct, them and organization budget, tentative practice schedule, home ice game schedule, and other information as required or requested by the CSDHL.

SECTION 7. The CSDHL shall establish a timetable for application, provisional acceptance and final approval for entry into the CSDHL. Listed below is a timetable that under normal conditions will be adhered to for the selection process:

- A. March 1 through April 15 is the time frame in which applications will be accepted for entry into the CSDHL for the next ensuing playing season.
- B. April 15 through May 15 is the time frame in which “tentative” selection into the CSDHL will be made for the next ensuing playing season.
- C. May 15 through June 15 is the time frame in which the final selection process will be completed for team entry into the CSDHL for the next ensuing playing season.

ARTICLE VIII: TOURNAMENTS

SECTION 1. All CSDHL teams may participate in the state tournament of AHAI or of the teams USA Hockey Affiliate, which ever is appropriate. Upon approval of AHAI or the teams USA Hockey Affiliate, a team participating in the CSDHL may play in an appropriate state tournament at the Tier I level. A team participating in the CSDHL must advance to the USA Hockey Regional and National Tournaments if it is successful at the preceding tournament level.

SECTION 2. The CSDHL may conduct a National Invitation Showcase Tournament in each age group. Each CSDHL team shall participate in the appropriate national invitational tournament provided that they are conducted at their respective age level.

SECTION 3. Every CSDHL team may participate in tournaments outside the League provided that participation in these tournaments do not conflict with any previously scheduled CSDHL League or Tournament game.

ARTICLE IX: PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

SECTION 1. The CSDHL may conduct preseason camps that will conclude prior to the beginning of each playing season.

SECTION 2. AHAI will conduct College Night at least once per playing season for the benefit of the CSDHL players and parents.

SECTION 3. The CSDHL may conduct player development camps, specialty clinics, off ice seminars, and training sessions for all players participating in the CSDHL during the playing season.

ARTICLE X: MEMBERS

SECTION 1. ANNUAL MEETING - The Annual Meeting of the member teams shall be held each year and if possible, prior to the USA Hockey Meeting, but in no event later than June 30th, for the purpose of electing directors and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

SECTION 2. MEMBERSHIP - The members of CSDHL shall comprise of all the amateur hockey teams, as defined in the USA Hockey Rules and Regulations, being headquartered in the Midwest Region of the United States and such other teams as may be designated to be under the jurisdiction of USA Hockey as the sanctioned Affiliate of USA Hockey and duly registered with AHAI.

SECTION 3. SPECIAL MEETINGS - Special meetings of the member teams may be called by the President, or a majority of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 4. PLACE OF MEETING - The President or Board of Directors may designate any place within the State of Illinois as the place of meeting for any Annual Meeting or for any Special Meeting.

SECTION 5. NOTICE OF MEETINGS - Written, E-mail, or printed notice stating the place, day and hour of the meeting, and in the case

of a special meeting, the purpose for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered not less than ten nor more than forty days before the date of the meeting to each member team entitled to vote at such meeting. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail, addressed to the member team at its address as it appears on the records of CSDHL, with postage thereon prepaid.

SECTION 6. QUORUM - Forty percent of the member teams eligible to vote shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of member teams, provided, that if less than 40 percent of the voting member teams are represented at said meeting, a majority of the member teams so represented may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice. If a quorum is present, the affirmative vote of the majority of the voting member teams represented at the meeting shall be the act of the members.

SECTION 7. VOTING RIGHTS - Each member team shall be entitled to one vote upon each matter submitted to vote at a meeting of the member teams. The member teams vote shall be cast by the representative of the member team listed on the Official CSDHL Registration Form (which representative shall be (i) associated or affiliated with the same member association as the member team or (ii) the league president or his/her designee in which the member team is properly registered team), unless another representative has been designated, in writing, by the member teams association, provided, however, such designee must be associated or affiliated with the same association as the member team. Except as set forth above, no proxy voting shall be permitted.

SECTION 8. VOTING DISPUTES - At any meeting of the member teams, any question or dispute relating to the validity or result of any vote shall be submitted to the incumbent Board of Directors for determination and the decision of the majority of the Board present, provided a quorum of the Board is present, shall be binding on all parties.

SECTION 9. VOTING - Voting on any question or in any election shall be via voice. All votes shall be a matter of public record.

SECTION 10. JURISDICTION - AHAI shall have complete jurisdiction over all amateur hockey in the State of Illinois and as such shall sanction all leagues and tournament play in the State. The Board of Directors of AHAI shall promulgate general policies under a set of Rules and Regulations to designate how corporate policies shall be followed.

The term "amateur hockey" as referred to in these By-Laws shall hereinafter be understood to mean any and all phases of the game of hockey, including but not restricted to games, tournaments and those groups and individuals who compose the membership of AHAI.

ARTICLE XI: DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. GENERAL POWERS - The business and affairs of CSHDL shall be managed by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. SPECIFIC POWERS - The Board of Directors shall determine what is in the best interest of amateur hockey through the CSDHL and have the authority to develop, implement and enforce rules, policies, procedure, incentives and penalties that advance those interests. Furthermore, the CSDHL Board of Directors shall have the authority to name, at its discretion, one or more President Emeritus or Director Emeriti in recognition of outstanding service to this Association. Emeriti shall continue to be non-voting members of this Board of Directors and eligible for all committee appointments by the President.

SECTION 3. NUMBER, TENURE AND QUALIFICATIONS - The number of Directors of CSDHL shall be 9 as elected by the voting member teams. Each Director shall hold office for three years. Three Directors shall be elected annually. The positions up for election in 2006

will be as follows: Vice President, Treasurer, and Scheduler. The positions up for election in 2007 will be as follows: President, Chairman of Rules & Ethics, and Registrar. The positions up for election in 2008 will be as follows: Secretary and Statistician. Upon completion of this voting cycle, the process will repeat itself. In the event of a vacancy by death, resignation, or removal, the President of CSDHL shall appoint a Director to fill such unexpired term.

SECTION 4. REGULAR MEETINGS - A regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held without other notice than this By-Law immediately after, and at the same place as, the Annual Meeting of the member teams. The President or a majority of the Board of Directors may provide, by resolution, the time and place, for the holding of additional regular meeting without other notice than such resolution.

SECTION 5. SPECIAL MEETINGS - Special meeting of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the president or majority of the Board of Directors. The person or persons authorized to call special meeting of the Board of Directors may fix the time and place for holding any special meeting of the Board of Directors called by them.

SECTION 6. NOTICE - Notice of any special meeting shall be given by written notice delivered personally or mailed to each director at his/her business or home address, by telegram, E-Mail, or by telephone. Any director may waive notice of any meeting. The attendance of a director at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting.

SECTION 7. QUORUM - A majority of the number of Directors fixed by these By-Laws constitutes a quorum for transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of Directors, provided, that if less than a majority of such number of directors are present at said meeting, a majority of the directors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

SECTION 8. MANNER OF ACTING - The act of the majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 9. OTHER DUTIES - The Board of Directors shall hear and rule on appeals from any of the corporation committees, and shall resolve any and all disputes within the corporation.

ARTICLE XII: OFFICERS

SECTION 1. NUMBER - The officers of CSDHL shall be a President, a Vice President (s), a Treasurer, a Secretary, a Registrar, a Scheduler, a Statistician, and Chairperson for Rules & Ethics, and such other officers as may be elected or appointed by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE - The officers of CSDHL shall be elected as indicated under Article XI, Section 3, annually by the Board of Directors at the first meeting of the Board of Directors held after each Annual Meeting of the member teams to be held in September of the current year. If the election of officers shall not be held at such meeting, such election shall be held as soon thereafter as conveniently may be possible. Vacancies may be filled or new offices filled at any meeting of the Board of Directors. Each officer shall hold office until his/her successor shall have been duly elected and shall have qualified or until his/her death or until he/she shall resign or shall have been removed in the manner hereinafter provided.

SECTION 3. REMOVAL - Any officer, director, or agent elected or appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the entire Board of Directors whenever in its best judgment, the best interests of AHAI would be served thereby.

SECTION 4. PRESIDENT - The President shall be the chief executive officer of CSHDL and shall in general supervise and control all of the business and affairs of CSHDL. He/she shall preside at all meetings of the member teams and of the Board of Directors. He/she shall serve as ex-officio member on all committees. He/she may sign, with the Secretary or any other proper officer of AHAI thereunto authorize by the Board of Directors, any bonds, contracts, or other instruments which the Board of Directors has authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Board of Directors or by these By-Laws to some other officer or agent of CSDHL, or shall be required by law to be otherwise signed or executed; and in general shall perform all duties incident to the office of the President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time. In addition, the President or his/her designee(s) shall represent CSDHL and its member teams in meeting with other hockey associations and USA Hockey.

SECTION 5. THE VICE-PRESIDENT(S) - In absence of the President or in the event of his/her inability or refusal to act, the Vice-President (or in the event there is more than one Vice-President, the Vice-Presidents in the order designated, or in the absence of any designation, then in order of their election) shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President and in general perform all the duties incident to the Office(s) of the Vice-President and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the President or the Board of Directors.

SECTION 6. THE TREASURER - If required by the Board of Director, the Treasurer shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of his/her duties in such sum and with such surety or sureties as the Board of Directors shall determine. He/she shall: (a) have charge and custody of and be responsible for funds and securities of CSDHL;

receive and give receipts for moneys due and payable to CSDHL from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such moneys in the name of CSDHL in such banks, trust companies and other insured depositories shall be selected in accordance with these By-Laws; (b) in general perform all the duties incident to the Office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the President or the Board of Directors.

SECTION 7. THE SECRETARY - The Secretary shall; (a) keep the minutes of the members' and the Board of Directors' meeting in one or more books provided for that purpose; (b) see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws or as required by law; c) be custodian of the corporate records and of the seal of CSDHL and see that the seal of the corporation is affixed to all documents, the execution of which on behalf of the corporation under its seal is duly authorized in accordance with the provisions of these By-Laws; (d) keep a register of the post-office address of each member; (e) in general perform all duties incident to the Office of the Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned him/her by the President or the Board of Directors.

SECTION 8. THE REGISTRAR - The Registrar shall be Chairperson of the Registration Committee and shall; (a) be responsible for the registration of teams, players, coaches and managers, as directed by these By-Laws and the CSDHL Rules and Regulations, (b) keep records of all registrations and memberships, c) "certify" eligible voting member teams, (d) "certify" those registered member teams eligible for State Tournaments, (e) implement procedures to coordinate registration activities with USA Hockey, (f) in general perform all duties incident to the Office of the Registrar and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned him/her by the President or the Board of Directors. Nothing in this By-Law shall relieve any member or its agent, association, team, player, parent or guardian of their responsibility to submit a roster that is true and

correct and complies with all of the CSDHL By-Laws and the Rules and Regulations.

ARTICLE XIII: COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. STANDING COMMITTEES - The President shall designate and appoint the membership to all committees necessary or appropriate to the efficient conduct of CSDHL affairs, provided, however, the Chairperson of the committees named must be members of the Board of Directors of CSDHL. (Need to identify standing committees and respective responsibilities)

SECTION 2. GENERAL COMMITTEES - The President shall designate and appoint such other committees deemed necessary or appropriate to the efficient conduct of CSDHL affairs, provided, however, the Chairperson of these committees need not be a member of the Board of Directors of CSDHL. (Need to identify general committees and respective responsibilities)

A. RULES AND ETHICS COMMITTEE - The committee shall have original jurisdiction over the distraction and enforcement of the By-Laws and Rules and Regulations of CSDHL in respect to all matters other than infractions of the By-Laws and Rules and Regulations which arise out of competitive play over which the AHAI Suspension Committee shall have original jurisdiction. In accordance with procedures established by the Board of Directors, the Rules and Ethics Committee shall have authority to suspend, place on probation, or impose other disciplinary sanctions against any person, team or organization determined to have violated the By-Laws or Rules and Regulations of CSDHL or for conduct deemed by the Committee to not be in the best interests of amateur hockey, the purpose and intent of the By-Laws or Rules and Regulations of CSDHL. Decisions of the Rules and Ethics Committee shall be final, unless a notice of appeal there from is filed as herein provided. Any person, team, or organization affected by a

decision of the Rules and Ethics Committee may appeal such decision in accordance with these By-Laws and the Rules and Regulations of CSDHL, by filling a written notice of appeal, with the President of CSDHL within ten (10) days after the date that the decision appealed from has been rendered, which appeal shall be acted upon by the Board of Directors whose decision shall be final.

ARTICLE XIV: CONTRACTS, LOANS, CHECKS AND DEPOSITS

SECTION 1. CONTRACTS - The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name and on behalf of CSDHL, and such authority may be general or confirmed to specific instances.

SECTION 2. LOANS - No loans shall be contracted on behalf of CSDHL and no evidences of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by a resolution of the Board of Directors. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

SECTION 3. CHECKS, DRAFTS, ETC - All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of CSDHL, shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents of CSDHL and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 4. DEPOSITS - All funds of CSDHL not otherwise employed shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of CSDHL in such banks, trust companies or other insured depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

SECTION 5. FINANCIAL OBLIGATION SATISFACTION - No player shall be permitted to change his/her team or association affiliation until she/he has satisfied any outstanding financial obligations to his/her "old" team or association including all Youth, High Schools, juniors, and seniors.

SECTION 6. ANNUAL AUDIT - An audit will be conducted at the conclusion of each fiscal year, and will be available for inspection upon request by member organizations.

ARTICLE XV: FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of CSDHL shall begin on the first day of June in each year and end the last day of May in each year.

ARTICLE XVI: SEAL

The Board of Directors shall provide a corporate seal which shall be in the form of a circle and shall have inscribed thereon the name of the corporation and the words "Corporate Seal, Illinois."

ARTICLE XVII: WAIVER OF NOTICE

Whenever any notice whatever is required to be given under the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation or under the provisions of the General Not-For-Profit Corporation Act of the State of Illinois, a waiver thereof in writing, signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.

ARTICLE XVIII: DISPUTES

Each controversy, questions or dispute regarding or having an impact on amateur hockey or amateur hockey players ("Dispute"), except those matters pertaining to playing rules specifically provided

elsewhere within AHAI or USA Hockey By-Laws or Rules and Regulations, shall be resolved solely through the administrative procedures established in the By-Laws or Rules & Regulations of CSDHL and/or USA Hockey (“Disputes Resolution Procedures”). As a not-for-profit organization whose vital services are provided by volunteer effort, CSDHL has established this Dispute Resolution Procedure to provide an efficient, orderly and uniform method of resolving all disputes which utilizes the special skills, expertise and background of people experienced in hockey and sports administration matters. It is the further purpose of this By-Law to provide an administrative procedure that is a full and complete substitute for any court proceedings. Each person and entity within the jurisdiction of CSDHL (including each member, player, coach, official, referee, parent, guardian, agent or other person, and each affiliate member, league, team, club, sponsor, facility or other group or organization) agrees to abide by the Dispute Resolution Procedures by virtue of their membership, affiliation or participation at any time in CSDHL or a CSDHL program, and completely forgoes any recourse to a court of law or equity regarding the matters expressly or implicitly covered by the Dispute Resolution Procedures.

A waiver of, or failure to exercise or participate in, any Dispute Resolution Procedure is not an exhaustion of remedies and shall not diminish or alter the requirements or authority of the Dispute Resolution Procedures. In connection with any Dispute, CSDHL (including any of its duly authorized committees) shall have the power to impose fines and disciplinary action (up to and including suspension) and assess costs, in accordance with those rules established by the CSDHL Board of Directors, “Costs” shall also include the time of CSDHL personnel; for these purposes, a volunteer’s time shall be measured by that individual’s customary work position.

In the event of recourse to the courts of any jurisdiction on any matter and for any reason (and without altering the prohibition against such

recourse stated above), the following principles shall prevail:

- A. The constructions, interpretations, rulings, procedures, decisions and opinions of CSDHL and/or USA Hockey (including their directors, officers and duly authorized personnel) shall be deferred to being the product of their experience and judgmental expertise in amateur hockey and in the administration thereof;
- B. If there is any rational basis for the decision of CSDHL and/or USA Hockey, such decision shall be upheld, and the only question shall be, did CSDHL and/or USA Hockey act contrary to the Constitution of the United States or the State of Illinois; the fact that another reasonable inference or interpretation could have been made will not be grounds for overruling or modifying a decision of CSDHL and/or USA Hockey;
- C. Only the evidence and theories explicitly presented to CSDHL and/or USA Hockey for consideration prior to the rendering of their decision may later be presented or considered in court;
- D. The burden of proof shall be on the party attempting to have any decision or action of CSDHL and/or USA Hockey reversed, modified or changed in any way, and said burden shall be equivalent of the highest degree of proof required in any civil proceedings; and,
- E. Each party not successful in overturning in its entirety a procedure, ruling or other decision of CSDHL and/or USA Hockey, shall pay for any fees, expenses and other costs of CSDHL and USA Hockey with respect to that matter (including, but not limited to: attorneys’ fees; court costs, court reporter, transcript, document and exhibit costs; fees and expenses of consultants, experts, investigators and witnesses, and in obtaining or producing materials or evidence; the

transportation and other per diem or incidental expenses of each of the foregoing and of all volunteers; and, the value of each court, as measured by that individual's customary work position).

ARTICLE XIX: DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

1. The assets of CSDHL are permanently dedicated to exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provisions of future laws). CSDHL shall not be operated for pecuniary profit and shall have not capital stock and shall make no distribution of dividends to its members, directors, officers or persons having a private interest in the activities of the corporation.

In the event CSDHL is dissolved, the Board of Directors shall pay, satisfy and discharge all liabilities and obligations of CSDHL or make adequate provisions therefore and distribute all remaining assets of CSDHL to an organization or organizations engaged in activities substantially similarly to those of CSDHL and organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at that time qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provisions of future laws).

ARTICLE XX: AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be altered, amended or repealed and new By-Laws may be adopted at any meeting of CSDHL by two-thirds vote of the voting member teams represented at the meeting, provided each

proposed amendment must first be submitted to the President, who, with the rest of the Board of Directors shall, before presentation for consideration by the membership, decide whether or not to recommend its adoption at the next annual or special meeting. No amendment shall be eligible for presentation at a meeting unless it shall have been submitted by a Member Association to the President at least 30 days prior to such a meeting or published by the Board of Directors at least 14 days prior to such meeting. Any amendment submitted by a Member Association in accordance with this By-Law shall be published by the Board of Directors at least fourteen (14) days prior to such a meeting.

A. USA HOCKEY PREEMINENCE - The CSDHL, comprised from Affiliates of USA Hockey, shall abide by and act in accordance with the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of USA Hockey, and decisions shall take precedence over and supersede all similar governing documents and/or decisions of the Amateur Hockey Association Illinois, Inc. Further, the Amateur Hockey Association Illinois, Inc. shall assist USA Hockey in the administration and enforcement of the provisions of the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, and decisions of the Board of Directors of USA Hockey, within and upon its members and/or within its jurisdiction.

B. INDEMNITY - The CSDHL is comprised from Affiliates of USA Hockey, and shall indemnify and hold harmless USA Hockey, the Board of Directors of USA Hockey and each member thereof, the Executive Committee of USA Hockey, and each member thereof, committees of USA Hockey and members thereof, and all other elected, appointed, or employed representatives of USA Hockey from any and all liability, judgments, costs, chargers and expenses whatsoever, which USA Hockey or its representatives sustains or incurs in or about any actions, suit or proceeding which is brought, commenced or prosecuted against USA Hockey, or its representatives, for and in regard to any act, deed, matter, decision, or

thing whatsoever made, done or permitted to be done about or in relation to the local affairs of CSDHL except such costs, charges, or expenses as are occasioned by USA Hockey, or its representatives by and through willful neglect or default. Further, the CSDHL, understands and acknowledges that USA Hockey and its representatives, whether elected, appointed or employed, have assumed such assignment, function, office or capacity upon the express understanding, agreement and condition that USA Hockey and each of its representatives, their heirs, executors, administrators, estates, assigns and others, shall from time to time, and at all times, be indemnified and saved harmless out of the funds of the CSDHL, accumulated or to be accumulated, for the acts or conditions described above. USA Hockey shall cooperate with the Affiliate in any litigation and provide support, including but not limited to, date, research, advice, testimony, etc.

The Affiliate shall insure the obligation set forth herein, name USA Hockey as an additional insured under the terms of the liability insurance policy purchased or provided for this purpose, and provide evidence thereof to USA Hockey, if requested. Evidence satisfactory to USA Hockey of the adoption by the Affiliate of the foregoing By-Laws, or official policy of Affiliate, shall be required and shall constitute a condition of the granting of affiliation or affiliate status by USA Hockey to the Affiliate.

CSDHL PLAYING RULES

In an effort to make the CSDHL as people friendly as possible, we have intentionally not created more rules than we feel are absolutely necessary. The following list of Rules is what we intend to live by until we find it necessary to make more rules. This being the seven season of the CSDHL, we have corrected some mistakes and unintentional glitches in our rules. We hope that we can all work together as adults who have the interest of the players and the game as our only agenda.

1. All CSDHL teams will be properly registered with their respective Affiliate and with USA Hockey.
2. All CSDHL players must wear neck guards during all CSDHL games. Failure to comply will result in player's removal from game.
3. The official CSDHL playing season will begin September 24, 2011 and end according to the CSDHL League calendar.
4. The top (8) CSDHL Teams will play in the end of season CSDHL Tournament.
5. CSDHL games will take precedence over all other games, except State Tournament games.
6. Signed Team rosters and "Zero Tolerance" statements are due to the league no later than October 31st of the current playing season.
7. No new player may be added to a CSDHL roster after the roster due date with out the approval of the teams Affiliate State Registrar and the CSDHL Committee.
8. All USA/AHAI Hockey Playing Rules will apply unless a more restrictive CSDHL Rule is in effect. See "CSDHL Absolute Zero Tolerance Policy".
9. All game misconduct penalties that are assessed during a CSDHL game must be served during the next scheduled CSDHL game.
10. Any "Fighting" penalty assessed in a CSDHL game will result in an automatic (3) League game suspension for the

affected player. (The next 3 consecutive League games).
Also, see “CSDHL Absolute Zero Tolerance Policy”.

11. One (1) “time-out” will be allowed for each team in a game.
12. All League games, including League tournament games will play the following time rules:

Level	Periods	Penalties	Game Time	Referees
Squirt	13 Min.	2 min.	1hr 10 min.	2 man
PeeWee	14 min.	2 min.	1hr 20 min.	2 man
Bantam	15 min.	2 min.	1hr 30 min.	2 man
Mid. Min.	16 min.	2 min.	2hr	3 man
Mid. Maj.	17 min.	2 min.	2hr	3 or 4 man

All games will be played “Stop Time” except during the 3rd period, if there is a (5) goal differential. If there is a (5) goal differential in the 3rd period, the game will be played with a running clock (except to register penalties) until there is a less than (5) goal differential.

13. All League game referees will be scheduled through the home team’s scheduler of officials. No referee may be related as a parent or sibling to a coach or player on a competing team unless consented to in advance by the opposing team. No referee may be a coach or board member within the member organization for a participating team.
14. The “Home” team is responsible for supplying a scorekeeper, a timekeeper, and referees.

Score Sheets

1. Score sheets must be filled out completely and accurately.

2. Score sheets MUST accurately indicate which goaltender is in the net at all times.
3. Review all information on the score sheet prior to faxing to the CSDHL Statistician.
4. The “Home” team is responsible for faxing a copy of the score sheet to the CSDHL Statistician, Sean Hazelton within 24 hours of the games end. (We are trying to keep all scores and stats current. We are asking for your cooperation in this effort.)
5. The CSDHL Statistician will deal only with the team manager regarding any concerns about the score sheets or stats posted on the CSDHL website.
6. Any player/coach that receives a game misconduct penalty during the game, the score sheet must be faxed to Rules & Ethics, within the same 24 hour period.
7. Any player/coach serving their game misconduct penalty must be clearly listed on the score sheet and faxed after the game to Rules & Ethics Chair Person, within 24 hours. (We are keeping track of all penalties received and served).
8. Any game change must be faxed to the Statistician.
9. All score sheets must be signed by both coaches and referees. The score sheet must also show the name and phone # of the person sending it to the League Statistician and Rules and Ethics.

Fines

Fines are not the preferred way to assure compliance with our rules. However, the following infractions will be dealt with severely. The CSDHL Rules & Ethics Board, will determine what fine, if any, shall be imposed for the following:

1. Failure to show up for a previously scheduled game. The offending party will be assessed all costs related to the missed game including, ice, referees, etc.
2. Failure to notify the CSDHL Statistician of a game change. The offending party will be assessed all costs related to the missed game including, ice referees, etc. and sent to R&E.
3. Failure to fax a score sheet within 24 hours.
4. Failure to have a representative at the monthly CSDHL League meeting.
5. All teams must submit a certified USA Hockey roster by October 31st, of the current season, to the CSDHL registrar. Failure to submit a certified USA Hockey roster by the deadline will result in fines and or submission of the infraction to CSDHL Rules & Ethics Committee.

CSDHL ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY ABSOLUTE ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

In an effort to make ice hockey a more desirable, enjoyable and rewarding experience for all participants, The Central States Developmental Hockey League (CSDHL) has implemented an “Absolute Zero Tolerance Policy” with respect to the behavior of the players, coaches, referees and parents participating in or viewing a game. We are instructing any official who officiates a CSDHL game

to adhere to certain points of emphasis relating to sportsmanship. The CSDHL does not believe that “fighting” needs to be apart of the game. We insist that our coaches teach and enforce the “No Fighting” policies of the CSDHL and strive to instill in our players a sense of respect for all participants and the game itself.

This policy is designed to require all players, coaches, officials, team officials, administrators, spectators and parents to maintain a sportsmanlike and educational atmosphere before, during and after all USA Hockey/AHAI/CSDHL sanctioned games.

We are instructing all on-ice Referees and Linesmen to carry out the following:

For Players:

A minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct (Zero Tolerance) shall be assessed whenever a player.

1. Openly disputes or argues any decision by an official.
2. Uses obscene or vulgar language at any time, including any swearing, even if it is not directed at a particular person.
3. Visually demonstrates any sign of dissatisfaction with an official’s decision. Any time that a player persists in any of these actions, they shall be assessed a misconduct penalty. A game misconduct shall result if the player continues such action.
4. Any physical contact using the body or the stick after the whistle has blown.

Any “fighting” penalty in a CSDHL league game will result in an “automatic” (3) league game suspension to be served in the next three consecutive league games. A second or third “fighting” penalty will result in the player being referred to the CSDHL Rules & Ethics Committee for possible season suspension.

For Coaches:

It is the CSDHL’s belief that a coach’s behavior determines how his players and parents will behave. Therefore, a minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct (Zero tolerance) shall be assessed whenever a coach:

1. Openly disputes or argues any decision by an official.
2. Uses obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time at the rink before, during or after the competition.
3. Usually demonstrates any sign of dissatisfaction with an official’s decision including standing on the boards or standing in the bench doorway with the intent of inciting the officials, players or spectators. Any time that a coach persists in any of these actions, they shall be assessed a game misconduct penalty.

If any player or players on a CSDHL team receives more than two (2) fighting penalties during the season, the matter will be reviewed by Rules & Ethics for a possible additional suspension to the player.

Any coach that receives three or more game misconduct penalties will be referred to the CSDHL Rules Committee for review and possible suspension.

For Officials on ice:

Officials are required to conduct themselves in a businesslike, sportsmanlike, impartial and constructive manner at all times. The actions of an on-ice and off-ice official must be above reproach. Actions such as “baiting” or inciting players or coaches are strictly prohibited.

On-ice officials are ambassadors of the game and must always conduct themselves with this responsibility in mind. Any official, who cannot or does not wish to enforce the CSDHL Absolute Zero Tolerance Policy, will not be scheduled for future CSDHL games.

For Off Ice Officials:

The home team score/clock and penalty box is to be monitored by a parent of that team. No player, parent, sibling of the home team are aloud to be in the visitor penalty box.

For Parents/ Spectators:

The game will be stopped by the on-ice officials when the parents/spectators displaying inappropriate and disruptive behavior interfere with other spectators or the conduct of the game. The on-ice officials will identify violators to the coaches for the purpose of removing parents/spectators from the spectators viewing and game area. Once removed, play will resume. Lost time will not be replaced and violators may be subject to further disciplinary action by the CSDHL Rules & Ethics Committee or AHAI. This inappropriate and disruptive behavior shall include:

Use of obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time at the rink before, during or after a game.

Taunting of players, coaches, officials or other spectators by means of

baiting, ridiculing, threat of physical violence or actual physical violence.

Throwing of any object in the spectators viewing area, player's bench, penalty box or on the ice surface, directed in any manner as to create a safety hazard.

Any parent/spectator who must be removed from the rink a second time will not be allowed to attend a CSDHL game for a period of two weeks from the date of the second removal. Any parent/spectator who must be removed from the rink a third time will be referred to the CSDHL Rules Committee for review and possible suspension. Failure to comply with the above sanctions will result in the parent/spectator's team player not being allowed to participate while that parent/spectator is in the building.

Any decision of the CSDHL Rules Committee may be appealed in writing to the CSDHL Board. The appeal must be accompanied by a \$125.00 appeal fee. Decisions of the CSDHL Board shall be final.

CSDHL TOURNAMENT RULES AND INFORMATION

A. SCORING

In Round Robin play, two (2) points shall be earned for a win, one (1) point for a tie, and zero (0) points for a loss. The greatest number of points earned shall determine the position of finish in each Round Robin bracket. If two (2) or more teams have an equal number of points, the position of finish shall be determined as follows:

1. **HEAD TO HEAD (TWO TEAMS ONLY):** If two (2) teams are tied within a Round Robin bracket, the team that acquires the greater number of points in the game between the two tied teams shall finish higher in position. **NOTE:** If three (3) or more teams are tied in points within a bracket, this Head to Head Tie Breaker shall not apply, and Goal Differential shall

be the first Tie Breaker.

2. **GOAL DIFFERENTIAL IN GAMES INVOLVING THE TIED TEAMS ONLY:** Subtracting goals scored against from goals scored in the games between or among the tied teams. The order of finish shall be in the order of the greatest surplus.
3. **GOAL DIVISION IN GAMES INVOLVING THE TIED TEAMS ONLY:** Dividing the goals scored by the goals against in the games between or among the tied teams. The order of finish shall be in the order of the greatest quotient.
4. **GOAL DIFFERENTIAL IN ALL ROUND ROBIN GAMES:** Subtracting goals scored against from goals scored in all games played by each team in the Round Robin. The order of finish shall be in the order of the greatest surplus.
5. **GOAL DIVISION IN ALL ROUND ROBIN GAMES:** Dividing the goals scored by the goals against in all games played by each team in the Round Robin. The order of finish shall be in the order of the greatest quotient.
6. **CSDHL REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS:** If a tie still exists after applying the above tie breakers to any tie situation, the final CSDHL regular season standing shall determine the order of finish between the tied teams.
7. Any game declared a forfeit shall have the score of 1-0 recorded as the official score for that game unless the Executive Committee, in its sole discretion, determines that the forfeit was deliberate and, in that case, the Executive Committee shall determine the score to be awarded.

The CSHDL Executive Committee shall apply the above rules in

determining the order of finish during Tournament play. In all situations, the CSDHL Executive Committee shall determine what is in the best interest of the Tournament, and its decisions shall be final.

B. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY 75%/25% - A player is eligible for playoffs by playing 75% of league games. A player being suspended or on a non hockey injury will not count towards their eligibility.

C. PLAYING TIMES AND TIME OUT RULES

All League games, including League tournament games will play by the following time rules:

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PeeWee				
Major	14 min.	2 min.	1 hr 20 min.	2 man
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Major	15 min.	2 min.	1 hr 30 min.	2 man
Bantam				
Minor	15 min.	2 min.	1 hr 30 min.	2 man
Midget				
Minor	16 min.	2 min.	2hr	3 man
Midget				
Major	17 min.	2 min.	2hr	4 man

All games will be played “Stop Time” except during the 3rd period, if there is a (5) goal differential. If there is a (5) goal differential in the 3rd period, the game will be played with a running clock (except to register penalties) until there is a less than (5) goal differential.

One (1) “time-out” of one-minute duration will be allowed for each team in each game. Each overtime period shall be the same length of time as a regular period. The teams shall not change ends between overtime periods.

In the event a player or coach receives a penalty that requires the serving of a suspension, the suspension shall be served in the Tournament games.

JERSEYS: The home team shall be the team that finished higher in the regular CSDHL season standings. The home team shall choose which color jersey to wear. The away team then shall wear a contrasting color that must meet the approval of the game’s referee.

In all other cases involving a dispute not covered by these rules or the CSDHL Rules, the Rules and Regulations of the local USA Hockey Affiliate where the tournament is taking place (I.e., AHAI or Missouri Hockey, Inc.) shall control.

RULES TO DETERMINE REGULAR SEASON ORDER OF FINISH:

1. All league games shall be played. There shall be no forfeits agreed upon by any teams. In the event a game is not played by the end of the season, the CSDHL Rules and Ethics Committee will determine the reason for the game not being played and shall assess fines and other sanctions as may be appropriate. In addition, one or more points may be awarded or deducted by the CSDHL

Executive Committee from the point totals for one or both teams that failed to play the league game.

2. If all games are played in a division, standings shall be determined based upon points earned during league play. If a tie in position standings exists, the following shall be used to break the tie in the following order:
 - A. Points earned in the games played head to head between the tied teams.
 - B. Highest number of wins between tied teams.
 - C. Goal differential in games played between the tied teams.
 - E. Goal differential in all CSDHL league games.
 - F. Coin toss
3. In any division in which all games have not been played, the CSDHL Executive Committee shall make a final determination of the order of finish.

In determining the final order of finish in cases where all games have not been played, the CSDHL Executive Committee shall consider what is fair and in the best interests of the league, and may consider any and all reasonable factors including, but not limited to, the following:

- A. Average points per game earned in all league games.
- B. Average points per game earned Head to Head between teams.

C. The relative strengths of the teams whose placement is in question.

D. The reasons for the game or games not being played.

Decisions of the CSDHL Executive Committee are final.

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