De Pere Youth Hockey, Inc. By-laws

Article I Name

The name of the organization shall be the De Pere Youth Hockey, Inc. (“DPYH”)

Article II Purpose

The purpose of the DPYH is to develop the skills, sportsmanship, and leadership that are commensurate with the game of hockey as well as to develop the highest possible caliber youth hockey player.

Article III Membership

Section I - Eligibility

Any person may become a member if they are interested in the purpose of the organization and are willing to take an active part in such activities, and if they reside within the boundaries of the De Pere, West De Pere or Denmark school districts

Section II – Dues

The dues of this organization shall be $1.00 (one dollar) per year for a family membership. The dues can be considered a part of a registration fee or may be assessed separately at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Dues shall be payable on or before the date of the Annual Meeting of the members (the “Annual Meeting”).

Section III - Voting Members

Every adult person who has satisfied the requirements of the membership shall be considered a voting member of DPYH, and shall be entitled to attend and exercise their vote at the Annual Meeting. An absentee ballot is available to a voting member upon his/her request, providing the member meets the requirements of the absentee ballot as set forth by the Board of Directors. The Annual Meeting, with limited exceptions, shall convene no later than the third Tuesday in April.

Section IV - Nominations

Nominations for all positions of the Board of Directors will be accepted beginning at the regularly scheduled board meeting in the month prior to the annual meeting. Nominations cut off for all positions of the Board of Directors will be during the annual meeting. Voting will take place at the annual meeting, with voting privileges to those members as outlined in Article III. Members will be informed of the elected position results within one week following the annual meeting by an appropriate public posting, as determined by the Board of Directors. Only one person per family/household may hold a seat on the Board of Directors, whether elected or appointed.

Section V - Conduct

Members are expected to do what is best for DPYH. Members will conduct themselves in accordance with the core values and behavior codes as set out in the Policy and Procedures Handbook as may be amended from time to time. Members who violate these codes via illegal, dishonest and/or malicious acts or members who demonstrate a pattern of behavior that is detrimental to the overall well being of DPYH may be disciplined by the Board of Directors, up to and including expulsion from DPYH. Grievance, investigation and disciplinary procedures are outlined in the Policy and Procedures Handbook as may be amended from time to time.

Article IV Board of Directors
Section I

The Board of Directors shall consist of both voting members and non-voting members at large. There shall be exactly twelve (12) voting members, comprised of four (4) Executive Committee members and eight (8) Board members. All remaining Directors shall serve as members at large and are not voting members. Each Director shall hold office as specified and until his/her successor has been elected, or until his/her death, prior resignation, or removal. Directors must be members of DePere Youth Hockey.

Meetings of the Board

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held without other notice than this by-law on every first Tuesday of every month. The place of the meeting shall be the same place as the meeting of the members, or at such other place as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine. Meetings may be conducted entirely in person, entirely virtually (via telephone or video conference), or in a hybrid format. Directors may attend any regular or special meeting either in person or virtually. The Board of Directors may, by resolution, provide for the holding of additional regular meetings without notice other than such resolution. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by, or at the request of, the President or any two Directors. Each Director shall be entitled to not less than eight (8) hours notice of any special meeting.

Quorum and Voting

A majority of the voting members of the Board of Directors, whether present in person or attending virtually, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business at any meeting of the Board of Directors. Only the four (4) Executive Committee members and eight (8) Board members shall be considered voting members; members at large do not have voting rights. Provided, however, the President may vote only in a tie-breaking situation.

The business of the Board of Directors shall be conducted by a majority vote of the voting members present. Voting members attending virtually are fully eligible to cast their votes, and their votes shall be counted exactly as if they were present in person.

Chairperson

The President, and in his/her absence the Vice-President, or in both absences, any Director chosen by the Board of Directors, shall call meetings of the Board of Directors to order and act as chairperson of the meeting.

Section II

Executive Committee (4 Voting Members)

The principal officers of DPYH shall make up the Executive Committee and shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Each shall be a voting member of the Board of Directors. No two offices may be held by the same person.

Even-Numbered Years: The President and the Secretary shall be elected for two-year terms at the Annual Meeting.

Odd-Numbered Years: The Vice-President and the Treasurer shall be elected for two-year terms at the Annual Meeting.

Board Members (8 Voting Members)
Eight (8) other Directors shall serve as voting Board Members.

Elected Board Members (2): Two of the voting Board Members shall be elected for two-year terms at the Annual Meeting. One shall be the Tournament Director (elected in even-numbered years) and the other shall be the Equipment Manager (elected in odd-numbered years).

Appointed Board Members (6): The remaining six (6) voting Board Members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at the first regular meeting following each Annual Meeting. These positions shall include: Registrar, Scheduler, Communications Coordinator, Recruitment Coordinator, Volunteer Coordinator, & Fundraising Coordinator.

Members-at-Large and Ex-Officio (Non-Voting)
Any remaining appointed roles—including but not limited to the ACE Coordinator, Assistant Treasurer, Culture Education Liaison, Varsity Head Coach, Hockey Officials Coordinator, Safety Officer, Raise Right Coordinator, Sponsorship Coordinator, Rink Maintenance Liaison—shall be designated as Members-at-Large. Members-at-Large are appointed by the Board of Directors at the first regular meeting following the Annual Meeting and do not possess voting rights. The current WIAA Varsity Head Coach of the De Pere Voyageur High School team shall be a non-voting ex-officio member of the Board.

Coach Limits, Terms, and Vacancies
The number of DPYH coaches (head and assistants) holding voting positions on the Board of Directors at any one time shall not exceed four (4) of the twelve (12) voting members unless the Board votes otherwise.

Officers and Directors shall assume office at the first board meeting in May. Each shall hold office until his/her death, prior resignation, or removal. Any Director may be removed from the Board of Directors by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the voting members of the Board of Directors whenever, in their judgment, the best interest of DPYH shall be served thereby. Vacancies on the Board of Directors, because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise, shall be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of his/her term, or until the next Annual Meeting.

Contracts, Checks, and Deposits
The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents, to enter into any contract or execute or deliver any instrument in the name of, or on behalf of DPYH and such authorization may be general or confined to specific instances.

No indebtedness for borrowed money shall be contracted on behalf of DPYH, and no evidence of such indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by, or under the authority of, a resolution by the Board of Directors. All checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of DPYH shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents of DPYH, and in such a manner as shall from time to time be determined by or under the authority of a resolution of the Board of Directors. All funds otherwise employed shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of DPYH in such banks or other depositories as may be selected by or under the authority of a resolution by the Board of Directors.

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