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**WISCONSIN WILD HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**ARTICLE I: Name**

The name of this corporation shall be *Wisconsin Wild Hockey Association, Inc.* The term "Wisconsin Wild" when used herein shall be defined to mean the Wisconsin Wild Hockey Association, Inc.

**ARTICLE II: Offices**

The registered and principal office of the Wisconsin Wild Hockey Association, Inc. shall be located in the State of Wisconsin. The registered office may be changed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE III: Purpose**

The purpose or purposes for which the Wisconsin Wild Hockey Association, Inc. is organized and operated shall be exclusively for charitable and educational purposes and to foster national and/or international amateur sports competition as described in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or the corresponding provisions of any subsequent Internal Revenue Code and more specifically:

1. The Wisconsin Wild Hockey Association, Inc. shall be organized and operated primarily to foster the development of girls' amateur ice hockey in Southeastern Wisconsin and to support and develop amateur athletes for national and international competition in the sport of amateur ice hockey
2. To instruct, educate, and train females in the sport of amateur ice hockey and to improve or develop their capabilities in said sport by conducting clinics, workshops, lessons and / or seminars at the Ponds of Brookfield Ice Arena and elsewhere.
3. To associate with other amateur ice hockey associations on a state, regional, national and international level for the purpose of amateur ice hockey league and association competition.
4. To develop and encourage sportsmanship between and amongst those females who become associated with or involved with the Wisconsin Wild Hockey Association, Inc. for the betterment of their physical and social well being.

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**ARTICLE IV: Membership**

*Section 1. Member Selection:* Hockey tryouts will be conducted annually to select the team members for each team. The number of teams selected will depend on the number of interested female players and availability of sufficient ice time at local ice arenas.

*Section 2. Member Definition:* Membership shall commence upon execution of the signed skater's contract. Each skater's family consists of one membership in Wisconsin Wild Hockey Association, Inc. For families of multiple skaters, the number of memberships is commensurate with the number of skaters.

*Section 3. Member Resignation:* A family may resign from membership, but such resignation does not relieve them of their financial obligation to the Wisconsin Wild Hockey Association, Inc. A family that voluntarily resigns during the season or is removed from membership may be readmitted to membership upon the occurrence of all of the following in the order presented: first, payment of all outstanding fees to the Wisconsin Wild Hockey Association, Inc.; second, application by a Board member supporting the readmission (the application for readmission cannot be considered until the Treasurer certifies all outstanding fees are paid); and third, a vote in favor of the application by 75% or more of the Board. A family/player may be removed from the organization for cause (as defined in this article IV, section 5), including but not limited to the non-payment when due of ice fees. A membership family that has not paid its ice fees and has not returned their game jerseys in good repair by the time of tryouts is not eligible to participate in tryouts for the next season.

*Section 4. Transference and Assignability of Membership:* Membership in the Wisconsin Wild Hockey Association, Inc. is not transferable or assignable.

*Section 5. Cause:* A player may be removed for Cause at any time during the season by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Cause is defined as unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of a player or other family member including but not limited to inappropriate or illegal behavior or any other violation of the USA Hockey Zero Tolerance Policy in effect at the time. The decision of the Board of Directors is final.

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#### **ARTICLE V: Board of Directors**

*Section 1: General Powers:* Subject to the limitations of the Articles of Incorporation of the Wisconsin Wild Hockey Association, Inc., these by-laws and the laws of the State of Wisconsin, the affairs of the Wisconsin Wild Hockey Association, Inc. shall be managed by the Board of Directors.

*Section 2: Number, Tenure and Qualifications:* The number of elected Directors of the Wisconsin Wild Hockey Association, Inc. shall be seven (7). Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting to serve a two (2) year term, may serve a consecutive two year term, (with the exception of the Treasurer who may not serve more than three consecutive years.) and cannot be re-elected to the Board for a period of one year after said second consecutive has expired. Terms of duty on the Board will be staggered so that three (3) directors will be elected in even numbered years and four (4) directors will be elected in odd number years, thereby giving continuity to the Wisconsin Wild Hockey Association, Inc. program. Elections for President, Vice President – On Ice, and Director of Public Relations and Fundraising will be held in even numbered years. Elections for Vice President Off-Ice, Secretary/Treasurer, Junior Wild and Equipment Director / Scheduler will be held on odd numbered years. Directors of Wisconsin Wild Hockey Association, Inc. are expected to also serve in an officer role as defined in these by-laws. Directors need not be members of the organization. The board may modify Number and Tenure policies based on availability of members wishing to serve on the Board.

*Section 3: Regular Meetings:* The Board of Directors will meet monthly at the time and place announced on the Wisconsin Wild Hockey Association website or may be held without notice at such time and place as shall, from time to time, be determined by the Board of Directors. Four (4) directors will constitute a quorum.

*Section 4: Special Meetings:* Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by, or at the request of the President, or any four (4) members of the Board of Directors. Four (4) Directors will constitute a quorum. Notice of any special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given not less than three (3) days before such a meeting.

*Section 5: Annual Meeting:* An Annual Meeting of the membership will be held in April. Announcement will be made on the Wisconsin Wild Hockey Association website.

*Section 5: Resignation:* A Director may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Secretary of the Wisconsin Wild Hockey Association, Inc., who shall advise the Board of Directors of such resignation. Such resignations shall take effect at the time specified therein or, if no time is specified, then upon receipt of the resignation by the Secretary of the Corporation, and unless otherwise specified therein, acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

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**ARTICLE V: Board of Directors - Continued**

*Section 6: Removal:* Any individual Director may be removed from office for any reason provided in the Articles of Incorporation or By-Laws pursuant to a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

*Section 7: Vacancy:* A vacancy in an Officer/Director position, occurring for any reason, including an increase in the authorized number of Officer/Directors, may be filled by a majority vote of the Directors then in office, even though less than a quorum. Each Officer/Director so elected shall hold office for the unexpired portion of the term such Officer/Director's successor is elected and qualified, or until such Director's death, resignation or removal.

**ARTICLE VI – Election of Directors**

Election of Directors shall be held at the annual meeting by those present and in good standing.

Nominations will be solicited via Wisconsin Wild website in December - January. The Board will present the slate prior to the annual meeting.

Directors will take office immediately.

**ARTICLE VII – Directors**

*Section 1: Officers:* The Officers of the Wisconsin Wild Hockey Association, Inc. shall be as follows: President, Past President, Vice President – Off Ice, Vice President – On Ice, and Secretary/Treasurer. All officers are Directors of the Wisconsin Wild Hockey Association, Inc.

*Section 2: President:* The President shall be the principal Executive Officer of the Board of Directors and shall in general supervise and control all business and affairs of the Board. The President shall preside at all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors. The President may sign, with the Secretary/Treasurer and any other proper Officer of the Wisconsin Wild Hockey Association, Inc. any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments, which the Board of Directors has authorized to be executed. In general, the President shall perform all duties incident to the Office of President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time. The President may cast a vote at board meetings only in the instance of a tie and shall be limited to serving a maximum of a two-year term as President. The president (or president's designee) shall represent the Wisconsin Wild at the WAHA annual meeting and WAHA regional meetings.

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*Section 3: Vice President – Off Ice:* In the absence of the President or in the event of the President's inability or refusal to act, the Vice President – Off Ice shall perform the duties of the President and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all restrictions upon the President and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all restrictions upon the President. The Vice President – Off Ice shall have responsibility for preparation of the Profile Book, the monthly newsletter, and marketing brochures. Additionally, the Vice President Off – Ice will be responsible for maintaining our mailing lists, fall registration, and manager training. The Vice President – Off Ice shall also perform duties as from time to time may be assigned by the President or by the Board of Directors.

*Section 4: Vice President – On Ice* In the absence of both the President and Vice President – Off Ice or in the event of their inability or refusal to act, the Vice President – On Ice shall perform the duties of the President and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all restrictions upon the President. The Vice President – On Ice shall have the following responsibilities: selecting coaches for Wisconsin Wild Hockey Association, Inc. teams, hiring guest instructors, developing a curriculum for each age level, developing off-ice training programs, scheduling ice times for all practices and games, and developing and monitoring the Learn to Skate/Learn to Play Hockey program offered by the Wisconsin Wild Hockey Association, Inc. The Vice President – On Ice shall also perform duties as from time to time may be assigned by the President or by the Board of Directors.

*Section 5: Secretary/Treasurer* The functions of Secretary and Treasurer shall be combined into one position. The Secretary of the Wisconsin Wild Hockey Association, Inc. shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors; see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these By-Laws or as required by law; be custodian of the Corporate records; keep a register of the post office and email addresses of each member which shall be furnished to the Secretary by such members; and in general perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary. The Secretary will also serve as the Registrar and Parliamentarian of the Wisconsin Wild Hockey Association, Inc. The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of Wisconsin Wild Hockey Association, Inc.; receive and give receipts for monies due and payable to Wisconsin Wild Hockey Association, Inc. from any source whatsoever and deposit all such monies in the name of the Wisconsin Wild Hockey Association, Inc. in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as shall be selected in accordance with the By-laws; provide monthly financial reporting to the Board of Directors; prepare annual reports and required tax filings; and in general perform all the duties incident to the office of the Treasurer. The Secretary/Treasurer will perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to the Secretary/Treasurer by the President or the Board of Directors.

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*Section 6: Ice Scheduler / Equipment Director:* Equipment Director responsibilities include ordering and maintaining Wisconsin Wild Hockey Association, Inc. equipment that is issued to teams and players. This includes, but is not limited to, such items as jerseys, pucks, water bottles, medical kits, and training equipment. The Equipment Director is also responsible for assuring that a catalogue of sportswear items is available for purchase by players and their families. Ice Scheduler responsibilities include developing the Master Ice schedule in conjunction with the VP on Ice, the Treasurer & the President to assure adequate ice time is provided to all teams for the purpose of practice & games within the constraints of the association budget.

*Section 7: Public Relations / Fund Raising Director* The Public Relations Director shall be responsible for promoting the Wisconsin Wild Hockey Association, Inc. program locally to help foster development of the program & the sport of Girls Hockey in the area. Promotion activities shall include; coordinating with the Director of Jr. Wild, working with local schools, working with other youth hockey programs; interfacing with local newspapers & national Hockey publications; and working to make sure female hockey players & their families are aware of the Wisconsin Wild program. The Fund raising Director shall be responsible for developing fundraising opportunities designed to be available to all families in good standing and for developing and running a corporate sponsorship program designed to reduce the overall cost to Wild families.

*Section 8: Director of Junior Wild* The Director of Junior Wild shall be responsible for organizing all aspects of the Junior Wild player development program. Responsibilities include promoting the program thru local elementary schools; securing coaches, registration, and equipment management.

**ARTICLE VIII – Contracts, Bank Accounts, Checks and Drafts, Loans and Securities**

*Section 1: Contracts:* The Board of Directors may authorize any Officer or Officers, Agent or Agents of the Wisconsin Wild Hockey Association, Inc., in addition to the Officers so authorized by these By-Laws, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Wisconsin Wild Hockey Association, Inc. and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

*Section 2: Bank Accounts:* The Board of Directors from time to time may authorize the opening and keeping of general and /or special bank accounts with such banks, trust companies or other depositories as may be selected by the Board or by any officer or officers, agent or agents of the Corporation to whom such power may be delegated from time to time by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may make such rules and regulations with respect to said bank accounts, not in consistent with the provisions of these By-Laws as the Board may deem expedient.

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#### **ARTICLE VIII – Contracts, Bank Accounts, Checks and Drafts, Loans and Securities - Continued**

*Section 3: Checks and Drafts:* All checks, drafts or orders for the payment of money, notes or other such evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Wisconsin Wild Hockey Association, Inc., shall be signed by such Officer or Officers, Agent or Agents of the Wisconsin Wild Hockey Association, Inc. and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors. In absence of such determination by the Board of Directors, the Treasurer shall sign such instruments.

*Section 4: Loans:* No loans shall be contracted on behalf of the Wisconsin Wild Hockey Association, Inc. and no evidence of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by or under the authority of a resolution of the Board of Directors. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

*Section 5: Sale of Securities:* The Board of Directors may authorize and empower any officer or officers to sell, assign, pledge or hypothecate any and all shares of stock, bonds or securities, or interest on stocks bonds or securities, owned or held by the Wisconsin Wild Hockey Association, Inc. at any time, including without limitation because of enumeration, deposit certificates for stock and warrants or rights which entitle the holder thereof to subscribe for shares of stock, and to make and execute to the purchaser or purchases, pledge or pledgees, on behalf and in the name of the Wisconsin Wild Hockey Association, Inc., any assignment of bonds or stock certificates representing shares of stock owned by the Wisconsin Wild Hockey Association, Inc. , and any deposit certificates for stock, and any certificates representing any rights to subscribe for shares of stock. However, the Wisconsin Wild Hockey Association, Inc. shall not offer or sell any of its securities in violation of any State or Federal securities law registration or other requirement.

#### **ARTICLE IX: Inspection of Books**

The Directors shall determine from time to time whether, and if allowed, when, and under what conditions and regulations the accounts and books of the Wisconsin Wild Hockey Association, Inc. (except such as may be by statute specifically open to inspection) or any of them shall be open to the inspection of the members, and the members' rights in this respect are and shall be restricted and limited accordingly.

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**ARTICLE X – Termination**

The Wisconsin Wild Hockey Association, Inc. may be dissolved upon the adoption of a plan to dissolve in the manner now or hereafter provided in the Wisconsin Statutes. In the event of dissolution of the Corporation, no liquidating or other dividends and no distribution of property owned by the Wisconsin Wild Hockey Association, Inc. shall be declared or paid to any private individual, but the net assets of the Wisconsin Wild Hockey Association, Inc. shall be distributed as follows:

- (1) All liabilities and obligations of the Wisconsin Wild Hockey Association, Inc. shall be paid, satisfied and discharged, or adequate provision shall be made therefor;
- (2) Remaining assets shall be distributed to one or more organizations described in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as determined in the plan to dissolve adopted in the manner set forth above in this Article X.

**ARTICLE XI – Amendments**

These Articles may be amended in the manner now or hereafter provided in the Wisconsin Statutes.

**ARTICLE XII – Governing Law**

Operation of the by-laws shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Wisconsin.