

Barrington Broncos Hockey Club, Inc.

Effective February 1, 2010

By-Laws

Article 1/Name

The organization shall be known as **Barrington Broncos Hockey Club, Inc.** (hereafter called the **Club**).

Article 2/Purpose

Section 1:

The purpose of this organization is to provide Barrington High School Varsity and JV age eligible youth an organized environment in which they can continue to develop hockey skills, team hockey skills, good sportsmanship, and leadership skills.

Section 2

The age of players will be High School, Freshmen through Senior Barrington High School students within eight consecutive semesters, as designated by USA Hockey. The team will be registered as a USA High School Hockey Team. The Club will have an appropriate number of teams to accommodate the number and ability of players and resources that are available, to be determined by the Board of Directors (hereafter called the **Board**).

Section 3:

The Club will primarily compete against teams with similar abilities. Those teams will be High School teams and possibly some Midget/Bantam teams if the coaches believe the skill level is high enough to compete at any particular level.

Section 4:

The Club (teams) will participate within the Metro Central League which is a division of the Chicago Metropolitan High School Hockey League and the High School Invitational Tournament (HIT) which is a season long tournament sanctioned through AHAI and consists of the top High School programs in the state. Additional options (other high school leagues) may be pursued if more than one team is formed at either level (junior varsity and/or varsity). All teams, as a Club, will be registered with USA Hockey through the AHIA organization.

Article 3/Membership

Section 1:

Membership in the Club shall be restricted to the players, and then assigned from the players to their parents, guardians and custodians.

Section 2:

The head coaches and all the assistant coaches, along with the BHS faculty advisor shall also have membership in the Club.

Section 3:

No Double Rostering. During the Regular Season which is defined as the period beginning with the Club's USA Hockey Roster signing following Fall/Winter Team Selection Camp through and including the last day of the Blackhawk Cup, no Club player may play for any other club or organization or be rostered on any USA Hockey Roster other than the roster(s) of the Club.

Article 4/Board of Directors

Section 1:

The Board shall be composed of up to nine (9) voting members – the Head Coach of each team may be invited by the President by special invitation to any Board Meeting. The Board will always consist of an odd number of persons to permit the President to break tie votes.

Section 2:

Each Board Member shall remain on the Board through December 31st of his (or her) child's senior year or until their earlier resignation. If the Board Member's child quits or gets removed from the team, that Board Member shall be immediately considered as resigned from the Board.

Section 3:

Future members of the Board shall be selected by the existing Board Members themselves.

Section 4:

Candidates for the Board can be self or Board nominated. Voting on candidates may be by secret ballot or open voting, based on Board preference for any item requiring a vote.

Section 5:

The affairs, operations, and the day-to-day management of the Club's activities shall be vested in the Board.

Section 6:

A simple majority of the Board must be present at each meeting to constitute a quorum and conduct official business and a simple majority vote of each present Board Member will constitute approval of any item under vote.

Section 7:

Any member of the Board may be removed only with cause, by a majority vote at an official Board meeting.

Section 8:

- A. Any vacancy to be created by a player reaching December 31st in their senior year pursuant to Article 4 Section 2 above shall be deemed a Graduating Player Vacancy (hereafter "GPV"). The Board shall issue by no later than September 15th in any year an email notification to the Club member's of how many GPV's will be created that year. The Board will request all Member's interested in any of the GPV's to submit an indication of interest to the Board President with any supporting material the candidate would like to include. The remaining Board Member's whose terms are not subject to the GPV provisions in that year shall select the new Board Members pursuant to this Article at the regularly scheduled October Board meeting. All Board member's selected at the October Board meeting to fill the GPV's shall be deemed Board Members In Waiting and be expected to attend all meetings in a non-voting capacity until their term as a voting Board Member begins which shall be on January 1st following the October meeting. The term of all Board Members subject to the GPV provisions shall be considered terminated at 11:59pm on December 31st.
- B. Any other vacancy on the Board shall be filled promptly and vacancies will always be voted on by the rest of the Board members. The replacement Board Member would serve out the balance of the term as outlined in Article 4, Section 2 above.

Article 5/Board Members

Section 1:

The members of the Board shall at least consist of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary, and other positional duties as designated by the Board. The Board is a working Board with all members assigned duties/jobs to fulfill, throughout the entire hockey season such as, but not limited to fundraising, events, alumni and community relations and U.S.A. Hockey Registrar.

Article 6/Powers and Duties of Board Members

Section 1:

The Board shall be the governing body of the Club with responsibility to develop sources of income necessary to self-support its operation. The Board reviews and approves annual budgets, approves the Hockey Director's selection of coaches and other staff, sets participation fees, establishes code of conduct for players and parents/guardians in line with those established by I.H.S.A, Barrington High School, Metro Central Hockey League and A.H.A.I. rules, guidelines, policies and practices to carry out the stated purpose of the Club.

Section 2:

President. The President shall preside at all Board meetings, discharge all duties as the presiding officer of such body, and perform such duties as the Board and the Metro Northwest League (or subsequent league) may prescribe. The President shall prepare the agenda for all Board meetings. Any Board member may propose agenda items for the Board meetings.

Section 3:

Treasurer. The Treasurer shall maintain accurate and complete written records of account, showing the financial condition of the club. The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of the funds of the Club, deposit or cause to be deposited funds received for the benefit of the Club. Disbursement of funds, other than approved budgeted disbursements, shall be done only with the prior approval of the Board. The Treasurer shall also furnish, at Board meetings, a written statement of the financial condition of the Club, and in general perform all duties pertaining to the office of Treasurer or such duties as shall be delegated by the Board.

Section 4:

Vice President. The Vice President shall conduct all meetings and regular business as outlined in the Presidents duties should the President not be able to fulfill his/her regular obligations.

Section 5:

Secretary. The Secretary shall take minutes of all regular or special meetings of the Board, reduce the minutes to writing, disburse them back to the Board Members promptly, and preserve them in record for a Board designated period of time. Copies of the present minutes shall be made available to the Membership and to the Board.

Section 6:

Other Board Members. Those other Board Members will be responsible for performing any additional duties as delegated by the Board.

Article 7/Hockey Director

The Board will select/hire a Hockey Director for the Club. The length of the term of the Hockey Director will be determined by the Board. The Hockey Director's duties will fall under the on-ice operations of both teams including player selection, scheduling, coach selection and problem resolution for the varsity and junior

varsity teams. Regarding coaches selection, the Hockey Director will get final approval from the Board for any coaching appointments.

Article 8/Fiscal Year

The fiscal year shall begin with the Spring season in March/April of each calendar year.

Article 9/Meetings

Section 1:

Meetings will be normally held the second Monday of each month. Also, additional meetings shall be called by the President when deemed necessary. Special meetings may be called upon the request of two (2) Board Members. All meetings are open to the membership in a non-voting capacity.

Section 2:

No official notice need be given to the Membership for a Board meeting or a special Board meeting.

Article 10/Amendments

Proposed amendments or additions to these By-Laws must be presented in writing to all Board Members at least one (1) week prior to a called meeting. At the meeting a majority vote must be in favor of the amendment or addition for formal approval and rewriting of the By-Laws.

Article 11/Policy and Rules

Section 1:

The Board shall set down certain policies and rules that the Club will follow. Such policy matters and rules may be reviewed and amended as deemed necessary by the Board. The Board will be responsible for communicating any such changes to all members and coaches.

Section 2:

The Board, by a simple majority vote, taken at any duly constituted meeting, shall have the right, with cause, to suspend from all Club activities any member, participant, parent, or adult involved in the Club, if the conduct of such a person is considered by the Board to be detrimental to the best interest of the Club. In any such meeting of the Board, the person sought to be suspended shall have the right to appear in person.

Article 12/Contracts, Bank Accounts, Etc.

Section 1:

Execution of contracts shall be by the President or by the Treasurer of the Board, after approval in each instance of the entire Board.

Section 2:

Checks, Bank Accounts. All checks, drafts or other orders of payment of money shall be only signed by the Treasurer or the President or such other officers as designated by the Board.

Section 3:

Deposits. All funds must be deposited promptly. The Treasurer must supply Board members updated budget reports and provide a detailed report to the membership, if requested to do so in writing.

Section 4:

Bank Accounts. The Board authorizes the Treasurer to operate a Club account, with all deposits going into this designated checking account, or other designated accounts (i.e. interest bearing savings).

Section 5:

Financial Commitment. No person may make a financial commitment on behalf of the Club without Board prior approval.

Article 13/Player Disciplinary Action

Section 1:

Co-Curricular Code Violations. Club Players who violate the BHS Co- Curricular Code will be disciplined according to the guidelines set forth in the Code. The Club will comply fully with guidelines set forth in the Code including the Prohibited Substances, Prohibited Misconduct, Duration of Code, Application of Code, Procedure, Suspension Guidelines, Appeals and In-Season and Out-Of-Season Consequences for violating the Code. The Board of Directors and Coaching Staff will fully support any disciplinary action taken as a result of a Co-Curricular Code violation and will not reduce or add to the disciplinary action.

Section 2:

Non Co-Curricular Code Violations. Personal conduct issues that fall outside the purview of the Co-Curricular Code will be handled according to the following procedures:

- A. Certain personal conduct issues occurring during games are governed by AHAI guidelines. Disciplinary action taken by AHAI against Club Players will be fully supported by the Board of ~~Directors~~ and Coaching Staff.
- B. Dealing with personal conduct issues and subsequent disciplinary action outside the scope of the Co-Curricular Code and AHAI that occur during games and practices are the sole responsibility of the Coaching Staff.
- C. Punitive disciplinary action by the Coaching Staff outside the scope of the BHS Co-Curricular Code and AHAI guidelines lasting beyond the duration of the game or practice that the violation occurred, must be approved by a majority vote of the Board.

Article 14/Parent Disciplinary Action

Section 1:

Club Parent's personal conduct occurring during any team function (game, practice, tournament, team outing, etc.) that discredits the Club, its players, parents, or coaches shall be immediately reported to a member of the Board. Upon such report, the Board shall take whatever steps necessary to investigate the incident. If such investigation reveals that a personal conduct violation occurred; the offending parent shall receive disciplinary action.

Section 2:

The following are the consequences for parent personal conduct issues requiring disciplinary action. First offense, a verbal warning will be issued from the Board President. A second offense will result in a two week suspension from all team functions. A third offense will result in banishment from all team functions for the remainder of the season, including removal from the Board if the parent is a Board Member.