

Mission Statement

It is the purpose of this organization to promote youth hockey in a respectable, controlled atmosphere where all those involved may compete in organized athletics, giving them the opportunity to maintain physical conditioning, learn sportsmanship and teamwork, while constructively using the excess energy of youth.

Above all, this organization will give first consideration to the principle that all children involved are having fun.

The above mission shall be attained within the rules of USA Hockey.

ARTICLE I ANNUAL MEETING

SECTION 1. TIME AND PLACE

The Annual Meeting of the members of Richland Youth Hockey shall be held at such time and place as shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Notice shall be published in a local newspaper.

SECTION 2. NOTICE

The Secretary shall give written notice of the annual meeting which shall be made not more than 30 days and not less than 7 days prior to the date of the meeting.

SECTION 3. QUORUM

A quorum for transactions of business at the annual meeting shall be 20% of the registered members of Richland Youth Hockey.

SECTION 4. VOTES

A member shall be entitled to one vote per family to maintain equality between single and married parents or guardians. To be a voting member you must have at least one child enrolled in the hockey program and have paid all prescribed registration fees for membership and equipment rental and have returned all equipment in good repair as directed by Richland Youth Hockey. Richland Youth Hockey does not acknowledge proxy votes or absentee ballots.

SECTION 5. ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Roll call or registration
2. Reading of the minutes of the last annual or special meeting
3. Report of committees and officers
4. Election of Directors
5. Unfinished business
6. New business
7. Adjournment

ARTICLE II BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. GOVERNING BOARD

The government of Richland Youth Hockey and the management of its affairs shall be vested in a Board of Directors composed of nine people of which 7 must be active volunteers from Richland Youth Hockey and the other 2 may be either active volunteers of Richland Youth Hockey or past members or past players¹. At the first annual meeting following the adoption of these By-Laws, three (3) Directors shall be elected for a term of three (3) years. Three (3) directors will be elected to serve a two (2) year term. Three (3) directors will be elected to serve (1) year term. Every annual meeting thereafter the necessary number of Directors shall be elected and qualified. Vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled by the Board until the next annual or special meeting. Each year a nominating committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors from the members of Richland Youth Hockey to seek and solicit qualified people to place in the nomination at the annual meeting.

SECTION 2. MONTHLY MEETINGS

The Board of Directors shall meet monthly at a predetermined time and place to consider all business that is properly brought before them. Any Board member missing three (3) consecutive special or regular meetings without just cause shall be removed from the Board

SECTION 3. SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or a majority of the Board members. Each Board member shall receive notice of the special meetings.

SECTION 4. A QUORUM

A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum and a majority of the Board members present shall decide all questions.

¹ Section changed annual meeting April 18, 1999 to allow up to two past members or past players to be on the board

ARTICLE III OFFICES

SECTION 1. OFFICERS

The officers of Richland Youth Hockey shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, & Treasurer.

SECTION 2. ELECTION

The officers of Richland Youth Hockey shall be elected by and from the Board of Directors at a meeting to be held following the annual meeting of the members without further notice.

SECTION 3. TERMS OF OFFICERS

The officers shall hold their offices for a term of one year and until their successors are elected and qualified.

SECTION 4. VACANCIES

Vacancies in any office shall be filled by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 5. REMOVAL

An officer or a Director may be removed from office by a vote of two-thirds of the members at a general meeting held after previous notice of the time, place and the intention to propose such removal. The meeting of the members for this purpose may be called by the President, or by the majority of the Board of Directors, or by members holding at least one-half of the votes. The cause for removal must be stated in writing and addressed to the Secretary of Richland Youth Hockey, who shall thereupon give notice the time, place and the purpose of the meeting, and by whose order the meeting has been called. The members may fill any vacancies caused by such removal.

ARTICLE IV COACHES AND ASSISTANTS

SECTION 1. COACHES AND ASSISTANTS

The Board of Directors shall approve all coaches to work with the various groups of skaters. The Board of Directors shall have the authority over coaches in all matters concerning skaters.

1. A coaching committee made up of all coaches and assistant coaches will be established at the beginning of the hockey season. One coach shall volunteer to serve as chairman of the committee. The committee shall function as follows:
 - a. To develop the coaching guidelines in cooperation with the Board of Directors and to ensure that these guideline are followed throughout the year.
 - b. To acknowledge all complaints from players, parents and coaches and effectively resolve these complaints keeping the best interest of the hockey program in mind at all times.
2. A Board member shall be appointed to act as liaison between the coaching committee and the Richland Youth Hockey Board of Directors. All complaints will be directed to the coaching committee and not to the coach
3. The Board will consult with coaches on the movement of skaters to older age groups.
4. Coaches shall be responsible for arranging for their own replacement in their absence. The coaching committee and the Board liaison shall be notified of the absence and substitution.
5. Coaches shall maintain order and conduct practices in such a manner as to create interest for all players.
6. Coaches shall identify skill levels in players and do everything possible to develop all players.
7. Coaches shall be held responsible for all disciplinary action taken with players.
8. Coaches shall be responsible for insuring that all players are notified of games well in advance and that adequate numbers of players are available to play those games.

SECTION 2. REMOVAL

The Board of Directors shall have the power to remove any coach who does not abide by the coaching guidelines of Richland Youth Hockey and/or USA hockey Standards.

ARTICLE V SKATERS

SECTION 1. STANDARDS FOR PLAYER

All players shall conduct themselves in a manner which projects a positive image of Richland Youth Hockey at all times.

1. Skaters shall at all times show respect for and listen to the directions given by coaches or directors, officials, and parents.
2. Skaters will at all times give their best efforts when asked to perform.
3. There shall be no consideration given to academic standards.
4. Players shall at all times show respect for the opposing teams and officials before, during and after games.
5. Players shall at all times respect the rights and feeling of their teammates.
6. Players shall be responsible for the normal maintenance and cleanliness of their equipment.

ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. COMMITTEES

The Board of Directors shall organize all necessary committees and appoint people to chair those committees. The Chairman of each committee shall be responsible to Board of Directors for the completion of the task assigned.

ARTICLE VII –DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. PRESIDENT

The President will preside over all annual and special meetings of Richland Youth Hockey and all meetings of the Board of Directors. He/she will also serve as an ex-officio member of all committees. He/she shall perform such other duties as pertain to his office.

SECTION 2. VICE-PRESIDENT

In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall perform his/her duties.

SECTION 3. SECRETARY

The Secretary shall keep records of all meetings of Richland Youth Hockey. He/she shall serve notice of all special and annual meetings.

SECTION 4. TREASURER

The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds and property of Richland Youth Hockey.

ARTICLE VIII –EXPENDITURES.

SECTION 1. EQUIPMENT

Board of Directors shall control all expenditures for equipment owned by Richland Youth Hockey. All purchases must be cleared with the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. FACILITIES

The Board of Directors shall control all expenditures for permanent or temporary facilities to be used by Richland Youth Hockey.

SECTION 3. LOANS AND GRANTS

The Board of Directors are the only body of people authorized to bind Richland Youth Hockey to the repayment of loans or to accept responsibility for the conditions involved in securing grants or major donations.

SECTION 4. LONG TERM LOANS

Any loans with a maturity date of more than one year must be approved by the general membership by a majority vote.

ARTICLE IX –CHANGES OF BY-LAWS

SECTION 1. MEMBERS

By-Laws may be changed by the membership of Richland Youth Hockey at any annual or special meeting, provided notice is given at least (15) day prior to the date of the meeting. The proposed changes must be explained in the notice of the meeting.

SECTION 2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors are authorized to make changes or amendments to these by-laws in the event of an emergency. All changes in the bylaws made by the Board of Directors are subject to review and possible change at the next annual meeting or special meeting.

ARTICLE X –INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

SECTION 1.

Any officer or Director of Richland Youth Hockey shall be indemnified by the Richland Youth Hockey against claims, liabilities, expenses and cost incurred by him in connection with defense of or settlement of any action or suit in which he is a party by reason of being or having been a Director or officer of Richland Youth Hockey.

These bylaws are adopted by the Board of Directors on this day ____ of _____, 20__

BOARD of Directors
Richland Youth Hockey, Inc.
PO Box 26
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President

Director

Vice-President

Director

Secretary

Director

Treasurer

Director

Director