

Mission Statement

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This we do by and for all of our members.

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Great Lakes Hockey League
RULES AND REGULATIONS
Approved (Date)

ARTICLE I

Name

1.1 The association of organizations shall operate under the name of "GREAT LAKES HOCKEY LEAGUE" (hereafter referred to as GLHL).

ARTICLE II

Purpose

2.1 The purpose of the Great Lakes Hockey League is to provide for and promote the development of the highest level of amateur ice hockey through collaboration of its member associations. It is the purpose of the GLHL is to foster the growth of amateur hockey on a local national and international level by developing and maintaining programs that provide participants with advanced playing opportunities.

ARTICLE III

Membership

3.1 Membership in GLHL will be limited to those amateur ice hockey associations that are eligible for membership under the terms of this article, which have applied for membership, and whose applications has been approved by the Board of Directors of GLHL.

3.2 All GLHL member organizations are required to pay a non-refundable per team league fee prior to the beginning of each regular season. The amount and due date of said fee shall be set by the Board of Directors of the GLHL at its Annual Meeting and identified in Article XXI.

3.3 All teams fielded by GLHL member organizations must be registered with USA Hockey, Inc., by and through its local affiliate, and as required thereby. Official USA Hockey rosters for each GLHL team must be filed with the Secretary of the GLHL. No GLHL team may begin league play until the League has received either its official USA Hockey roster or its unofficial roster.

3.4 Any organization wishing to make application for membership in the GLHL, shall direct said application in writing to the Board of Directors for consideration.

3.5 Admission of any such association may be conditioned upon acceptance of its status as a "Tier I," "Tier II" or "Full Membership." Depending upon such criteria as are established by the Board of Directors as in the best interest of the GLHL, and in furtherance of the purposes for which it is formed.

3.6 Admission of any such applicant shall only be after full consideration by the Board of Directors. A two-thirds favorable vote by the membership of the Board of Directors is required for admission.

3.7 The Board of Directors shall determine any qualifying terms and conditions for membership in the GLHL at the time when admission for membership is voted upon.

3.8 The Board of Directors shall decide the number of "Tier I Only" "Tier II Only" or "Full Membership" associations allowed.

3.9 Membership in the GLHL is not transferable to any successor organization, association or entity, and membership herein may not be acquired by succeeding to the interest of a defunct organization, association or entity, or by mere change of name, absent the concurrence by vote of two-thirds of the Board of Directors.

3.10 Any member organization seeking to resign or terminate its membership, shall be bound to meet all financial obligations incurred prior to tendering said resignation or termination of membership. Resignation or termination of membership, may only occur at the Annual Meeting. Any organization shall be bound to meet all financial obligations incurred prior to resignation or termination of membership.

3.11 Membership in the GLHL shall be subject to expulsion, suspension or other sanction by the Executive Committee in the event of failure to comply with any of the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations or decisions of the Board of Directors. Any such expelled, suspended or sanctioned association shall have the right to appeal such decision to the Board of Directors of the GLHL at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

ARTICLE IV

Associate Membership

4.1 Associations may apply for associate membership in GLHL by presenting the President of GLHL proof of eligibility as outlined in Article III. The president will notify the full member associations within thirty days of receipt of the application. Notification must be made at least fifteen days prior to the Board of Directors of GLHL meeting to vote on the application. The applicant will have the right to be present at that portion of the meeting at which its application is taken up and discussed. Any association will have the right to make a presentation with respect to the application. Approval of Associate Membership requires a 2/3 positive vote of the Full Member Associations of the Board of Directors. Associations that fail to achieve Associate Membership in GLHL may reapply after one year.

4.2 Associate Members must attend all meetings of the Board of Directors of GLHL and meet all financial responsibilities to GLHL.

4.3 Associate Members will not have voting rights in GLHL except on matters directly affecting their teams in regard to league play during the league scheduled season.

4.4 Associate Members in good standing, financially and otherwise, may be considered at the Annual meeting of the GLHL for full membership following a full season of league play for full membership. Full Membership requires a 2/3 positive vote of the Full Members of the Board of Directors. If an association does not attain Full Membership at that time they will be allowed to retain their associate status.

ARTICLE V

Expulsion of Full and Associate Member Associations

GLHL may expel from membership any association which:

1) fails, after notice, to satisfy its financial obligation to GLHL.

fails or otherwise refuses, after notice, to comply with a decision of the Board of Directors of GLHL on a matter concerning that association and within the jurisdiction of GLHL.

fails, after notice, to remain in compliance with the criteria for eligibility for membership set forth above.

otherwise conducts itself in a manner likely to cause harm to the development of amateur ice hockey.

5.2 The following procedure will be followed in event the Board of Directors of GLHL seeks to expel an association from membership:

1) written charges of expulsion will be drafted, adopted by the Board of Directors of GLHL and sent to the member association.

2) not less than fifteen days nor more than thirty days thereafter, the Board of Directors of GLHL will conduct a hearing on the written charges. No other business may be considered at that meeting.

3) the association subject to the charges will have the right to be confronted with the evidence, and to make arguments in opposition to the charges.

4) a vote of 2/3 of all members of the Board of Directors of GLHL will be required to expel an association from membership.

ARTICLE VI

Board of Directors

6.1 The Board of Directors of GLHL will consist of two representatives nominated by each full member association. Each full member association will be entitled to cast two votes with respect to any matter before the Board of Directors of GLHL.

6.2 Each member association, full and associate, will submit a list of not more than five individuals who will serve as its designated representatives to the secretary of GLHL. One of these five individuals must be the current President or Executive Director of the member association. The list of designated representatives may be amended or revised not more than twice in any calendar year.

ARTICLE VII

Executive Officers

7.1 The GLHL Board of Directors will elect the following executive officers from its member organizations: President, Executive Vice-President, Vice-President Tier I, Vice-President Tier II, Secretary and Treasurer. One person may hold not more than one of these positions. The President or lawful successor will be the Chief Executive of GLHL. It is the intention of the GLHL to provide for the equality of representation of all associations on the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors.

7.2 The Elective Officers of the GLHL shall constitute the Executive Committee, and meetings of such committee shall be called as determined by the President upon proper notice as required herein.

7.3 In addition to its prescribed duties, the Executive Committee, will appoint a Commissioner to handle the day-to-day operations of the league.

7.4 Additional thereto, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Statistician and Director of Discipline, both of which are non-voting officers. The position of Past President will run concurrent with the term of the President. The previous President will occupy this position in an advisory capacity only, with no voting rights.

ARTICLE VIII – Duties of Officers

8.1 President – The President shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors and shall represent the GLHL in all activities relating to the purposes for which the GLHL has been formed, together with any such other members of the Executive Committee as he may designate. The President shall also select all Committee Chairmen to serve at his pleasure.

8.2 Executive Vice-President – The Executive Vice-President shall serve in the capacity of the President whenever the President cannot act or is otherwise absent, and shall assist the President in his duties whenever necessary. The Executive Vice-President shall serve on the Rules Committee to review the By-Laws and Playing Rules when necessary.

8.3 Vice President Tier I – The Vice-President of Tier I shall have responsibility for the conduct of all activities of the Tier I organized League play on behalf of the GLHL.

8.4 Vice President Tier II – The Vice-President of Tier II shall have responsibility for the conduct of all activities of the Tier II organized League play on behalf of the GLHL.

8.5 Secretary - The Secretary shall have responsibility for maintaining the League Guidebook and Directory, and for recording and maintaining league notes and official records, including incorporation of rule changes as approved by the Board of Directors.

8.6 Treasurer – The Treasurer shall be responsible for all financial and fiscal affairs of the GLHL as may be required to effectuate the intent of the GLHL. The Treasurer shall present the fiscal year end Financial Statements to the Board of Directors at its Annual meeting and make available for review by the Board of Directors the books and records of the GLHL.

8.7 Commissioner - The Commissioner shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and be responsible for day-to-day operation of the league. The Commissioner shall be responsible for effectuating positive relationships and publicity for the GLHL.

8.8 The Board of Directors shall prescribe such other and further duties of the officers of the GLHL from time to time as are necessary to carry out its purposes.

8.9 All such elective offices shall be for a period of two years.

8.10 Present officers of the GLHL may run for re-election to the same or another elective office.

8.11 Each executive officer will serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors of GLHL for two-year terms. The President, Vice-President (Tier I), and Vice-President (Tier II) elected in odd years and the Executive Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer elected in even years at the Annual Meeting.

8.12 There is no limitation on the number of terms that may be served by executive officers.

8.13 All GLHL officers will be covered by the USA HOCKEY directors and officers liability insurance policy, which will also include the crime policy. The cost of such policy will be borne by GLHL.

8.14 Executive officers will be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of GLHL in the second quarter of each calendar year. Nominations may be made, but need not be made in advance of the meeting, and nominations from the floor of the meeting will be accepted. No person will be elected to any executive office unless that person has provided the Board with indication that, if elected, he or she is willing to serve.

8.15 In the event of death, resignation or removal of any executive officer, the President of GLHL will appoint a substitute officer subject to ratification at the next meeting of the Board of Directors of GLHL. In the event of death, resignation or removal of the President of GLHL, the Board of Directors will meet specially within ten days to elect a President.

ARTICLE IX

Meetings of the Board

9.1 The Board of Directors of GLHL will meet at least twice each year. Each such meeting will be a general meeting at which any and all business may be considered. In addition, the Board of Directors of GLHL will meet at the call of the President of GLHL or at the call of any two or more full member associations for the purpose of considering any business that the President of GLHL or the full member associations set forth in the call of the meeting. The Annual Meeting of the Corporation of the Board of Directors of GLHL will be conducted in the second quarter of the calendar year.

9.2 No business may be conducted at any meeting of the Board of Directors of GLHL, general or called, at which less than 2/3 of the full member associations are present by designated representatives.

9.3 Unless otherwise specified in these by-laws or otherwise required by law, any action placed before the Board of Directors of GLHL will be considered duly taken, adopted or ratified if a simple majority of votes are cast in favor of the action at a meeting at which a quorum of full member associations were present at the onset (excluding issues of membership as outlined above). Per Robert's Rules of Order, abstention votes do not count in the tally.

9.4 The President of GLHL will provide all member associations with at least thirty days written notice of a bi-annual meeting. The President of GLHL will provide all member associations with at least ten days written notice of any specially called meeting.

9.5 All meetings of the Board of Directors of GLHL will be open to any player, parent of a player, coach, or official of any member association full or associate. Only designated representatives of member associations, full and associate, however, will have the right to be recognized and heard at the Board of Directors of GLHL meetings. The President of GLHL will have the discretion, but not the duty, to permit persons other than designated representatives to be heard at meetings of the Board.

9.6 Minutes of all meetings shall be sent to all members of the Board of Directors within seven days of any scheduled meeting.

9.7 Executive Committee Elections - Unless otherwise agreed upon by two-thirds of the membership of the Board of Directors, the annual nominations, and elections of the officers comprising the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors shall be at its Annual meeting each year.

Article X

Voting

10.1 Unless otherwise stated herein, voting upon all matters for consideration by the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors of the GLHL shall be by majority vote.

10.2 On any vote that requires the vote of two-thirds of the membership of the GLHL for approval, that vote requires two-thirds of the entire voting membership of the Board of Directors, regardless of whether or not all members are actually present.

10.3 No member of the Board of Directors may vote by proxy at any meeting of the Board or Executive Committee.

10.4 Any association absent, or which does not notify the President at least six (6) hours prior, that it will not be present for a board meeting will automatically forfeit their vote(s) on any new, or old business for that meeting. Further, by forfeiting their vote(s), the number of members present necessary for a quorum will be reduced commensurately by the numbers of members absent. No new, or old business that is not on the agenda that has a direct impact on an association that is not present at a board meeting may be conducted.

Article XI

Fiscal Year

11.1 The fiscal year of the GLHL shall be from July 1 to June 30 of each year.

Article XII

General Powers and Provisions

12.1 The Board of Directors of the GLHL shall have full power and authority to adopt necessary rules and regulations which in their judgment effectuate the purposes and intent of the GLHL, provided only that such rules and regulations are not contrary to the to the by-laws of the GLHL or USA Hockey. These shall include, but not be limited to:

The power to schedule and to conduct competition by teams of member associations during the period of August 1 through April 30 (league play).

The power to resolve all disputes and controversies arising out of competition by teams of member associations scheduled or sanctioned by GLHL, including the power to suspend any player, parent of player, coach or member association for cause shown, from participation in GLHL scheduled or sanctioned play.

The power to promulgate policies, rules and regulations governing all competitive play by the teams of member associations in GLHL play, including the setting of equipment standards.

The power to obtain and maintain membership in any amateur ice hockey association, including USA HOCKEY, and including the power to send appropriate GLHL officers to meetings and conferences of all such organizations.

The power to publish newsletters or other similar publications to increase the awareness of GLHL and of the activities of its member associations.

12.2 Roberts Rules of Order shall govern all proceedings of all meetings except where same conflicts with the by-laws of the GLHL.

12.3 Except as set forth in these by-laws, GLHL will have no inherent or implied powers.

Article XIII

Amendments

13.1 These by-laws or any section thereof may be amended or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the paid-up membership in full standing at any duly constituted meeting provided that a copy of the proposed change(s) over the signature of the President shall be mailed to each member of the Board of Directors at least ten days prior to the meeting at which such proposed change(s) shall be submitted to vote.

ARTICLE XIV

Team and Player Eligibility

14.1 All players must be registered with the League Statistician on USA Hockey approved roster forms, or reasonable facsimile, prior to the first league game. A copy of the official USA Hockey roster must be sent to the League Statistician. If a non-rostered or non-registered player appears in a League game, the offending team shall forfeit the game(s) that this ineligible player has appeared in.

14.2 A player added to a team's roster must receive written release from his current team, must be registered with his new team in full compliance with USA Hockey, and must have fulfilled all prior obligations to another GLHL team or organization. Such a player may not play in any GLHL game until he is in full compliance. All new player additions to a team roster must be registered with the League Statistician prior to participation in a game.

14.3 To be eligible for competition in the GLHL, a player must be validly registered with USA Hockey through the player's USA Hockey local affiliate both individually and as a member of a validly registered team. There are no exceptions to this rule.

14.4 All GLHL team rosters must comply with USA Hockey requirements. At no time during the playing season may a team's roster exceed the USA Hockey maximum of twenty (20) players. If the addition of a player brings the team's roster above the twenty (20) player maximum, one player must be immediately released, or else the newest player will be deemed ineligible.

14.5 Any team that plays a game with a non-rostered player, or with an improperly rostered player, shall forfeit that game. If a team persists in playing such a player, it shall be guilty of conduct detrimental to the GLHL and may be sanctioned or fined as provided for in the league by-laws.

14.6 No one associated or affiliated with an GLHL team or organization, including but not limited to coaches, managers, officers, directors, etc., may directly or indirectly solicit or otherwise recruit a player from another GLHL team during the other team's regular season or playoffs.

ARTICLE XV

Player Equipment and Jerseys

15.1 All players shall be required to wear USA Hockey approved and required equipment for all games and practices.

15.2 Each team shall designate two sets of jerseys (home and away). Home jerseys will have a white or light primary color. Away jerseys will have a dark primary color based primarily upon their organization's colors. Home teams in all games shall be responsible for wearing their home jerseys, and the visiting team shall wear the jerseys that least conflict. However, if the jerseys chosen conflict, such that it is difficult to distinguish one team from the other, it shall be the responsibility of the home team to change jerseys.

ARTICLE XVI

Games

16.1 USA Hockey playing rules and penalties shall apply in all GLHL games (except as noted).

16.2 Length of Games. At the Midget Major level, all games shall have at a minimum seventeen (17) minute periods, and, by the mutual agreement of the participating teams, and depending on the availability of sufficient ice time, up to a maximum twenty (20) minute periods. All Midget Major games shall have an ice cleaning between the second and third periods. All games played at all other levels shall have fifteen (15) minute periods. Warm-ups for Midget Major games shall be a minimum of five (5) minutes. Warm-ups for all other levels shall be a minimum of three (3) minutes.

16.3 All games at the Midget Major level shall be officiated by one referee and two linesmen, (Note, games may be played using the two-man system if an official "no-shows.") All games at all other levels shall be officiated by two officials. The

home team shall provide the off-ice officials, including scorekeeper and timekeeper. Teams are responsible for providing their own penalty gatekeeper.

16.4 The scoresheet from each game shall become a permanent league record and it shall be the responsibility of each team's coach to sign it. The scoresheet must also be signed by the on-ice game officials. It is the responsibility of the home team to mail or fax a copy of the scoresheet to the GLHL Secretary or his representative within forty-eight (48) hours of the end of the game. Game rosters or official game sheet, submitted to the scorekeeper, shall list name, and number of eligible players. Only those players "on the ice" fully dressed and eligible to participate in the game shall appear on the game score sheet and suspended players shall be clearly identified.

16.5 For each regular season games, points will be awarded as follows: Two (2) points for a win; one (1) point for a tie; zero (0) points for a loss.

16.6 In playoff games where a clear winner must emerge, if the score is tied at the end of regulation time, the teams shall play a five (5) minute sudden death overtime period. If a winner does not emerge during this overtime period, the teams will pick five (5) players to take part in a shootout. If no clear winner emerges after the first shootout, the teams will be pick five (5) other players to take part in another shootout. If there is still no winner, the teams will continue in a "sudden death" shootout, each team using the same ten (10) players in the order they originally shot, until the game is decided.

16.7 During the regular season and playoffs, each team will be allowed a single one (1) minute timeout.

16.8 Handshakes shall take place after each GLHL game. This game is about sportsmanship. Fisticuffs and other activities during the handshake will not be tolerated and organizations, players and coaches risk severe penalty or expulsion from the league for such activities.

16.9 Major Penalties. All major penalties, whether for fighting or otherwise, shall be governed by USA Hockey Rules in effect at the time, and by Article VIII of these Rules and Regulations.

16.10 A GLHL game may not be curfewed. It shall be the responsibility of the home team to make satisfactory arrangements with its rink or rinks to guarantee that GLHL games are not subjected to curfew. If a GLHL game is curfewed because of extenuating circumstances, the game shall be considered suspended. The balance of a suspended game will be played, at the home team's expense and at the visiting team's convenience, at a later date. In the event of a suspended game, the home team shall notify the President of the GLHL within twenty-four (24) hours. The President may call a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors for the purpose of reviewing the circumstances that gave rise to the interrupted game and imposing any appropriate penalties, including forfeiture of the game and/or fines.

16.11 Failure to play a scheduled game, including all regular season games, all league tournaments and/or playdowns, except for weather conditions, without at least (48) hour notification shall result in payment of all referee costs by the offending team.

16.12 If a game is forfeited, the home team shall forward a completed scoresheet to the League Statistician indicating a forfeit showing a score of 1 to 0 in the favor of the non-forfeiting team. Sanctions will be imposed by the Board of Directors including a fine of up to \$1,000.00 per game to be paid by the forfeiting team/forfeiting team's organization, payable within 30 days of issue. Non-payment of said fine shall result in immediate suspension of the forfeiting team from further GLHL play until the fine has been paid.

16.13 Games postponed due to hazardous driving conditions must be rescheduled as soon as possible. The home team is responsible for negotiating an acceptable new date, time, and location for any such game, and for notifying the League Statistician. An attempt by the home team to reschedule a game must be made within seven (7) days of postponement. If the game date is not rescheduled within seven (7) days of postponement, a forfeit will be declared against the team causing the rescheduling delay as determined by the League Statistician.

16.14 The home team, or during playoffs, the team designated as the home team, shall provide any and all pucks necessary for the conduct of the game, including a sufficient number of pucks for the use of the visiting team during pre-game warm-ups.

16.15 A legible copy of each and every League, non-League, tournament and exhibition game scoresheet must be postmarked to the League Statistician within 72 hours of completion of each game.

ARTICLE XVII

Protests

17.1 A game, including its outcome, may not be protested based on the judgements or "calls" made by an on-ice official. A game, including its outcome, may only be protested based on the opponent's use of an ineligible player or gross violation of rules or of protocol that clearly has an impact on the game to the detriment of youth hockey and the GLHL.

17.2 Any protest filed must be accompanied by a written explanation of the protest and directed to the President of the GLHL within 48 hours of completion of the game. A deposit of \$25.00 must accompany the protest. Any deposits will be refunded if protesting party is awarded the protest. Indication of a protest shall be noted on the official score sheet either before, during or within fifteen (15) minutes of conclusion of the said game. A verbal protest may be made to the Director of Discipline within 24 hours of the game pursuant to the 48-hour rule as stated previously. In all cases, the protest must be made in writing, postmarked within 48 hours after completion of the game including the \$25.00 deposit.

17.3 If the President determines that the circumstances either do or may warrant a hearing by the Board of Directors, he shall at the earliest possible convenient time call a special protest meeting of the Board for the purposes of conducting such a hearing. If the President determines that the circumstances do not warrant a hearing, he shall inform the petitioning team of that determination. Thereafter, the petitioning team shall only have recourse to the Board of Directors if it is able to muster enough support among the league members to call for a Special Meeting of the Board. In any event, the President's or the Board's determination, as the case may be, shall be final.

ARTICLE XVIII

Forfeitures

18.1 Any GLHL team found using an ineligible player shall forfeit all games in which an ineligible player participates. Only players properly rostered may dress for a game or it shall be forfeited. The forfeiture shall take effect upon a finding by the Board of Directors to that effect. It is the responsibility of the team, and of the team's organization, to immediately report to the league President any use of an ineligible player once such use becomes known by them.

18.2 If it is determined that a team or an organization has persisted in any form of conduct whatsoever that was previously found by the Board of Directors to be detrimental to youth hockey generally and to the GLHL specifically, this shall, among other remedies and penalties, be grounds for forfeiture of games.

ARTICLE XIX

Regular Season and Playoff Schedules

19.1 The regular season schedule shall be completed prior to the beginning of league play. Teams will be responsible for submitting a regular season schedule to the league office prior to Aug. 1. A league scheduling date shall be issued by the Commissioner. The league will also issue a scheduling breakdown (quantity of home versus away games, divisions within an age classification, etc.) for each division, determined by the executive committee at the annual meeting.

19.2 Once a regular season game has been scheduled, changes are permitted only upon the agreement of both teams affected thereby, and upon the filing with the Secretary of the GLHL. No change in any scheduled league game date, time, or location will be permitted without the prior approval of the Secretary. If both affected teams do not agree to a scheduling change, then a change may only be made upon extraordinary circumstances and only then after receiving the approval of the league's Commissioner and/or Board of Directors.

19.3 A team that requests a schedule change shall be responsible for notifying the Secretary and they will be assessed a \$25.00 rescheduling fee.

19.4 The GLHL regular season shall begin on August 15 of each year and must be completed prior to March 1 of the succeeding year. Format and locations for the playoffs shall be determined at a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors (known as the "Playoff Meeting") called for that purpose.

ARTICLE XX

Suspension and Expulsion of Players, Coaches, Other Team Personnel

20.1 Coaches and other team or association personnel may be suspended or expelled from participation in GLHL activities, including all games and tournaments, for conduct deemed by the Board of Directors to be detrimental to the best interests of youth hockey generally or of the GLHL specifically. Such conduct shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a. fighting or inciting others to fight;
- b. obscene conduct or behavior;
- c. jeopardizing the amateur status of a player.

20.2 Any player who receives a major penalty in an GLHL regular season or playoff game, which penalty by USA Hockey Rules carries with it any game suspensions, shall automatically be suspended from the balance of that game and shall be required to serve his suspension in his next league game or games, including playoff games, irrespective of whether by USA Hockey Rules he must also serve his suspension in intervening non-league games.

Article XXI

Dues and Assessments

21.1 Dues for the season are Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per team entered in League play as determined by attendance at the annual scheduling meeting. Dues are due and payable prior to a team's first league game and must be paid to the League Treasurer.

21.2 A \$200.00 fee per association will be assessed from each association, due September 1. This assessment will be used to pay any organizational scheduling fines incurred during the season. Any surplus of funds from the assessment will be held towards the following season fees. The League Treasurer has the option to assign an additional assessment to an organization to maintain their account.

Article XXII

Insurance

22.1 Each association is required to produce a certificate of insurance before scheduling, and have liability insurance in an amount of at least ONE MILLION DOLLARS per incident covering all association teams. Each team or association shall indemnify and name Great Lakes Hockey League and its Board of Directors and its Officers, from any liability it or they may suffer as a result of the activities of the team, its association or any of their members.

Article XXIII

Violations of Rules

23.1 Violations of any of the Rules and Regulations as identified in these by-laws may result in discipline to a team, association or any individual connected with them. Violations by teams and individuals, involving match penalties, protests and supplementary discipline, shall be dealt with by the Executive Board in a manner specified in these by-laws. The Executive Board shall deal with all other violations.

Article XXIV

Coaches, Managers & Team Representatives

24.1 No person will be eligible to serve as coach, assistant coach or perform similar functions, during practices or games, unless:

1. The coach and assistant coaches have completed the appropriate Level of the USA Hockey Coaching Program by December 31 of each year if not previously attained.
2. The coach and assistant coaches have registered on an "Individual Member Registration" (IMR) form.

Article XXV

Scoresheet

25.1 Great Lakes Hockey League scoresheets shall be used for all GLHL games. Failure to comply will result in the violating team being fined \$25.00.

25.2 Both teams shall fill out legibly, the names of team members playing in the game. Any player or coach who is suspended must be listed on the scoresheet as sitting out their suspension.

25.3 The GLHL game number must be listed on the scoresheet. Any rescheduled game will retain the original game number. Exhibition and tournament game sheets will be marked so at the top of the page.

25.4 The division of play must be clearly identified.

25.5 The coach for both the home and visiting teams must sign the scoresheet following completion of the game.

25.6 The home team must send the original, top/white copy to the League Statistician, and it must be postmarked within 72 hours of the game. Copies of exhibition and tournament games MUST also be sent involving match penalties must also be submitted.

Article XXVI

League Champion

League champions and final division standings will be determined using points acquired in league games.

Means of breaking ties (any position) in league standings, for playoff purposes only, if tied in overall points, shall be in accordance with USA Hockey Annual Guide Book, Section XXIII, paragraph H, Method of Determining Champions as follows: (Note: All League games must be completed by both teams before applying the following formula, otherwise the team that has completed all its League games shall be declared higher in the standings)

1. The results of the games played, HEAD to HEAD, between the teams tied in the following order:

a. The points acquired in these games.

b. Subtracting goals scored against from goals scored in these games.

Their position shall be in order of greatest surplus.

c. Dividing the goals scored in these games by the goals scored against, the positions being of the greatest quotient.

2. If after applying the formulas of 1a, b, or c the tie still exists, 1b and c shall be applied using all of the games played by the teams tied. If the above procedure does not break the tie, teams will be declared co-champions.

26.3 The League shall present to each team winning their regular season division title, a league champion team banner.

26.4 The League shall present to each team winning a division playoff title, a league playoff champion team banner.

Article XXVII

Discipline

27.1 All incidents requiring hearings (match penalties, supplementary discipline, etc.) shall be heard by the Director of Discipline and the Commissioner.

27.2 All Match penalties in both League and non-League games must be reported to Director of Discipline by the offending team.

27.3 A legible copy of the original game reports of League games involving Match Penalties shall be mailed to GLHL Director of Discipline within twenty-four (24) hours of the completion of the game. The responsibility of mailing the copy shall be that of the home team. The responsibility of telephoning notification shall be that of the team who received the penalty. Failure to comply shall result in additional suspension for the player involved, team officials and association, and a fine of \$50.00 to the association involved.

27.4 A legible copy of the original game report of any non-League game with a Match Penalty shall be mailed to the GLHL Director of Discipline within twenty-four (24) hours of completion of the game. The responsibility to comply with this paragraph shall be upon the team that received the penalty. Failure to comply shall result in additional suspension for the player involved, team officials and association, and a fine of \$150.00 to the association involved.

27.5 The system of disciplinary action in GLHL for match penalties, protests, and supplementary discipline shall be in the manner as hereinafter set forth:

1. All incidents shall be reviewed by the Director of Discipline and the Commissioner.

2. For each such incident, the Director of Discipline and the Commissioner shall hear, try and determine all disciplinary matters and protests referred to them by the said associations under the rules.

3. The Panel shall have jurisdiction to conduct a hearing, determine the facts and rules that apply, and determine the punishment to be meted out to any offenders or the disposition of game protests or other matters which come before it under the rules. In hearing evidence, the panel shall give all parties a reasonable opportunity to present evidence.
4. The panel shall have the authority to impose the following disciplinary action:
 - a) Suspension of any person or team lawfully before it, from activity, e.g. coaching or managing any team, refereeing, playing in, being present in any team capacity at any game or activity.
 - b) Supplemental discipline of any person, team, League official or Association shall be referred to the Executive Board for further action or additional discipline. A letter from the Discipline Chairman should summarize all the evidence gathered and any conclusions drawn from the panel.
 - c) The Director of Discipline shall designate a time and place for the matter to be heard and shall see to it that the person or the team representative or referee complaining and the accused and his coach receive notice of the hearing. Any player appearing must appear with either the coach or manager of his team. Only persons accused must actually appear personally and this may be dispensed with by permission of the Director of Discipline.
5. Written statements may be submitted but the panel shall hear statements of witness. Testimony may be taken either under oath or otherwise.
6. The accuser or person instigating a protest bears the burden of proving his accusation or protest to the satisfaction of the panel.
7. The hearing shall be conducted informally as aforesaid with accusatory or protesting evidence being taken or read first with the accused or non-protesting party or person answering the accusation. The Director of Discipline may deviate from this procedure if in his discretion it is fair and practicable to do so.
8. After hearing the evidence the panel shall privately deliberate and reach and publish their evidence within one week after hearing the evidence. Where possible the decision should be made immediately upon the close of evidence to the parties present. Within one week all decisions shall be summarized and forwarded to the President of the League.

Article XXVIII

Miscellaneous

- 28.1 The President of the Great Lakes Hockey League, shall have power to act on behalf of the GLHL Board of Directors between meetings, subject to the Board's review at the next meeting.
- 28.2 Association Directories, which are to include names, positions, addresses, telephone number(s) and e-mail addresses of all officers, team coaches and managers for the pending season, shall be send in to the League Secretary prior to August 15 of each year. Unless this directory is received prior to the stated date, League games played by this association may be considered forfeited until it is received, duplicated and distributed to all other member associations.
- 28.3 All teams (except teams playing on a regular basis within an Association's regular house program) must register and play in the League, except at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Any association which discontinues team play after the commencement of the League season will be subject to up to a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) per team penalty at the discretion of the Board of Directors, in addition to any fees payable to the Great Lakes Hockey League for registration of such team, and such other penalties as the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors may determine.

Article XXIX

Policies, Playing Rules and Regulations

The Board of Directors of GLHL will have the power and the duty to publish annually, "Policies, Playing Rules and Regulations" governing member association activities, full and associate, including the scheduling of GLHL ice hockey games. Such "Policies, Playing Rules and Regulations" will be furnished to all member associations prior to the start of the GLHL season.

Article XXIX

Composition of Teams

For the 2005-2006 season, the Great Lakes Hockey League's age classifications will be structured as follows:

18 & Under Players Born ON or AFTER January 1, 1987

16 & Under Players Born ON or AFTER January 1, 1989

14 & Under Players Born ON or AFTER January 1, 1991

12 & Under Players Born ON or AFTER January 1, 1993

Secretary, Great Lakes Hockey League