



# MINUTES

## New Jersey Youth Hockey League

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*Date | time* 3/1/2016 7:40 PM | *Meeting called to order by* **Frank McGady**

*Motion was made to adjourn by* **Bayonne Rangers** *and seconded by* **NJ Freeze**

*It was passed unanimously at* **8:30 pm**

*Respectfully Submitted by* Maureen Thompson-Siegel, NJYHL Secretary

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### In Attendance

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Officers Present: Al Di Mauro, Bill Fox, Ryan Gibbons, Frank McGady, Charlie McLaughlin, Maureen Thompson-Siegel, Lori Tomasello

Administrative Appointees Present: Tony D'Anna, Kim Litwack, Don Nichols (Sandy Drake absent)

Delegates Absent: New Jersey Rockets

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### Approval of Minutes

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- Minutes of **February 2, 2016** Delegate's meeting put to the floor for adoption by the NJYHL Secretary.
    - Motion to adopt the minutes was made by the **Jersey Shore Wildcats**.
    - Motion seconded to adopt the minutes by **Freeze**.
    - All in favor and motion to adopt **carried**.
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### NJYHL OFFICER REPORTS

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#### President Report

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- Trophies for first and second place finishes were distributed at tonight's meeting. If there is a mistake on a trophy, please let Frank McGady know.
- Gene Ross will chair annual nomination committee – assisted by Greg James and Scott Buzney. Gene will send out nomination forms separately to the members.
- Positions to be voted on in April include Administrative VP, Executive VP, Treasurer and Commissioner. AAHA Delegates need to be voted on as well.
- Congratulations to the winners of the Squirt and Pee Wee playoffs. They are:
  - PWAA – Red Bank Generals
  - PWA – Princeton Tigers
  - PWB – Princeton Tigers
  - Squirt Albertville – Red Bank Generals

- Squirt Lake Placid – North Jersey Avalanche
- Squirt Lillehammer – Ramapo Saints
- Squirt Sochi – Toms River Blackhawks
- Squirt Turin – Skylands Kings
- Bantam and Midget A playoffs are March 4-6 at Aspen Ice in Randolph
- AAHA District Tournament is March 19-20 at Mennen and the Igloo

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### Commissioner Report

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- Rosters freeze on 12/31. The Commissioner did permit one player move upward after 12/31 on a team that was not playoff bound and will not be able to do if there is AAHA District contention.

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### Executive Vice President Report

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- Rule change requests were distributed (attached). They will be voted on at the next meeting. An overview is:
  - Overtime rule clarification
  - Tier 1 Girls on our roster
  - Tie breaker rule clarification
  - Coaching ineligibility rule clarification
  - Playoffs should not be played on OLY sized rink
  - Bids for playoffs, etc.
  - Tier 1 team rule revision
  - Junior hockey rule revision
  - Officiating assigning solution rule
  - Penalty moves forward into next season rule – housekeeping
- There is a \$200 fine for missing the April (annual meeting).
- If the Delegate or President is not attending, but another responsible official is attending, an email must be sent to Ryan Gibbons. The person attending must be able to make decisions. This is documented in Article IX of the Bylaws.

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### Administrative Vice President Report

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- Bantam and Midget A playoffs are March 4-6 in Randolph. Managers must check in and have 3 stickers per game for the score sheets for all games
- Player giveaways are distributed to the team manager or responsible adult. There are no replacements for lost items
- Playoffs will not be postponed due to weather.
- Suspensions being served carry over to playoffs. If a player received a suspension prior to the start of playoffs and the next game is a playoff game, they must serve the suspension in that game.
- As a reminder, the District Tournament format is developed and managed at the District level. NJYHL does not have any input as to the number of teams that advance or the format of the tournament.

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### Treasurer Report

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- The Treasurer's Report for the period **February 3, 2016 – March 1, 2016** was put to the floor for adoption by the NJYHL Treasurer.
  - Motion to adopt the Treasurer's report was made by the **Jersey Shore Wildcats**.
  - Motion seconded to adopt the Treasurer's Report by **Jersey Penguins**.
  - All in favor and motion to adopt **carried**.

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#### Registrar Report

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- No report

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#### NJYHL ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTEE REPORTS

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#### Coach in Chief Report

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- Excellent behavior at the squirt and pee wee playoffs
- The CIC is compiling the list of all coaches that are not compliant with the CEP requirements. Those requirements include a valid CEP seminar attendance, an up to date background screen, an up to date Safe Sport certification and a completed on-line age specific module for the level being coached.
  - A reminder that all coaches that are not compliant will be suspended for a minimum of 45 days next season.
  - The list of non-compliant coaches will be circulated before tryouts.

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#### Master Scheduler/Webmaster Report

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- No report.

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#### Referee in Chief Report

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- Hollydell playoffs went well. Parents and players were respectful and had fun.

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#### Professional Hockey Liaison Report

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- No report

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#### Statistician Report

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- No report.

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#### OLD BUSINESS

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- Bridgewater Bears presented venue, name and uniform change. They handed out a flyer with the information, colors, etc. They propose to be called the Hunterdon Bears. They will play out of Flemington Ice Arena and will wear black and gold.

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#### NEW BUSINESS

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- Team Comcast must change their name due to corporate sponsorship change – colors may be either in blues (i.e. Notre Dame) or in orange and black. They cannot divulge the name/color at this time but the name/colors will be shared with the Executive Board to make the decision on behalf of the members. Executive Board will consult with any club that may have a colors conflict for their input before decision is made.
  - Motion to bring to floor for approval to change name and colors by Executive Board for Team Comcast made by Jersey Shore Wildcats and NJ Freeze
    - Voted and received unanimous approval
- Bridgewater Bears presented venue, name and uniform change. They handed out a flyer with the information, colors, etc. They propose to be called the Hunterdon Bears. They will play out of Flemington Ice Arena and will wear black and gold.
  - Motion to bring to floor for approval to change name, colors and venue for Bridgewater Bears to Huntington Bears made by Woodbridge Wolfpack and Jersey Shore Wildcats
    - Voted and received unanimous approval

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#### NEXT DELEGATES MEETING

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**4/4/2016 at 7:30 pm at the Crowne Plaza in Jamesburg, NJ – ANNUAL MEETING – ATTENDANCE MANDATORY**

# NJYHL Proposed Rule Changes 2016-17

89. Each team participating in the League Playoffs will play ~~two games under the following~~ **under a format set up by the administrative vice-president.**

- ~~A. Any change/adjustment in format will be left up to the Executive Committee and will be announced at the beginning of the league season.~~
- ~~B. The team having the higher standing will be designated as the home team~~
- C. All games **will be** played to a winner. If the game is tied following regulation play, the tied teams shall receive a one-minute rest period. ~~The teams do not change ends.~~ **Teams will change ends at the end of regulation time and after each overtime period.** There will be a first goal wins overtime under the following format:
- The teams will play a five (5) minute period at 3-on-3. If at the end of the overtime period a tie still exists, the two teams will continue playing five (5) minute 3-on-3 overtime periods until there is a winner.**
  - Any skater on the team may be used. Changing on the fly is permitted. ~~Goaltenders do not change ends.~~ There will be a one-minute break at the end of every third overtime period.
  - Any unexpired penalty incurred in the third period will carry over into the overtime period as a 4-on-3 (5-on-3 if there are more than one penalties carrying over).**
  - If a penalty is assessed in the overtime periods the non-offending team will add a player (4-on-3). If a second penalty is assessed before the first has expired than the non-offending team will add a fifth player (5-on-3).**
  - If the non-offending team does not score during the powerplay – then the on-ice strength will continue at 4-on-4 (5-on-5 if two penalties had been assessed) until a stoppage of play when the teams will resume play at 3-on-3.**
  - If coincidental penalties are called – the teams will continue to skate at 3-on-3.**

~~Note: This does not apply where coincidental penalties are assessed. If a penalty is called as a result of a penalty in overtime the penalty shot must be taken by a player on the ice at the time of the infraction.~~

PURPOSE: To make NJYHL overtime procedure closer to the NHL overtime procedures. Also to eliminate a penalty shot for penalties in overtime

Proposed by Frank McGady

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14. A player cannot compete in the league if he is also rostered on a Tier I **Youth** team

Purpose: to allow female players on Tier I Girl teams to also play in NJYHL

Proposed by Frank McGady

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### **Existing Rule:**

#### Method of Determining a Winner

83. The following method is used for determining the winner of a League Division Championship:

A. The team in each division accruing the greatest number of points will be declared the champions.

Points are awarded as follows:

Win 2 points Tie 1 point Loss 0 points

B. If two or more teams are tied in total points, the standings will be determined using the following criteria:

1. Team having the most wins in all league games.
2. Team having accrued the most points among the tied teams (head to head).
3. Team having the fewest goals against in all league games.
4. Team having the most wins among the tied teams.
5. Team with the fewest goals against among the tied teams.

C. If the foregoing still results in a tie, a single elimination playoff game shall be played to determine the winner. The home team shall be determined by the toss of a coin.

### **Proposed Rule Change:**

We would propose to reorder the criteria laid out above in 83.B. as follows:

1. Team having the most wins in all league games.
2. Team having accrued the most points among the tied teams (head to head).
3. Team having the most wins among the tied teams.
4. Team with the fewest goals against among the tied teams.
5. Team having the fewest goals against in all league games.

### **Rationale:**

In determining the winner of a League Division, we believe that (other than having the most wins in all league games) the tie breakers should focus on the criteria from the games between the tied teams. Focusing on the games between the tied teams will provide the most comparable metrics for deciding ties and remove the incentive for teams to keep in starting goalies/players through the end of the game when competing against a team not in playoff contention. Also, once a game is in hand against a non-playoff contending team, this approach would allow coaches to play kids that may not see as much ice time or give kids an opportunity to try a new position.

Proposed by Tony D'Anna

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82. If a coach fails to meet the Coaching Education Program requirements for the current season by December 31 the coach will be suspended for a minimum of 45 days and a maximum of one year, starting at the beginning of the following season. That coach will not be permitted to return until all CEP Requirements are met, with final approval from League Commissioner and Coach-in-Chief.

Change to:

82. If a coach fails to meet the Coaching Education Program requirements for the current season by December 31 the coach will be **ineligible to coach in NJYHL** for a minimum of 45 days and a maximum of one year, starting at the beginning of the following season. That coach will not be permitted to

return until all CEP Requirements are met, with final approval from League Commissioner and Coach-in-Chief.

Rationale:

We needed to change the language of our current rule to align it with our original intent.

Submitted by Tony D'Anna

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Rule 89 – C – 3 – Currently reads

3. Regular penalties shall be assessed during the overtime period except under the following conditions: If in the FIRST overtime (4 on 4 situation), a penalty is assessed that would exceed the time remaining in the FIRST overtime period - the penalty will carry into the SECOND overtime period (3 on 3 situation). However, the teams will continue to play at 4 on 4 until the penalty expires. At the next stoppage of play after the penalty has expired in the SECOND overtime, the teams will then play the 3 on 3 format for the remainder of the SECOND overtime period.

If a penalty occurs during 3 v 3 play, a penalty shot will be awarded to the non-offending team.

Note: This does not apply where coincidental penalties are assessed. If a penalty is called as a result of a penalty in overtime the penalty shot must be taken by a player on the ice at the time of the infraction.

Amend to follow NHL rules:

Manpower during overtime will be adjusted to reflect the situation in the game, but at no time will a team have fewer than three (3) skaters on the ice during the overtime period. For example, if a team enters the overtime period on a power play, manpower would be adjusted from 5 on 4 at the end of regulation to 4 on 3 at the start of overtime. If a minor penalty is assessed during overtime, the teams will play 4 on 3. If a second minor penalty is assessed to the same team during overtime, the teams will play 5 on 3.

Submitted by Joe Brooks, Ramapo Saints

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Add Rule:

League Playoffs should be played on regulation sized ice rinks. Playoff games should only be played on Olympic sized rinks if no other bids have been received to host the playoffs.

Submitted by Joe Brooks, Ramapo Saints

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Add Rule:

All bids for playoffs, once received by the NJYHL by the appropriate deadline, should be compiled into a report that includes location and ice cost and made available to the organization Presidents. Based on the submitted bids, consideration should be made on a venue that is considered a central location to the League.

Submitted by Joe Brooks, Ramapo Saints

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14. B Any Peewee, bantam, or Midget player that has played in 5 or more Tier 1 league games will be ineligible to be rostered on an NJYHL team in the same season.

Change to read:

Any player who is rostered on a Tier 1 roster prior to October 16 of the current playing season cannot be moved to a NJYHL roster for that season. After October 15 and before December 31 if a club determines that a player should be moved to an NJYHL roster they must submit to the Commissioner in writing the reason for the move and receive the Commissioner's approval before the player can be moved. At no point can a player be rostered on a Tier 1 roster and an NJYHL roster at the same time.

Explanation:

With Tier 1 clubs playing independent it is necessary to adjust our rules for handling Tier 1 players moving down to Tier in NJYHL.

Submitted by Ryan Gibbons

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Add Rule:

Any player who is rostered on a Junior team in the current season cannot be moved to an NJYHL roster without written permission from the Commissioner. The club must submit in writing to the Commissioner explaining the reason for the move prior to permission being granted. At no point can a player be on a Junior roster and an NJYHL roster at the same time.

Submitted by Ryan Gibbons

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Add Rule:

All NJYHL Referee Assignors are required to use the league designated online scheduling tool to schedule league games. Failure to do so may result in the assignor being replaced by the NJYHL Referee in Chief.

Submitted by Donnie Nichols

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Housekeeping to clarify policy

53. When a player, coach or other team official receives a game misconduct, or match penalty in a NJYHL game, that suspension must be served in the immediate subsequent League game(s). This is independent of any USA Hockey suspension incurred, although they may be served concurrently.

Note: If the next scheduled game is non-league, the USA Hockey penalty must be served in that game with the League suspension being served in the next League game

**Note: If the penalty is assessed at the end of the season, the suspension shall follow the player, coach or other team official in the event he / she joins another NJYHL organization the following season.**



**NJYHL**  
**A New Jersey Non Profit Corporation**  
**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**February 3, 2016-March 1 2016**

Checks should be mailed to me at the address below or brought to the meeting.  
 Charles McLaughlin, 129 Grannis Ave., Morris Plains NJ 07950  
 Any question please e-mail me at cmclaughlin@hapoalimusa.com.

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|------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| <b>Beginning Escrow Account</b>    | <b>\$</b> | <b>33,000.00</b>  |
| <b>Beginning Operating Account</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>210,022.40</b> |
| <b>Deposits</b>                    | <b>\$</b> | <b>160.00</b>     |
| <b>Expenditures</b>                |           | <b>\$1,984.11</b> |
| <b>Final Escrow Account</b>        | <b>\$</b> | <b>33,000.00</b>  |
| <b>Final Operating Account</b>     | <b>\$</b> | <b>208,198.29</b> |

| CLUB                        | Amount Due | Detail                          |    |        |
|-----------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|----|--------|
| Atlantic City Sharks        | \$ -       |                                 |    |        |
| Bridgewater Bears           | inactive   |                                 |    |        |
| Bayonne Rangers             | \$ 50.00   | Fine parent ejection            | \$ | 50.00  |
| Brick Hockey                | \$ -       |                                 |    |        |
| Cranford Hockey             | \$ 150.00  | carryover -reduced              | \$ | 150.00 |
| Flyers Youth Voorhees       | \$ -       |                                 |    |        |
| Freeze (NJ)                 | \$ -       |                                 |    |        |
| Holydell Hurricanes         | \$ -       |                                 |    |        |
| Ice House Avalanche         | \$ -       |                                 |    |        |
| Ice Vault Bandits           | \$ -       |                                 |    |        |
| Jaguars                     | \$ -       |                                 |    |        |
| Jersey City Capitals        | \$ -       |                                 |    |        |
| Jersey Penguins             | \$ -       |                                 |    |        |
| Jersey Shore Wildcats       | \$ -       |                                 |    |        |
| Junior Knights (Old Bridge) | \$ -       |                                 |    |        |
| Junior Titans (NJ)          | \$ 400.00  | Fine late scoresheet 9-19 PW AA | \$ | 100.00 |
|                             |            | Fine late scoresheet 9-20 Ban A | \$ | 100.00 |

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|-----------------------|----|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
|                       |    | Fine late scoresheet 10-11 PW A White | \$                                    | 100.00      |
|                       |    | Fine late scoresheet 10-10 16 AA      | \$                                    | 100.00      |
| Kinnelon Colts        | \$ | -                                     |                                       |             |
| Lawrence Flames       | \$ | -                                     |                                       |             |
| Mercer Chiefs         | \$ | -                                     |                                       |             |
| Montclair Blues       | \$ | -                                     |                                       |             |
| NJ Colonials          | \$ | -                                     |                                       |             |
| NJ Devils Youth       | \$ | -                                     |                                       |             |
| NJ Ironmen            | \$ | 200.00                                | Fine late scoresheet 10-11 16AA       | \$ 100.00   |
|                       |    |                                       | Fine late scoresheet 10-11 18A        | \$ 100.00   |
| NJ Rockets            | \$ | 300.00                                | Fine late scoresheet 9-11 18AA White  | \$ 100.00   |
|                       |    |                                       | Fine late scoresheet 9-13 18 AA White | \$ 100.00   |
|                       |    |                                       | Fine late scoresheet 10-10 PW B       | \$ 100.00   |
| Princeton Tigers      | \$ | -                                     |                                       |             |
| Pro Tech Ponds        | \$ | -                                     |                                       |             |
| Ramapo Saints         | \$ | -                                     |                                       |             |
| Red Bank Generals     | \$ | -                                     |                                       |             |
| Skylands Kings        | \$ | -                                     |                                       |             |
| Stars (NJ)            | \$ | -                                     |                                       |             |
| Team Comcast          | \$ | -                                     |                                       |             |
| Toms River Blackhawks | \$ | (750.00)                              | Credit Squirt & PW team fees          | \$ (750.00) |
| Woodbridge WolfPack   | \$ | -                                     |                                       |             |

**REVENUE**

16-Feb Credit returned Ref check \$ 160.00 Ryan Madaras

**EXPENSE**

2-Feb Crowne Plaza \$ 1,373.17 Feb. Delegates meeting  
4-Feb Game Officials NJ LLC \$34.40 playoff fees  
Tony D Anna \$ 419.88 playoff travel exp.  
Maureen Thomson Siegel \$156.66 playoff travel exp.  
\$ 1,984.11