

To: SAHA Affiliate Presidents and Affiliate Contained League Administrators

From: Chris Powers, Southeast District Director to USA Hockey and John Cox, SAHA Affiliate President

Re: Amendment to USAH Annual Guide Regarding Sanctioned Leagues

At the USAH Annual Congress held this past June in Colorado Springs the Board of Directors adopted a legislative proposal submitted by the Legal Council requiring that all leagues comprised of teams registered within a single affiliate be governed by and fall under the jurisdiction of the affiliate in which they are located. The complete regulation can be found in the USA Hockey Annual Guide in the Rules & Regulations heading at Section VIII. H.

This particular section of the Guide also applies and addresses regulations that apply to Multi-Affiliate Leagues as well. To make sure we had a proper understanding of the application of the new rules to Single Affiliate Leagues we sought clarification from USA Hockey's new legal counsel, Charlie Fuertsch. Based on his responses to our inquiry and the plain reading of the regulation the following seem to be the pertinent points that apply to Single Affiliate Leagues:

1. The regulations apply to all USA Hockey Leagues, youth, high school and adult. We will exclude youth house leagues contained within one single facility.
2. All leagues within the affiliate are subject to the governance of the affiliate.
3. All leagues are to be sanctioned by the affiliate. A simple application for approval by SAHA is attached hereto.
4. Disciplinary matters having to do with the leagues may be handled by the affiliate or, at the affiliate's discretion, by the league.

In order to comply with these provisions it is essential that each league submit the attached application to the SAHA Secretary, Bill Medbery, at [wmedbery@gmail.com](mailto:wmedbery@gmail.com), prior to beginning play. The Single Affiliate Leagues within the SAHA have mostly been functioning successfully for many years and the affiliate does not feel the need to handle disciplinary functions for any league so long as the league continues to comply with the dictates and procedures contained in USA Hockey Bylaw 10 B. If for any reason you would prefer that SAHA assume responsibility for disciplinary matters for your league please indicate that preference on the sanctioning application.

Thank you for all you do for the sport.