

MANASOTA YOUTH TRAVEL HOCKEY RULES & REGULATIONS

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ARTICLE I ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Name

The name of this corporation shall be "MANASOTA YOUTH TRAVEL HOCKEY" (hereinafter referred to as "MYTH").

Section 2: Registered Address

The registered address of MYTH shall be at a place selected by the Board of Directors as the affairs of MYTH require and as defined in the MYTH By-Laws.

Section 3: Membership

1. Voting Membership - An active member in good standing is at least 18 years of age and (1) a designated parent, step-parent, guardian, or other person who satisfies the financial fee obligation for his/her child(ren) participating in the youth travel ice hockey programs operated by MYTH, or (2) any other interested person who pays a membership fee of an amount to be determined by the Board of Directors. The term of membership is the fiscal year of MYTH. Funds contributed to MYTH as part of fund-raising activities do not entitle the contributor to the benefits of membership. Each active member in good standing in attendance at the Annual Meeting shall be entitled to one vote per dependant player by secret ballot in the election of members to the Board of Directors.
2. Nonvoting Membership - Associate members shall be comprised of representatives from outside leagues, ice rinks, referee officials that do not have a child(ren) playing in a MYTH hockey program or have not paid a membership fee. Associate members may attend a regular or special Board Meeting and the Annual Meeting, but are not entitled to a vote.

Section 4: Purpose and Affiliation

MYTH is a non-profit organization operating youth travel ice hockey programs for the benefit of people in the greater metropolitan area. The purposes of MYTH are:

1. To develop character, sportsmanship, and physical fitness among the youth of the metropolitan area;
2. To promote, encourage, and improve the standard of amateur ice hockey,
3. To associate with other ice hockey associations (leagues);
4. To conduct an amateur ice hockey program consistent with the Rules & Regulations of the Statewide Amateur Hockey of Florida, Inc. (SAHOF) and USA Hockey, and;
5. To promote and encourage community, or other philanthropic, services; and
6. To perform or participate in other activities that will aid in reaching these objectives.

Section 5: Team Definition

MYTH hockey teams are defined as any youth travel ice hockey team at Tier I (AAA) or Tier II (A or AA) or tournament team or any other team rostered using the Association number assigned by USA Hockey to MYTH.

1. A team shall consist of a group of players that has complied with all the By-Laws and Rules & Regulations of USA Hockey, SAHOF, and MYTH.
2. Playing on a Tier I or Tier II team is a privilege which is earned through physical and mental preparation. This readiness shall be demonstrated in the annual tryouts for these teams.
3. Fair Ice Time: Although all players will be given an opportunity to play, game situations may dictate the amount of playing time for each player. Coaches are directed to act responsibly to ensure 'fair' ice time is provide to each player on the team.
4. Age classifications for youth travel ice hockey teams shall be in accordance with the current season USA Hockey guidelines.

ARTICLE II REGISTRATION

Section 1: MYTH Registration

1. Players desiring to play on a youth travel ice hockey team for MYTH shall complete a Membership Application & Tryout form.
2. A published tryout fee for the current "playing season" either fall or spring shall accompany the Membership Application & Tryout form. If the player intends to tryout for more than one age group, the player must provide a tryout form for each team, and a tryout fee shall be paid for each age group.
3. Applicants which have an outstanding financial obligation from a previous season shall satisfy in full the outstanding fee obligation prior to participating in tryouts for the current "playing season".
4. Membership applicants that do not have a child participating in a MYTH hockey program shall complete a Supplemental Active Membership Registration form and pay an annual membership fee as designated by the Board of Directors.
5. Players, members in good standing, and non-voting members shall agree to abide by the MYTH By-Laws and Rules & Regulations, as well as those adopted by higher affiliated organizations of USA Hockey and SAHOF.

Section 2: USA Hockey Registration

There shall be two forms of USA Hockey registration: (1) player and (2) team.

1. All individual players intending to register with USA Hockey and participate on a USA Hockey team, shall register and submit their individual fee online at the USA Hockey website upon selection to a MYTH ice hockey team, or within five days after actively engaging in USA Hockey programs.

Section 3: USA Hockey Rosters

1. All teams intending to register as a USA Hockey participating team shall submit to the USA Hockey Registrar a USA Hockey Player Roster (Form 1-T) form for each team by September 15th of the current "playing season", or by the dates defined by an affiliated league or association (whichever is earlier). It is the responsibility of the Registrar to coordinate the rosters for each team.
2. Not more than twenty players shall be included on a roster for any team. It is recommended that a team consist of at least eleven players.
3. After the date of filing a roster for a team, additions or deletions of players shall be submitted as each occurs to the USA Hockey Registrar. Changes to the roster may not occur after December 31st of the current "playing season", or by the dates defined by an affiliated league or association (whichever is earlier) unless permitted by USA Hockey Rules or after review and consent of the SAHOF Youth Committee.
4. Each Team Manager, as described in Article V - Section 3, shall keep current and maintain a team/player Roster Book which contains the registration and roster forms for the team and each participating player and coach as defined in the USA Hockey Annual Guide, under the section entitled, "Registration—Team Membership and Registration—Team Management". Such records shall travel with the team at all times. Roster Book documentation shall include:
 - Certified USA Hockey Player Roster (Form 1 -T),
 - Birth Certificates for each rostered player,
 - MYTH Player Code of Conduct form,
 - USA Hockey Consent to Treat form for each rostered player, and

Section 4: Multiple Rosters for a Player

1. Pursuant to rules of USA Hockey and SAHOF a player in the Peewee-Midget age classification may not be rostered on more than one Tier I or Tier II team, unless the other team(s) is rostered as a "tournament team". At the present time Mites and Squirts may be rostered on more than one team pursuant to USA Hockey and SAHOF rules
2. If a Player desires to tryout for more than one team and if the player is selected the player must follow the rules listed in Article VI, Section 3, paragraph 5 and meet the guidelines listed in Article VI, Section 3, paragraph 6. Any changes to the rules dealing with multiple rosters for a player by USA Hockey or SAHOF that conflict with these Rules and Regulation will supersede the rules listed in these Rules and Regulations. The rostering of a player on multiple teams must meet the guidelines set forth by SAHOF and USA Hockey
3. Players rostered on more than one team within the MYTH organization shall play with their age appropriate team when there is a conflict
4. Players may not be rostered on tournament teams outside of the MYTH organization during the Fall season.

Section 5: Player Transfers

Members of MYTH, players, or other persons associated with the MYTH organization, shall refrain from actively enticing, inducing, or soliciting a player(s) from another team in Florida to register with the MYTH organization from September 1st through April 30th, or the period of time which is deemed to be the "active" competitive game season for the organization. After the current "active" game season has begun, players may desire to join MYTH because of a transfer.

Players which are transferring from outside the greater metropolitan area shall provide a copy of USA Hockey registration, birth certificate and contact names and telephone numbers of officers from their previous organization. Players may not transfer into MYTH after December 31st of the current fall season. However, players may transfer into MYTH the following spring season.

Players which transfer from another organization that is a member of an affiliated league or association shall follow the SAHOF rules as follows:

1. Player Transfers During A Season:

- a. A player who wishes to transfer to another organization after signing a player commitment and paying any required deposit must notify the organization of the desire to transfer and request a financial release. The player can not participate in any games with any prospective transferee organization for a period of thirty days (30 day rule) once notice of intent to transfer and request for a release is made and given to the organization the player originally committed to even if a release is received within the ten day period below.
- b. Refer to the MYTH Financial Fee Agreement for the current playing season for information on fees/penalties required for the transfer.
- c. A player may appeal to the Youth Committee if the current organization fails to provide a release or if the player wishes to request a waiver of the 30 day rule and the administrative fee upon a showing of "just cause", however, under no circumstances will the player be absolved of the financial commitment to the organization for those fees incurred up to the date of the notice of intent to transfer.

2. Player Transfers Following A Season:

- a. A player who wishes to transfer to another organization following the completion of a season shall notify the organization of the desire to transfer and request a financial release.
- b. The organization must respond within 10 days of the request for a release. The organization may require the payment of any outstanding fees for the just completed season as a condition to providing the financial release if the organization previously filed a Notice to the SAHOF President of an unpaid organization fee (which includes a breakdown of the amounts owed) within 30 days of the end of the season including the amount of the unpaid fees and verification that the player(s) were suspended for the final regular season game plus any postseason games or tournaments as a result of the failure to pay season fees. A copy of the Notice must be provided to the player.
- c. A player may appeal to the Youth Committee if the current organization fails to provide a release but may not be added to any roster until the Youth Council has heard the appeal.

Section 6: Other Registration Requirements

1. The Team Manager shall notify the Registrar and Secretary of MYTH of his/her team's intentions to travel outside of the state of Florida and/or the United States. The Team Manager shall submit the necessary documents and fees to the designated USA Hockey registrar prior to the date of travel.

ARTICLE III DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Section 1: Disciplinary Committee

The Disciplinary Committee shall review and act upon all disputes regarding infractions of MYTH's Rules & Regulations, By-Laws and in addition the rules of SAHOF and USA Hockey. The committee shall consist of the President, the Hockey Director, and one (1) other member of MYTH appointed by the Board. Decisions of the committee shall be final, subject only to review by the full Board of Directors at the next regular or special meeting.

Section 2: Complaint Procedure & Review Process

1. A member or player having first hand knowledge of any violation described in these Rules & Regulations shall promptly prepare a Disciplinary/Misconduct Report as described in Appendix B and verbally report said violations to a senior officer of MYTH.
2. The Disciplinary/Misconduct report must be witnessed, as indicated on the form, and forwarded to the Chairperson of the Disciplinary Committee within 72 hours of the violation.
3. The Chairperson of the Disciplinary Committee shall, within five working days of receipt of the written complaint, conduct a hearing to determine the facts of the alleged violation and/or to impose punishment or formulate recommendations for action by the Board of Directors.
4. The hearing may be open or closed, at the option of the alleged violator (respondent).
5. The respondent shall have at least four working days notice of the time and place of the hearing, and the substance of the accusation(s) made against him/her. The respondent shall have the right to inspect all available evidence to be presented against him/her and shall have the right to present rebuttal testimony and evidence in extenuation or mitigation of the hearing.
6. In all cases where the respondent is a player, the Disciplinary Committee shall make every effort to resolve the case prior to the respondent's next scheduled game unless otherwise noted in these Rules & Regulations.

Section 3: Penalties

1. The Disciplinary Committee shall have the power to admonish, reprimand, or censure verbally or in writing, and or to suspend from all or selected MYTH activities for up to 90 days any member, player, or coach found to be in violation of MYTH By-Laws, Rules & Procedures or directives.
2. The Disciplinary Committee shall also have the power to refer cases in their entirety to the Board of Directors for action, and to make appropriate recommendations for the disposition of such cases by the Board of Directors.
3. In cases reviewed by the Board of Directors in their entirety, the Board of Directors shall have the same powers realized by the Disciplinary Committee, as well as the power to permanently suspend, rescind previously distributed honorary awards, terminate membership, or impose any other punishment deemed reasonable and appropriate based on the circumstances of the violation.
4. In matters adjudicated by the Disciplinary Committee that involve suspensions in excess of thirty days, the respondent shall have the right of appeal to the Board of Directors.

Section 4: Appeal Procedure

1. An appeal shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors within two working days of notification of suspension by the Disciplinary Committee. The appeal request shall accompany a signed and completed Disciplinary/Misconduct Report.
2. The Board of Directors shall review the facts and documents pertaining to the violation and evaluate the punishment put forth by the Disciplinary Committee at the next regular or special Board Meeting.
3. The Board of Directors shall have the power to reduce, but not increase, punishment imposed by the Disciplinary Committee. Decisions made by the Board of Directors shall final and are not subject to change.

ARTICLE IV RULES OF CONDUCT

Section 1: Guidelines

The USA Hockey Official Playing Rules and the USA Hockey Annual Guide will prevail as the guidelines for game play and player conduct for MYTH members and players, except as modified herein.

Section 2: Sportsmanship

1. Good sportsman ship is required for all players, coaches, parents, and spectators. All organization, league, SAHOF, and USA Hockey rules will be strictly enforced.
2. Coaches are responsible for their player's conduct, safety, and well-being. Parents will be held responsible, along with the player, to see that all rules and policies are followed.

Section 3: Equipment

Each player participating on a MYTH youth travel ice hockey team shall be required to wear the following equipment when on the ice for a practice or game. The Coach is responsible for monitoring player compliance. If the proper equipment is not worn by the player, then he/she may not participate in the team event.

1. USA Hockey approved ice hockey helmet, including chin strap and protective face mask or shield,
2. Colored mouth guard which is attached to the helmet's face mask or shield,
3. USA Hockey approved neck guard,
4. Shoulder pads,
5. Elbow pads,
6. Athletic supporter (male) or pelvic protector (female),
7. Hockey pants,
8. Shin guards,
9. Hockey gloves,
10. Any other equipment required by USA Hockey, SAHOF or membership league or tournament.

Section 4: Uniforms

1. Each player will be required to purchase two team game jerseys (home and away) and two pairs of coordinated socks for his/her respective MYTH team. Each player must also wear pants and helmets in the approved color for his/her MYTH affiliated team. Jerseys will have numbers and names affixed to the backs which are legible and secure. Game jerseys should not be used as practice jerseys to minimize wear and tear. Helmets will have the approved helmet sticker for his/her MYTH team affixed to each side and white numbers affixed to the back of the helmet.
2. Each team, may at their discretion and by unanimous team vote, obtain 'warm-up' uniforms or dress suits to be worn before and after games. This apparel shall be neat and clean in appearance so as to represent the organization in a professional manner. However, the Board of Directors on a majority vote may make "warm-up" uniforms or dress suits mandatory for all players and coaches to be worn before and after games.

Section 5: Appropriate Conduct

All coaches, players, parents, and other members of MYTH represent the organization and are expected to follow the 'zero tolerance' guidelines set forth by USA Hockey, otherwise disciplinary actions may be taken.

1. A coach or player who fails to conduct himself/herself properly on or off the ice may be issued a minor, misconduct, game misconduct, gross misconduct or match penalty from game officials. Further action involving probation or suspension may be assessed by the Disciplinary Committee.
2. The following examples of improper conduct are presented for clarification and should not take place before, during, or after a game or when a member is deemed as a representative of MYTH.
 - a. Threatening or derogatory remarks to members of the opposing team, referees, off-ice officials, members of the staff at any rink facility, officers of MYTH, or spectators.
 - b. Abusive or obscene gestures or actions.
 - c. A player failing to proceed directly to the penalty box when a penalty is issued.
 - d. Failure of the coach to keep his/her players under control.
3. Fighting will not be tolerated on the ice or off the ice, in the hallways, locker rooms, parking lots, or any public location in which MYTH is represented. Any player who starts or participates in a fight after a game has been officially terminated will be automatically suspended pending review by the Disciplinary Committee.
4. Any coach found to have played a player serving a suspension or a player not on that team's roster shall be himself/herself be suspended from coaching for a period of time set forth by the Disciplinary Committee and the SAHOF Rules & Regulations.
5. Players receiving five (5) misconduct penalties during a single season will be automatically suspended pending review by the Disciplinary Committee.
6. Spectators of hockey events including parents, players, coaches who are representing the MYTH organization shall conduct themselves appropriately and refrain from threatening or derogatory remarks to members of the opposing team, referees, off-ice officials, members of the staff at any rink facility, officers of MYTH, or any other spectators and shall not make abusive or obscene gestures or actions.
7. Parents and spectators will be issued a warning after an infraction. Upon a second violation, the parent or spectator will be asked to leave or be removed from the arena. In addition, the MYTH disciplinary committee may impose additional sanctions which may include, but not be limited to, being prohibited from attending and viewing player's games.

8. Drinking of intoxicants or consumption of illegal substances by a player, coach or participant while engaging in a MYTH sponsored game or practice will result in disciplinary action.
9. Players, coaches, and other MYTH members may not smoke or chew tobacco during games or practices. Non-smoking signs are to be strictly adhered to in any rink facility or disciplinary actions may be taken.
10. Any player, coach, or member involved in marking or defacing any part of a rink facility (i.e. locker room, hall, bathrooms, shower area, etc.) will automatically forfeit his/her upcoming time on the ice. The person(s) performing the act will be reported to the rink facility management and said person(s) will be responsible for any/all financial costs required to correct any resulting damage.
11. Members and players of MYTH are to be considerate of the rink facilities public and parking areas and refrain from roller skating, skate boarding, bicycle riding, or other similar activities in these public areas.
12. Rink facility mechanical areas are not to be used by players, members or coaches of MYTH as they do not directly relate to the purpose of our organization.
13. Players are not allowed to step on the ice until the door(s) to the machine storage area has been closed after an ice resurfacing.

Section 6: Additional Rules

1. Head Coaches may establish additional rules upon proper notice to the Hockey Director and his/her players.
2. A Head Coach may suspend a player for misconduct; such action shall be reported to the Hockey Director for review and a record made thereof. The Disciplinary Committee may take additional action or may consult with the coach and player and/or player's parents to mediate the problem.
3. Players on a youth travel ice hockey team are expected to attend all practices and games unless they have an excused absence from the Head Coach. A coach may hold a player out of a game, or period of a game, when the player has missed practice/games without satisfactory cause. The Head Coach shall notify the Hockey Director when a player is disciplined in this manner.

ARTICLE V --- PERSONNEL SELECTION

Persons supporting the MYTH organization and operations are volunteers. Volunteers are depended upon heavily to accomplish their goals. Volunteers for MYTH positions will be elected or appointed as defined in the By-Laws and Rules & Regulations according to their interests, talents and qualifications. Personnel that are not performing their designated job responsibilities may be subject to disciplinary action, which could result in requested termination of specific volunteer services by the Board of Directors. Ice officials (referees) are not considered to be volunteers of the MYTH.

Section 1:A: Hockey Director

The Hockey Director shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors. The Hockey Director shall serve as a Coach in the organization, upon approval by the President or the Board of Directors. The duties of the Hockey Director shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. To coordinate the appointment of Head Coaches for each travel team, including the solicitation of applications and arrangement of interviews (if necessary), upon approval of the Board of Directors.

2. To act as manager of the ice hockey program by supervising coaches.
3. To coordinate and ensure that organization Coaches have appropriate coaching certification and sign the Coaching Ethics Code Agreement form as described in Appendix B.
4. To coordinate selection of the Selection Panel used for team selection, participate in the player evaluation process, and, if needed, manage the player Selection Appeal Process.
5. To supervise on behalf of the Secretary, the registration of teams, coaches, and players with USA Hockey, SEAHA, SAHOF, and any affiliated travel team leagues.
6. To supervise on behalf of the Secretary, the maintenance of accurate player, team, and coaching records for reference at any league games or tournaments.
7. To serve on the Disciplinary Committee.
8. To suspend any coach found willfully not following the rules of MYTH, SAHOF or USA Hockey until the Disciplinary Committee can take up the matter, however it will not exceed seven (7) days from the date of the suspension.
9. And such other duties as may be specifically assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.

Section 1:B: Director of Coaches

The Director of Coaches may be nominated by the Hockey Director upon the request of the Board of Directors and approval by the Board. The Director of Coaches shall serve as a Coach in the organization, upon the approval of the Board of Directors. The duties of the Director of Coaches shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. To assist the Hockey Director in all matters in the Hockey Directors duties.
2. To participate on the selection panel used for team Selections.
3. To assist the Hockey Director to ensure that all teams are implementing the Hockey system put for by the Hockey Director at an age appropriate level.
4. To act as the Hockey Director in the case that the Hockey Director is not available or can not be reached in matters of emergency or if the Hockey Director is suspended or pending a hearing for a violation of the Rules and Regulation or the By-laws.
5. And such duties as may be specifically assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.

Section 2: Team Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches

Interested applicants shall provide a Coaching Application form as described in Appendix B for review and consideration by the Hockey Director and President. Applicants shall complete the form and sign the consent release form. Team Head Coaches shall be appointed at least one month before each "playing season" by the Board of Directors upon the recommendation of the Hockey Director and President.

1. A Head Coach shall be at least 18 years of age.
2. Every reasonable attempt will be made to choose head coaches who do not have a parental responsibility to a player on the team.

3. A Head Coach shall be able to produce documentation of satisfactory completion of his/her coaching certification level. A Head Coach shall be at least certified at the level he/she is coaching pursuant to the USA Hockey Coaching Achievement Program unless otherwise approved by the Hockey Director and the Board of Directors.
4. A Head Coach shall be able to demonstrate competency in skating, hockey skills, preparing practice plans, teaching techniques, strategies, and skills in communicating with the players and parents.
5. A Head Coach will act responsibly to ensure 'fair' ice time is provide to each player on the team. See Article I Section 5 paragraph 3
6. A Head Coach will appoint his/her Assistant Coaches upon approval and advice from the Hockey Director. The Head Coach will ensure that each Assistant Coach is certified by USA Hockey. An Assistant Coach shall at least be certified at the level he/she is coaching pursuant to the USA Hockey Coaching Achievement Program. If an Assistant Coach is not certified, then a written request for "certification waiver", along with the designated fee, shall be presented to SAHOF prior to his/her appointment as an Assistant Coach. When approved, the Hockey Director, Head Coach, and uncertified Assistant Coach will diligently pursue registration in a coaching certification course as soon as feasible.
7. All coaches shall be required to complete and sign USA Hockey Coaching Ethics Code Agreement. These documents shall accompany the USA Hockey Team Membership Application (Form 2-T) tendered to the SAHOF Registrar.

Section 3: Team Manager

The Team Manager shall be appointed by the MYTH Board upon approval and advice from the Hockey Director. The duties of the Team Manager shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Directing safe, effective and efficient operations of the team.
2. Ensuring safety is a high priority for the team and that each player wears the proper equipment, described in Article IV - Section 3, at each practice and game.
3. Being knowledgeable about organization and rink procedures for injured players.
4. Making available sufficient liquid sources for the players use during practices and games.
5. Maintaining the Roster Book information set forth in Article II - Section 3. Such records shall travel with the team at all times.
6. Keeping all score sheets, and any other pertinent documents, for the entire "playing season" and included in the Roster Book.
7. Coordinating application forms and travel documents on behalf of the team for tournaments sanctioned by USA Hockey.
8. To collect any tournament or fundraiser monies owed by each member of the team that the Team Manager represents and turn those in to the Treasurer. To ensure that any fees owed to referees and time keepers are collected and paid for any scheduled scrimmage.
9. Arranging hotels and other travel accommodations as necessary, for players and their families when the team is traveling out of town to participate in a MYTH authorized event.
10. Coordinating fund raising activities for the team and scheduling team parent participation in such activities as needed.

11. Ensuring that a Penalty Box Monitor is available for every game which involves the team.
12. Working closely with the Head Coach to track player and team statistics.
13. Assisting the Head Coach with his/her duties when requested.
14. And such other duties as may be specifically assigned by the Head Coach, Team Director, or Board of Directors.

Section 4: Team Representative

The two (2) Team Representative shall be elected by the members of a team within two (2) weeks of the team's selection. The duties of the Team Representatives shall include, but not limited to, the following:

1. To attend the Monthly Board meeting of MYTH and serve as a voting member of the Board.
2. To notify their respective parents of the contents of the Monthly meeting.
3. To bring to the Board any questions or suggestions brought to their attention by their respective parents.
4. And such other duties as may be specifically requested from time-to-time by authorized representatives of MYTH.

ARTICLE VI - TEAM SELECTION

Section 1: Selection Panel

Each team's Selection Panel will be comprised of five members; the Hockey Director, the Head Coach, and three non-partisan evaluators. The Hockey Director and President will be responsible for determining the three non-partisan members of the Selection Panel. Non-partisan members of the Selection Panel may not include a parent or guardian of a player trying out for the team and shall be knowledgeable about the hockey skills required to participate on a Tier I or Tier II travel team for the age group. A separate Selection Panel will be established for each team.

Section 2: Tryouts

Tryouts will be designated as 'open' and do not require membership within MYTH for participation. At least two tryout sessions will be scheduled per age level, one of which will include a scrimmage. If possible, goalies will have a separate tryout session. Players desiring to participate in a MYTH tryout are requested to wear hockey clothing that is nondescript and free of logos. Each player will be provided with a penny or jersey which will be used in all of the tryout sessions. Players shall be advised that the Selection Panel will be notified of only their assigned number, jersey color, and helmet color and not of their identity.

Section 3: Selection Criteria

1. Players are encouraged to tryout for the youth travel ice hockey team of their age group as described in the playing rules for USA Hockey.

2. Player selection criteria are defined on a Player Selection Form described in Appendix B
3. Each member of the Selection Panel will evaluate each player in a fair and unbiased manner. Each member shall have one vote to determine the overall player's eligibility for team selection.
4. Players selected for the team will be determined based on their overall performance and skill levels.
5. Players desiring to tryout in more than one age group shall submit a written request to the Hockey Director. Upon written approval, the player may tryout in more than one age group, but shall pay a separate tryout fee for each age group.
6. Players which are trying out in an age group above their described age group shall exhibit skills which place the player within the top five ranking of all player participants in order to be selected in the higher age group.
7. Every attempt will be made to have each player evaluated at a minimum of two times.
8. The final evaluation may be by invitation only at the discretion of the Selection Panel.
9. Notification of player selection will be provided by posting a team roster list in a designated location determined by the Hockey Director which will include at minimum the jersey number assigned to the participant and the jersey color as soon as practical after the final tryout.

Section 4: Team Composition

1. The maximum number of players selected for any given team will be 20; including two goalies.
2. It is recommended that each team consist of at least ten skaters and one goalie, but the number of team members will be determined by the recommendations put forth by the Budget Committee and approved by the Board of Directors; unless otherwise approved by the Board of Directors.
3. In the event there are fewer players selected for a team than the number of players put forth by the Budget Committee, then the players/members of MYTH agree to accept an additional financial fee that may be charged to each player to offset the fee that would have otherwise been paid by a participating player.
4. It is the responsibility of the Selection Panel to ensure that the number of players selected for a team is representative of the overall talent exhibited by the participants and the number of players selected supports the success of the team.
5. Players may be added to the roster after tryouts, due to transfer or other reasons, as long as the registration is consistent with the Rules & Regulations described in Article II herein.

Section 5: Selection Appeal Process

Players which are not selected for a team may request, in writing to the Hockey Director, an explanation as to the rationale for non-selection. Requests for explanation, and responses thereof, will be limited to the specific player and his/her performance.

Section 6: Successful Player Selection Registration

1. Players that are selected to participate on a youth travel ice hockey team will be required to register with MYTH upon notification of team acceptance, as well as satisfy the following:
 - a. Read and agree to MYTH Rules and Regulation document
 - b. Read and agree to Financial Fee obligation as set forth for the current playing season
 - c. Complete required USA Hockey registration
 - d. Provide other mandatory documentation to include, but not necessarily limited to a birth certificate, consent to treat form and a signed player code of conduct
2. Failure to comply with any of these requirements will result in another player being selected for the team.

ARTICLE VII PLAYER AND PARENT RESPONSIBILITY

Section 1: Practices and Regular Season Games

1. All players rostered on a MYTH team roster are expected to participate in all regular season practices and league games.
2. Players must notify the team manager and head coach if they intend to be absent from any team activity. Religious observances, illness or injury with a doctor's note are excused absences.
3. Players who regularly miss practices and games for unexcused reasons may face disciplinary action in the current season and/or be prohibited from participating on teams in future MYTH seasons. There will be no refund of money paid when dismissed from the team.

Section 2: MYTH and SAHOF State Tournaments

1. All teams and all players are expected to participate in any tournaments hosted by MYTH at the Ellenton Ice and Sports Complex.
2. All players are expected to participate if their team qualifies and is eligible to play in the SAHOF State Championship Tournament.
3. If a player is selected to play on a National Bound Team (Pewee AA, Bantam AA, U16 AA and U18 AA) and the team qualifies in the SAHOF State Championship Playoffs to advance to the USA Hockey Southeastern District Championship Tournament and subsequently to the USA Hockey National Championship Tournament, the team and players are required to attend these tournaments.
4. Your MYTH Tuition does not cover tournament entry fees, meals, airfare, car rental or any other expenses associated with these tournaments.
5. Failure to participate in such events, may result in disciplinary action in the current seasons and/or prohibit player participation in future MYTH seasons.

Section 3: Additional Tournaments, Jamborees, Games and Practices

1. Teams may participate in any additional events for which they are qualified. These events may not conflict with the teams' scheduled league games, the MYTH sponsored tournaments or the SAHOF state tournament.
2. Teams are responsible for all costs associated with these tournaments.
3. The team manager will hold a meeting no later than 30 days after the 1st practice to identify which weekends and/or tournaments are available and the team will vote on which events to participate in.
4. When a 75% majority of the team votes to participate in an additional event, all players are expected and required to participate, unless the absence is excused.

Section 4 – Support of MYTH Organization

Each MYTH team shall be responsible for working five (5) volunteer hours during all MYTH sponsored events, such as tournaments and other events.

ARTICLE VIII - FINANCIAL POLICIES

Section 1: Sponsorships

It is within the Purpose and mission statement to provide scholarships to MYTH members and local recreation players who are in financial need to participate in youth hockey.

Section 2: Fund Raising

1. Every team is expected to participate in fundraising functions approved by the Board of Directors or their Team Manager.
2. It is within MYTH's purpose and mission statement to attempt to raise monies through fundraising.

Section 3: Refund and Transfer Policy

Any refunds and financial releases will be governed by the signed contract by the participant subject to transfer fees and financial release as stated above in Article II section 5 and in the Financial Fee Agreement. In addition the player will be responsible for any pro-rata share of the season fee that the player participated in; any deviation of the pro rata share shall be approved by the Board.

Document Validation

The forgoing Rules and Regulations of Manasota Youth Travel Hockey, Inc. were adopted and approved by the Board of Directors thereof, on May 10, 2010, amending the 2006 - 2007 version of these Rules and Regulations, notice having been duly given and a quorum being present. The President and Secretary of MYTH hereby certify the forgoing as of the dates written below.

Manasota Youth Travel Hockey, Inc.

By: _____

Cliff A. Ramey
Dated May 10, 2010

By: _____

Kelly Goudreau
Dated May 10, 2010

Amended as of May 10, 2010