

July 7, 2019 Oregon State Hockey Association Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Oregon State Hockey Association was held on July 7, 2019 at 10:22 a.m. via Teleconference. The President being in the chair and the Secretary present. The minutes of the April 13, 2019 meeting were read and approved as submitted.

Roll Call:

Board Members:

OSHA President: Lester Sparks
OSHA Vice President: Wendy Heaton
OSHA Treasurer: Kara Minchin
OSHA Secretary: Sue Fthenakis
Bend Ice: Aaron Olsen
Klamath Ice Sports: Gerard Collins
Lane Amateur Hockey Association: Joy Pendowski
Rose City Hockey Club: (absent)
Rogue Valley Hockey Association: Matt Dybala
Rink Exchange Hockey League (REHL): Kevin Chambers
Sherwood Ice Arena Adult League: (absent)
Winterhawks Skating Center/Winterhawks Junior Hockey (WJH): Andy Potter

Non-Voting Members

Referee in Chief: Erik Nyberg

Committee Chairpersons

Disabled Hockey: Jennifer Southall
Coach in Chief: Andy Potter

Reports: Officers

President Report: Lester Sparks

National Updates:

- Membership update – Pacific District numbers in general are up across the board. In most cases higher than the national average. Pacific District is now the 4th largest district in the USAH NGB. Oregon numbers are slightly up as a whole but our retention's are showing a slight decrease at our 8U level.
- Club Excellence update – several associations in the state are currently using it. Send Kevin Erlenbach, Assistant Executive Director of Membership (kevine@usahockey.org) or Lester Sparks any information regarding items you would like to see or need. **Lester Sparks is looking into using this platform at the state level and will report back to the board.**
- SportsEngine screening update – USAH is using NCIS at the national level for screening. They are currently the main vendor. Lester Sparks indicated Oregon will shift to NCIS from Verified Volunteers this month.
- Officials update – Retention and recruiting of Officials continues to be a problem. The primary reason stems from continued abuse of officials. **Affiliates and associations within those affiliates should be fully supporting their referees and enforce the No Tolerance Rules. Affiliates should have a close working relationship with their RIC's and local referee programs to ensure continuity.**
- Americas Showcase – Will be held from April 16-20, 2020 in St. Louis, MO. OSHA is proceeding with talks to blend players from Oregon and Washington states for a team to send to the High School Showcase.
- Body checking update – USAH issued a "Points of Emphasis" for the 2019-2020 season. Documents intentions are to clarify and update the existing rules/definitions to emphasize the key points to more clearly outline what is deemed acceptable and unacceptable behavior. **Lester Sparks will send out information about clarifications to body checking.**

District Updates:

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- **All board members should have completed SafeSport and Background Screening by July 17, 2019**
- Steve Thompson has been named USAH ADM manager of Goaltending. The District is looking for a new District Goaltending manager.
- CEP programs are being updated and should be available in late August early September.
- Steve Stevens has stepped down as District Referee in Chief and has been replaced by Dan Ellison. Dan is from San Diego, California.
- Kelly Hayes has stepped down as District Disabled Hockey representative. Matt Zucker has been appointed the new representative.
- Emergency/Evacuation plans will be expected to be understood by staff at rinks and tournaments in the future.
- Player Development fees may be increasing. The 17 year old group will be reduced from 80 players to 40 which means that Oregon will most likely only send 1 forward and 1 defense player.
- District Guidebook will be updated this year.

Vice President's Report: Wendy Heaton

Nothing new to report

Treasurer's Report: Kara Minchin

- (see Treasurer's Report)
- The next budget will be proposed via email in August
- Lester Sparks asked members who participate in scheduling the end of the season jamborees and championships to take into account the availability of referees to minimize the excess cost of travel for referees
- Lester Sparks and Kara Minchin will meet to put Lester Sparks as a signer on the bank account and remove Donna Kaufman

Secretary's Report: Sue Fthenakis

(Nothing new to report)

Referee in Chief Report: Erik Nyberg

(see Referee in Chief's Report attached)

- There will be a Level 4 referee seminar in Beaverton on September 7th.
- The last referee seminar will be in Medford in the hopes that it provides for enough sign ups to prevent cancelation.
- **Banging boards with sticks will result in penalties.**
- Lester Sparks asked that the website be updated with a section on officiating and linking with the OHOA website. **Joy Pendowski will work with Erik Nyberg to create an OHOA section on the OSHA website.**
- **Lester Sparks also asked Erik Nyberg to send any budget request items to him.**
- **Let Eric Nyberg know of any changes in Discipline Chairperson contacts for member associations.**
- **OHOA is recruiting new referees throughout the state.**

Reports Standing Committees:

Audit: Lester Sparks

- **Looking for a new chairperson. Forward candidate names and a short bio to Lester Sparks.**

Discipline: Wendy Heaton

(Nothing new to report)

- **Please send Wendy Heaton your Discipline Committee members from your association for the upcoming season especially if there have been any changes.**

Membership Committee Report: Sue Fthenakis

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(see Membership Committee Report attached)

- **Sue Fthenakis requested submission of IRS 990 forms by July 20, 2019.**
- Portland Junior Winterhawks have notified us that they will not be offering a hockey program for the 2019-2020 season. The youth hockey program in Portland will now be called Winterhawks Junior Hockey and will operate under the Winterhawks Skating Center Member Association. **Sue Fthenakis moved to suspend the Portland Junior Winterhawks member association for the 2019-2020 season. Motion carried. No abstentions.**
- Voting Members of the Oregon State Hockey Board are now:
 - Executives:
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Non-Profits:
 - Bend Ice
 - Klamath Ice Sports
 - Lane Amateur Hockey Association
 - Rogue Valley Hockey Association
 - Rose City Hockey Club
 - For Profit:
 - Rink Exchange Hockey League
 - Sherwood Ice
 - Winterhawks Skating Center (includes Winterhawks Junior Hockey)

Nominating Committee Report: Wendy Heaton

(Nothing new to report)

- Lester Sparks requested that Wendy Heaton provide deadlines for nominations for President and Secretary. **Wendy Heaton will send out dates for nominations once the October meeting date is set.**
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Reports Ad Hoc Committees:

American Developmental Model (ADM) Report: Lester Sparks

- ADM model is being practiced by all of Oregon's associations presently. Lester Sparks has spoken to a few individuals regarding taking the ADM chair position. The ADM person would be actively involved in participating in CEP clinics, GDC clinics, Player Development Camp, and support any associations needing additional training or information regarding ADM best practices. Lester Sparks hopes to appoint someone for the upcoming 19/20 season.

Coach in Chief and Coaching Education Program: Andy Potter

(see Coach in Chief Report attached)

- **Andy Potter will confirm the dates of the October Training with Flint DOUNGCHAK**
- **Send local Member Association Coach in Chief contact information for the upcoming season to Andy Potter**

Disabled Report: Jennifer Southall

(see Disabled Committee Report attached)

- **Jennifer Southall asked each association to send her information regarding disabled players and coaches in their association.**
- **Jennifer Southall will send out a checklist or set of guidelines for associations to make their programs accessible and welcoming to Disabled Hockey.**

Finance:

Nothing new to report

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- **Scott Wallace has stepped down as chairperson. Forward Finance Committee Chairperson candidate names and a short bio to Lester Sparks.**

Girls Hockey:

(see Girls Hockey Committee Report attached)

- **Carolyn Parks has stepped down as chairperson. Please send nominations and a short bio for a new chairperson to Lester Sparks by July 14, 2019**

Goaltending Development: Adam Purner

(see Goaltending Development Report attached)

- **Adam Purner needs a representative in every association working with this committee.**

Team Oregon: Andy Potter

- Andy Potter reported that Oregon has had talks with Team Washington to form a long-term partnership to create a combined team.

Player Development: Lester Sparks

- **Andy Potter made a motion to change the dates for the Oregon Development Camp to January 31, February 1, and February 2. The motion carried, no abstentions.**
- **That will be a “black-out” weekend for all age levels.**
- **The deadline to request to host the Development Camp is July 31, 2019**
- Participation was up to 115 players this year from last year. If it grows again next year there will need to be more ice time so all players get enough ice time.
- **Lester Sparks will provide a report on participation by Member Association.**

(Max Gordichuk joined the meeting via call-in)

SafeSport Report: Jason Vaillancourt

(see SafeSport Report attached)

- **All board members should have completed SafeSport and Background Screening by July 17, 2019**

Website: Joy Pendowski

(see Website Report attached)

- **Joy Pendowski will meet with Lester Sparks to set up content guidelines so that items can be posted in a timely manner.**
- **Andy Potter will contact Joy Pendowski to discuss methods for setting up storage, shared folders and content.**
- **Joy Pendowski will send out SafeSport updates on Social Media**
- **Please send social media site information to Joy Pendowski for posting on the OSHA website.**

Reports: District:

See President's report

Old Business:

- **Tiering: (To be discussed at the work session August 10 in Portland. Time and place TBD.)**
- **Scheduling: (To be discussed at the work session August 10 in Portland. Time and place TBD.) All youth associations need to have a scheduler present at this meeting.**

New Business:

- **Lester Sparks would like to form a committee to review regulations and make recommendations for the state. This committee will consist one representative from each youth association, the CIC, the RIC, and the President.**
- **Lester Sparks will send Joy Pendowski the list of names to be included on a shared document for the meeting.**

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1. **Lester Sparks formed a committee to review and discuss changes to the OSHA R&R's for the 2019/2020 season.** One member from each association will be added to represent their interests. The committee will meet off line and bring proposed changes back to the entire board prior to the start of this season for ratification.
2. **Lester Sparks will be sending an email to all the associations requesting them to opt – in at each level of play they will be participating at for the 2019/2020 season. Teams will be categorized as “Rec – in-house”, “Travel B”, “Tier II” and “Tier 1”.** This will help us better understand what will need to be scheduled both at the association and state level for the upcoming season.

Association News and Reports:

(see Member Association Quarterly Reports attached)

- **Bend:**
- **KIS: (See Report attached)**
- **LAHA: (See Report attached)**
- **RVHA: (See Report attached)**
- **RCHC: (See Report attached)**
- **WJH: (See Report attached)**
- **REHL: (See Report attached)**
- **Sherwood:**
- **WSC: (See Report attached)**

Next Meeting: October 19, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.; Eugene, OR (In conjunction with the Coaching Education Program (CEP))

Meeting Adjourned: Joy Pendowski moved to adjourn at 1:15 p.m. Motion carried. No abstentions.

Treasurer's Report

Referee in Chief Report:



State Referee in Chief Report JULY, 2019

1. Seminars ~

The USAH Officials Seminar Instructor staff will hold USAH officials seminars in Oregon. Here are those dates and locations;

| | | | | |
|------------------------|------------|--------------------------|----------|---------------|
| Sept. 7 th | Beaverton. | Pac Dist Level 4 Seminar | | Level 4 |
| Sept. 14 th | Beaverton. | Oregon Sports Offices | Advanced | Level 3 only |
| Sept 28 th | Eugene | Rink Exchange | Basic | Level 1, 2, 3 |
| Oct 5 th | Beaverton. | Oregon Sports Offices | Basic | Level 1, 2, 3 |
| Oct 26 th | Bend | Bend Pavillion | Basic | Level 1, 2, 3 |
| Nov 2 nd | Medford | The Rrink | Basic | Level 1, 2, 3 |

Official's annual registration opened on May 28st 2019, through USAH on-line. The seminar dates are live on the USAH Officiating site now!. Mandatory Officials registration required prior to signing up for the seminar of their choice. These fill FAST, so tell your folks not to wait!

We must have a minimum of Ten(10) to hold each seminar, or it may be cancelled.

Officials can attend a seminar in any state or location.

Have any new interested prospects?

Contact John Tallmon johntallmon@icloud.com OR Erik Nyberg nyberg37@comcast.net

2. Penalty tracking ~

I will continue to provide you all with the tracking of USAH on-line reported penalties over each season.

For the 3rd Q, There were only penalties from Adult leagues. A total of 17 added.

I ask that each association has a discipline chair to ensure that the coaches and players are notified of their suspensions and those suspensions are served.

This is a key part in the process to maintain games of integrity and sportsmanship.

Please let me know of any changes in the discipline contact persons of your associations.

Please see attached document for current numbers.

3. Development and Recruiting ~

As in previous seasons, we are in need of additional officials in all markets in the state.

We need your help to connect with the individuals that have shown interest in becoming a referee. We are trying some new programs to de-mystify & simplify the process.

Have any new interested prospects contact John Tallmon johntallmon@icloud.com OR Erik Nyberg nyberg37@comcast.net

Submitted 7/07/19

Erik Nyberg

Oregon State RIC

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Discipline Committee Report:

Discipline Report

07.07.19

There have been no new match penalty reports since the April 2019 meeting.

Thank you,

Wendy Heaton

Membership Committee Report:

Membership Committee Report

July 6, 2019

- Member Association Annual Renewals were due April 5, 2019. All Member Associations submitted complete renewal applications by the deadline with the exception of the IRS Form 990's. The requirement to submit the 990's was inadvertently left off of the 2019 renewal form. The Form 990's have now been requested and are expected to be submitted within the next few weeks. The Renewal form will be corrected for 2020.

The Membership Committee reviewed all applications. All associations renewals are in order.

- Portland Junior Winterhawks have notified the Oregon State Hockey Association that they will not be offering a youth hockey program for the 2019-2020 season.

Sue Fthenakis
Chairperson,
Membership Committee

Nominating Committee Report:

Nominating Committee Report

07/07/19

Committee Members:

Wendy Heaton
Kelly McMahan
Carolyn Parks

Currently there is nothing new to report from the nominating committee.

Thank you,

Wendy Heaton

APPROVED

Coach in Chief Report:



OSHA CIC Report – July 1, 2019

Board Meeting – July 7, 2019

Goals for the 19 – 20 Season

- To educate and support coaches throughout Oregon.

CEP Training – For 19-20 Season; We are currently planning a 2-day course in October, with support from the National Office. The plan is to hold a level 1 and level 2 on Saturday and a level 3 and goalie bronze on Sunday. This two-day event will be in Eugene. We are also looking at options for a second 2-day course to be held in Portland, same setup with level 1 and level 2 on day 1 and level 3 and goalie bronze on day 2.

I know many enjoy having coach's education at their local programs and while this does introduce coaches to USAH, having coaches from other locations meet and learn from each other is also important. For 2019 – 2020, all level 2 and level 3 instruction will be held at one of our 2-day events.

I would also like to have target our OSHA Coaching Summit for the Friday before our October CEP training. The goal is having, at a minimum, all of the local association coaching directors to meet up for both a social gathering, but also to discuss needs amongst the associations and affiliate.

I will be attending a CEP trainer training in August, as USAH has new materials for 2019-2020.

- To have all coaches compliant with their requirements before deadlines

This is imperative for our affiliate and programs to be successful. This includes SafeSport training, background checks, age modules and CEP courses. SafeSport, backgrounds and age modules must be completed before coaches start working with their team or teams.

- To assist our GDC with our affiliate GDC program

We were able to host one Bronze level goalie class this past season. We will look at a new format to offer GDC classes as part of CEP two-day training events.

- To hold a competitive development camp to select the top players from Oregon to move on to District and Regional Camps
- Continue to build on a tiering for Oregon Hockey and expand play throughout the state.

Thank You

Andy Potter
OSHA CIC

Disabled Hockey Report:



OSHA Disabled Hockey Report -

Board Meeting - June 07, 2019

Goals for the 2019-20 season have been adjusted with some benchmarks extended beyond the upcoming season.

- Bring all respective hockey associations up to speed on USA Hockey disabled hockey policy regarding accessibility/promotion of all respective branches- End of season goal is to have at least one volunteer coach at every age level within all respective hockey association complete the online disabled hockey certification course and share knowledge with their peers.
- Determine what accommodations statewide rinks/associations do and does not have in regard to providing an equal playing field for all.
- Apply for Grants/funding to expand disabled hockey within hockey associations in the state for 2020-21 season and the future in and form a partnership with the winter hawks hockey association to develop a PR/funding plan to promote the growth of all branches of disabled hockey
- Discuss a directive of having a budget allocation for every hockey association in the state so each association has a set cost allocated for accommodations laid in their annual budget every year.



- With the directive set; there is no scrambling for additional funding if there are accommodations needed for a player when the request is made by said player's family/USAH policy dictates it.

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- Annual budget set for accommodations/disabled hockey events within each hockey association needs to be a new regulation added to the OSHA bylaws as well regardless if an association needs it or not annually.
- This directive needs to be discussed and implemented.
- Determine the quota of players/interested parties for each program viability/visibility in the long run, each association will need to gather that information within their community and bring it to my attention by the next board meeting in October.
- Coordinate with USA Hockey HQ/Pacific District Region Disabled hockey branch regarding having the Winterhawks and LAHA host a clinic/try hockey for free day event for various branches for disabled hockey at some point in early 2020 or 2021.
- Deaf Hockey: Washington State school for the Deaf/Blind (Winterhawks) and Oregon State school for the Deaf/Blind in nearby Salem (LAHA) will need to collaborate on two dates that works the best for all parties involved. On ice staff training for accommodations would need to be arranged prior to dates selected in order to maximize the experience for kids involved. Grant funding will also be discussed/PR needed to promote said event.
- Sled hockey: Coordinate with Josh Sweeney/Rico Roman/Wendy/Lester /Kellie on expanding the program in the state/establishing a registry network of all sled players in the state and what are the necessary steps that have to be in place to make it a reality. Lester/I will schedule a meeting TBD with above parties to discuss all details and all accommodations needed with the assistance of the new winter hawks program. Veterans Memorial coliseum may be an option available for use as its the most ADA compliant rink we have here in the greater PDX area.
- Special Hockey initiative will be determined after establishing which host association statewide has the numbers of interested parties in order to launch a program/grow it.
- Promote disabled hockey related events to all associates via website.



- My long term goal at this point is to have Oregon be able to field a youth/adult team in one or multiple branches of disabled hockey and have the teams participate in the disabled festival/other events within 3-4

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years from the establishment of the program. It has to be a true collective effort not just from the association that hosts the program but also from the community surrounding that association to ensure longevity/stability of the program.

- I think overall, OSHA has an opportunity here to really make an impact and become a model USAH state with developing disabled hockey/expanding the presence of all branches here in the PNW. It will take the collective efforts/ true partnership of respective hockey associations over the next few years to make this a reality. This will not be a overnight process.
- Blind Hockey: Position needs to be created, I have reached out to key personnel within the Chicago Blind/ Minnesota Blind hockey program on what needs to be done to establish key groundwork for the launch of the program or programs within OSHA.
- Key Dates for disabled events are listed below

Upcoming Dates:

USWDNT summit series - August 8-11 2019 Minneapolis, MN

Blind Hockey Summit August 23-25, 2019 St Paul, MN

Terry Fator Warrior Classic October 3-6, 2019 Las Vegas, NV

Special Hockey Classic November 8-10, 2019 Wayne, New Jersey

NHL Sled Classic November 21-24, 2019, St. Louis, MO

2019 Winter Deaflympics December 12-21, 2019 Valtellina – Valchiavenna, Italy

2020 Disabled Hockey Festival April 2-12, 2020 Pittsburg, PA

International Disabled Hockey World Cup May 11-17, 2020 Las Vegas, NV

ICSD/IIHF World Deaf Ice Hockey Championship, April 7-17, 2021 Vancouver, BC

Girls Hockey Committee Report

Oregon State Hockey Association

Girls Committee Update

Committee Members: Kara Minchin, Joy Pendowski, Caroline Parks

July 2019

Girls Committee 2019/20 Agenda and Vision

Vision - Begin to implement a state-wide Team Oregon program that provides an opportunity for girls across the state to participate in all-girls hockey via all-girls weekend clinics and game opportunities at varying locations across the state. Ultimately, the goal is to have a OR wide state teams at varying age groups that play at tournament(s) when schedules with their primary teams/organizations permit.

GIRLS HOCKEY WEEKENDS & TOURNAMENT DRAFT PLAN for 2019/20 -

1. Identify two weekend and locations to offer "Girls Weekends". The locations are TBD but the goal would be to include locations outside of the Portland Metro area if possible in order to make these girls weekends more accessible to girls that don't have the opportunity to play all girls hockey.
 - a. If we have older girls involved in these weekends (14U for example), they could help coach the younger girls in the skills clinics.
 - b. Would need to identify enough coaches to properly staff/support these weekend clinics.
 - c. While we previously discussed focusing on 12U & 14U, I think a 10U age division might be a good choice this year since, as of now, there will be no 10U GDP program offered in PDX.
2. Create an agenda for these weekends. Ideally, these weekends would include the following:
 - a. All Girls Skills Clinics -
 - i. All Girls Skills Clinics for all ages
 - ii. Offer a Learn to Play Hockey session
 - iii. Have a scheduled practice for each "Team Oregon" (10U/12U/14U)?
 - iv. Schedule a game for the Team Oregon teams if possible.
 - v. Other ideas?
3. Team OR Teams play in an end of season tournament (if possible). - Details TBD but likely a tournament after the various regular season programs wrap up.
 - a. Determine how the Team Oregon teams get selected.
 - b. Determine how to select Team Oregon coaches.

TEAM OREGON WEEKENDS - CHALLENGES

1. Do we have enough interest to put together Team Oregon girls teams in multiple age divisions that would be willing to participate in these girls weekends?
 2. Are there enough girls within the various potential host cities that would make having a Girls Weekend productive and effective?
 3. How do we determine who makes the Team OR rosters? Are there tryouts? Is it purely skill based? Do we have some sort of allotment system so that different regions of the state are fairly represented?
 4. Who administers Team OR? Who determines fees? Who hosts registration?
 5. PDX girls from 12U and up have very busy tournament, metro, GDP schedules. Is it reasonable to expect they will make a Team OR commitment? What if PDX kids can't do it...is there enough interest in the rest of the state to field teams?
 6. Other hurdles and challenges from the perspective of those outside the PDX Area?
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Goaltending Development Report:

July 7th, 2019

OSHA GDC REPORT

Goals for 2019-20:

- Hold a Bronze level goalie coaches' clinic in early fall.
 - We need more non-goalie coaches attending to learn the basics of coaching goalies effectively.
- Be at each CEP in the state to provide quality goalie instruction for all coaches.
- Have regular contact with the GDC in each association – once a month minimum.
- Attend a goalie clinic in each association.
- Get more head/assistant coaches involved with “Oregon Goaltenders” GroupMe chats.

Noteworthy News:

- Three Oregon goalies attended the Pacific Select camp in Las Vegas.
- The Portland Winterhawks will be making their goalie coaching staff available for some skill clinics at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum throughout the year. Coaches from around the state are encouraged to attend and learn from some of the best!

Thank you,
Adam Purner
Oregon GDC

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SafeSport Report:



OSHA SafeSport Report

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- **2018/19 Objective-** To have all OSHA Associations SafeSport compliant by November 30, 2017. ACCOMPLISHED! Oregon was compliant this year again. Two years in a row. Great job everyone.
- **Congressional action prompts changes to SafeSport-** Because of the congressional action last year that strengthened the U.S. Olympic Committee's hand regarding sexual abuse of amateur athletes, the SafeSport Handbook has been updated. Please print off and review the new handbook here and pass along to your Association SafeSport reps. Handbook can be found at: https://cdn1.sportngin.com/attachments/document/5cbd-1899191/USA_Hockey_SafeSport_Handbook_Published_on_6-19-19_.pdf?_ga=2.143032245.1492758452.1562337979-386465956.1548983139
- **Highlights of changes include:**
 - *Beginning this season, SafeSport is required every year rather than every other year (however, anyone who completed training in the most recent season (2018- 19) will retain valid training status for 2019-20, and will complete training annually beginning in 2020-21).*
 - *A person must first take the course known as "Core Center for Safe Sport Training," which is taken online and takes approximately 90 – 120 minutes to complete. After that a "Refresher Course" is available each subsequent year for a person that has completed the Core Center for SafeSport Training. The Refresher Course takes 30 minutes or less to complete. There is no cost to members of USA Hockey to complete either training course.*
 - *Training must be completed before a person begins having regular contact with minor athletes, or if they do not have regular contact with minors, no more than 45 days after beginning the role that requires them to complete training.*
 - *Training for Players Seventeen (17) and Over in Age Classifications that Allow Minor Age Players. To ensure that all adult-age players on the same team with minor athletes comply with the law, (i) all players 17 years of age or older on or before December 31 of that playing season, and (ii) who play on a team in a classification that allows minor-age players, must complete SafeSport Training before being added to such team and prior to participation (on-ice or off-ice). This requirement applies to all teams in the age*



classifications Youth, Girls, High School, Junior Hockey, Flex Hockey and Disabled Hockey programs that allow both minor-age and adult-

age players, and to officials who are turning 17 before December 31. Players and officials that complete the training prior to turning 18 will be required to provide parental consent.

○ *The current changes to the SafeSport Handbook do not include changes to USA Hockey's background check policy. However, we anticipate updates to the background check policy that will come into effect for the 2020-21 season.*

➤ **Goal for 2019/20** season will be to continue to focus on locker room monitoring and how to improve processes across the state.

➤ **PLEASE SEND NAME OF YOUR ASSOCIATION SAFESPORT REPRESENTATIVE BY AUGUST 15, 2019. Send to Jason Vaillancourt at OSHA.Safesport@gmail.com**

Website Committee Report:

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OSHA Report – Website / Social Media

Prepared by Joy Pendowski

Since the April 2019 OSHA meeting:

- Website continues to be updated as new content is provided.
- OSHA Guidebook was formatted and posted to the website.
- Everyone was sent their G Suite email logins. Several people have never logged in. These addresses need to be used for OSHA business. Contact me if you need your login credentials.

The following are still wanted and needed from associations and committees:

- Important dates and tournaments for the upcoming season. Please send items to OSHA President for approval.
- Content and calendar contributions from associations and committees. It would be really great to highlight successes in each of the associations as well as guest articles for the blog. I will send out requests on a rotating basis for articles.

Some ideas... Maybe a coach's corner? SafeSport best practices? Player of the month highlights? Travel log for teams and where they're competing?

The following are still in progress:

- Coordinating with OSHA President on social media strategy.

Frequency: Posting ~3x/week

Content: USA Hockey or Pacific District information

Association highlight/announcement*

Event announcements*

Player/coach/admin highlights*

* Dependent upon associations providing information

Reminder, these are our social media accounts:

facebook.com/OSHAHockey

twitter.com/OSHAHockey

instagram.com/OSHAHockey

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Member Association: **Klamath Ice Sports**

Date: 07.05.19

Submitted By: Wendy Heaton

Total Number of Registered **Players**: Projected for 2019-20 Season

| | In-House | Recreation Travel | Tier II | Tier I | Other |
|-------------------|----------|-------------------|---------|--------|-------|
| 8U Youth | | | | | |
| 8U Girls | | | | | |
| 10U Youth | 15 | | | | |
| 10U Girls | | | | | |
| 12U Youth | | 13 | | | |
| 12U Girls | | | | | |
| 14U Youth | | 9-11 | | | |
| 14U Girls | | | | | |
| 16U Youth | | | | | |
| 16U Girls | | | | | |
| 18U Youth | | 11-13 | | | |
| 18U Girls | | | | | |
| High School | | | | | |
| High School Girls | | | | | |
| College | | | | | |
| Adult | | | | | |
| Disabled | | | | | |

Legend:

- **In-House**: Essentially all games are in the home rink. May travel locally but do not travel statewide.
- **Recreation Travel**: Teams that travel
- I statewide and may go to tournaments in neighboring states but are not Nationally Bound. **Tier I and Tier II Nationally Bound**: Teams that follow USA Hockey rules for Nationally Bound teams.
- **Youth**: May include some girls.
- **Girls**: Teams made up entirely of girls.

1. Brief Description of programs and initiatives aimed at growing participation and retention of players:

- Participating in many community activities, to promote hockey in the community and participation in Fall Try Hockey for Free
- Starting a summer street hockey program
- We will be setting up informational tables at Open houses for local school

2. Has there been any disciplinary activity with players, coaching staff, or parents? If yes, provide a brief summary and resolution.

Not currently

3. Is your Member Association planning on hosting any tournaments this season? If so list the dates, and ages/levels:

- 18U B level- January 17th through 20th
- 14U B level- Tentatively December

4. Are there any challenges facing your Member Association right now? If yes provide a brief description with responses and/or intervention planned or in the works?

We continue have small number of players. Our goal is to have a team at each level, 10U, 12U, 14U and 18U.

We continue to have a small number of officials. We continue to offer reimbursement for costs associated with taking the class.

5. How many coaches will be attending the CEP symposium?

5-7 coaches

6. Are there any successes you'd like to highlight?

None at this time

7. Other comments:

Member Association Quarterly Report

Member Association: Lane Amateur Hockey Association

Date: 7/5/19

Submitted by: Joy Pendowski

Total Number of Registered **Players**: We estimate 100 for the upcoming season

Legend:

- **In-House**: Essentially all games are in the home rink. May travel locally but do not travel statewide.
- **Recreation Travel**: Teams that travel statewide and may go to tournaments in neighboring states but are not Nationally Bound.
- **Tier I and Tier II Nationally Bound**: Teams that follow USA Hockey rules for Nationally Bound teams.
- **Youth**: May include some girls.
- **Girls**: Teams made up entirely of girls.

| | In-House | Recreation Travel | Tier II | Tier I | Other |
|-------------------|----------|-------------------|---------|--------|-------|
| 8U Youth | | 2 teams | | | |
| 8U Girls | | | | | |
| 10U Youth | | 1 team | | | |
| 10U Girls | | | | | |
| 12U Youth | | 1 team | | | |
| 12U Girls | | | | | |
| 14U Youth | | 2 teams | | | |
| 14U Girls | | | | | |
| 16U Youth | | | | | |
| 16U Girls | | | | | |
| 18U Youth | | 1 team | 1 team | | |
| 18U Girls | | | | | |
| High School | | | | | |
| High School Girls | | | | | |
| College | | | | | |
| Adult | | | | | |
| Disabled | 1 team | | | | |

1. Brief Description of programs and initiatives aimed at growing participation and retention of players:

The Board will be exploring various marketing opportunities for this summer leading up to the season to raise awareness and reach new players. We will also look to partner with local schools to do pre-season classroom presentations to try and raise interest. We are also adding girls-only ice sessions as well as a series of skills clinics throughout the season to encourage player retention.

2. Has there been any disciplinary activity with players, coaching staff, or parents? If yes, provide a brief summary and resolution.

Yes. We had one coaching complaint received. An investigation was conducted and the matter has been resolved.

3. Is your Member Association planning on hosting any tournaments this season? If so list the dates, and ages/levels:

Yes, Ice Cup Tournament. Dates: February 14-17, 2020. 10U, 12U and 14U House.

4. Are there any challenges facing your Member Association right now? If yes provide a brief description with responses and/or intervention planned or in the works?

We are dropping to one team at both the 10U and 12U age divisions. We had a lot of players in these birth years move out of the area; several of those families had multiple children registered. We will be doing our best to roll new players over from the rink's intro program and into these age divisions.

Second, we have some concern with how we're going to schedule games and create equitable playing situations for our house teams with associations who are fielding 'select' teams or who have teams for which tryouts are being held. We look forward to open discussion and finding a solution that will hopefully work for all.

5. How many coaches will be attending the CEP symposium? Best estimate is 10-15 coaches.

6. Are there any successes you'd like to highlight?

None at the present time.

7. Other comments:

We will be hosting a tryout for our 18U Tier II team on August 17th. The tryout is open to all players who are of eligible birth years (2001-2004), and who played for LAHA last season, or who live in our geographic area, or whose home association is not offering a Tier II option for the 2019-20 season. If there are players in other associations who would be a good fit we would welcome them at our tryout.

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Member Association Quarterly Report

Member Association: **Rogue Valley Hockey Association**

Date: 7/6/2019

Submitted by: Matt Dybala

Total Number of Registered **Players**: 59

| | In-House | Recreation Travel | Tier II | Tier I | Other |
|-------------------|----------|----------------------|---------|--------|-------|
| 8U Youth | | 5 | | | |
| 8U Girls | | | | | |
| 10U Youth | | 8 | | | |
| 10U Girls | | | | | |
| 12U Youth | | 14 | | | |
| 12U Girls | 1 | | | | |
| 14U Youth | 3 | 15 | | | |
| 14U Girls | 3 | | | | |
| 16U Youth | | 6 | | | |
| 16U Girls | | | | | |
| 18U Youth | | 4 | | | |
| 18U Girls | | | | | |
| High School | | | | | |
| High School Girls | | | | | |
| College | | | | | |
| Adult | | | | | |
| Disabled | | | | | |

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Rec travel: Teams that travel statewide and may go to tournaments in neighboring states but are not Nationally Bound.

Tier I and Tier II Nationally Bound: Teams that follow USA Hockey rules for Nationally Bound teams.

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1. Brief Description of programs and initiatives aimed at growing participation and retention of players:

Learn to skate and learn to play hockey program

In-house hockey

10u, 12u, 14u and 18u rec travel hockey teams

Post-season weekly skills and drills for all ages, 14u/18u summer hockey, weekly power skating clinic

Planet Hockey summer camp

2. Has there been any disciplinary activity with players, coaching staff, or parents? If yes, provide a brief summary and resolution.

None recent

3. Is your Member Association planning on hosting any tournaments this season? If so list the dates, and ages/levels:

Hockey for Heroes (10u,12u,14u,18u) - November Veterans day weekend

King of the Ice (10u, 12u) – January MLK day weekend

OSHA state jamboree – March

4. Are there any challenges facing your Member Association right now? If yes, provide a brief description with responses and/or intervention planned or in the works?

Increasing our programs participation #'s. In response, our rink has formed an active monthly committee to focus on public outreach, particularly local schools. Several RVHA board members are also part of this group,

5. How many coaches will be attending the CEP symposium?

At least 10-12 from our current staff

6. Are there any successes you'd like to highlight?

RVHA held annual elections and appointed new board members during May and June. We have several new volunteers filling vacancies in the upcoming year. Summer programs have been well attended.

7. Other comments:

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Member Association: **Rose City Hockey Club**

Date: July 5, 2019

Submitted by: C Parks

Total Number of Registered **Players**: 101 (2018/19 #'s, we don't yet have registration numbers for the 19/20 season)

Legend:

| | In-House | Recreation Travel | Tier II | Tier I | Other |
|--------------------------|----------|-------------------|---------|--------|-------|
| 8U Youth | | | | | |
| 8U Girls | 28 | | | | |
| 10U Youth | | | | | |
| 10U Girls | 12 | 13 | | | |
| 12U Youth | | | | | |
| 12U Girls | 10 | 13 | | | |
| 14U Youth | | | | | |
| 14U Girls | 7 | 11 | | | |
| 16U Youth | | | | | |
| 16U Girls | | | | | |
| 18U Youth | | | | | |
| 18U Girls | | 7 | | | |
| High School | | | | | |
| High School Girls | | | | | |
| College | | | | | |
| Adult | | | | | |
| Disabled | | | | | |

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1. Brief Description of programs and initiatives aimed at growing participation and retention of players:

2. Has there been any disciplinary activity with players, coaching staff, or parents? If yes, provide a brief summary and resolution.

No.

3. Is your Member Association planning on hosting any tournaments this season? If so list the dates, and ages/levels:

We are still determining if we will host a girls tournament for, potentially, 10U/12U/14U/16U in January or February of 2020. We will make a final determination by late August.

4. Are there any challenges facing your Member Association right now? If yes provide a brief description with responses and/or intervention planned or in the works?

While we have partnered with the Winterhawks and have had ice made available to us, we still struggle to put together programming that supports the level of interest in the Portland area in girls hockey. Additionally, per Michael Ford, we are unable to offer a Learn to Play Hockey program as part of our program at SIA.

5. How many coaches will be attending the CEP symposium?

In general, RCHC will have somewhere in the ballpark of 20 to 30 coaches that will be looking to attend a CEP clinic this Fall.

6. Are there any successes you'd like to highlight?

With the transition of the Portland Junior Winterhawks to the Winterhawks, we had some concerns about how that would impact RCHC but we are pleased with the spirit of partnership that Mike Johnston and the Winterhawks brought to our conversations regarding girls hockey and look forward to continuing to develop our relationship with the Winterhawks going forward. Thanks to the Winterhawks, we have been allotted ice to support our house and GDP programs.

7. Other comments:

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Member Association Quarterly Report

Member Association: **Winterhawks Jr Hockey**

Date: July 5, 2019

Submitted by: Andy Potter

Total Number of Registered **Players**:

| | In-House | Recreation Travel | Tier II | Tier I | Other |
|--------------------------|----------|-------------------|---------|--------|-------|
| 8U Youth | 135 | 36 | n/a | n/a | |
| 8U Girls | | | | | |
| 10U Youth | 80 | 36 | n/a | n/a | |
| 10U Girls | | | | | |
| 12U Youth | 92 | 36 | 18 | n/a | |
| 12U Girls | | | | | |
| 14U Youth | 72 | 36 | 18 | n/a | |
| 14U Girls | | | | | |
| 16U Youth | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | |
| 16U Girls | | | | | |
| 18U Youth | 72 | | 20 | 20 | |
| 18U Girls | | | | | |
| High School | | | | | |
| High School Girls | | | | | |
| College | | | | | |
| Adult | | | | | |
| Disabled | | | | | |

Legend:

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- **Recreation Travel:** Teams that travel statewide and may go to tournaments in neighboring states but are not Nationally Bound. **Tier I and Tier II Nationally Bound:** Teams that follow USA Hockey rules for Nationally Bound teams.
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1. Brief Description of programs and initiatives aimed at growing participation and retention of players: WJH is the new Portland program, with the aim of ADM for development. We are focusing on smaller teams and numbers on the ice at younger ages, keeping with developing the skills needed to learn the game at an older age.

All teams will focus on skill development and athletic improvement of players.

2. Has there been any disciplinary activity with players, coaching staff, or parents? If yes, provide a brief summary and resolution. Not yet, and hopefully nothing soon.

3. Is your Member Association planning on hosting any tournaments this season? If so list the dates, and ages/levels: No, WJH is not hosting tournaments this season. We are looking at possible jamboree style weekends for both travel teams and the in-state recreation levels.

4. Are there any challenges facing your Member Association right now? If yes provide a brief description with responses and/or intervention planned or in the works? We are building a new organization, so we have those start up challenges. We have worked through many of them and will be continuing to evolve over the season. Change is hard and we have heard from some families that are not happy with how things are shaping up for this season

5. How many coaches will be attending the CEP symposium? Un sure at this time as we have not picked coaches for many of the programs we are offering for 19-20.

6. Are there any successes you'd like to highlight? Nothing yet

7. Other comments: We are excited to offer programming and develop that programming over time.

Numbers above are forecasted as registration is currently open.

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Member Association: **Rink Exchange Hockey League (REHL or RHL)**
 Date: 7/7/2019
 Submitted by: Kevin Chambers

Total Number of Registered **Players**: ~200

| | In-House | Recreation Travel | Tier II | Tier I | Other |
|--------------------------|----------|-------------------|---------|--------|-------|
| 8U Youth | | | | | |
| 8U Girls | | | | | |
| 10U Youth | | | | | |
| 10U Girls | | | | | |
| 12U Youth | | | | | |
| 12U Girls | | | | | |
| 14U Youth | | | | | |
| 14U Girls | | | | | |
| 16U Youth | | | | | |
| 16U Girls | | | | | |
| 18U Youth | | | | | |
| 18U Girls | | | | | |
| High School | | | | | |
| High School Girls | | | | | |
| College | | | | | |
| Adult | ~200 | | | | |
| Disabled | | | | | |

Legend:

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- **Recreation Travel**: Teams that travel statewide and may go to tournaments in neighboring states but are not Nationally Bound.
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- **Youth**: May include some girls.
- **Girls**: Teams made up entirely of girls.

1. Brief Description of programs and initiatives aimed at growing participation and retention of players: The 2 main programs we have in Eugene for growing participation and developing adult players for the REHL are the Adult Intro to Hockey and Adult Hockey Academy. The Intro to Hockey Program is for beginners and focuses on the 5 main skills of hockey (skating, stickhandling, shooting, passing, and body contact) the same way a beginner youth hockey program does. The main purpose of this program is to prepare a new player for playing in the REHL C League. The Adult Hockey Academy is more for people who already play in C League and want to hone their skills so they can move up to REHL B League. The main focus is still the 5 main skills of hockey but also begins to teach some

| | In-House | Recreation Travel | Tier II | Tier I | Other |
|-------------------|----------|----------------------|---------|--------|-------|
| 8U Youth | | | | | |
| 8U Girls | | | | | |
| 10U Youth | | | | | |
| 10U Girls | | | | | |
| 12U Youth | | | | | |
| 12U Girls | | | | | |
| 14U Youth | | | | | |
| 14U Girls | | | | | |
| 16U Youth | | | | | |
| 16U Girls | | | | | |
| 18U Youth | | | | | |
| 18U Girls | | | | | |
| High School | | | | | |
| High School Girls | | | | | |
| College | | | | | |
| Adult | | | | | 714 |
| Disabled | | | | | |

more advanced skills.

There are several ways the RHL works to retain players. The first is to draft teams every season to try to make the teams as equal as possible. This creates a more competitive league and prevents players from dropping out because they are on the worst team season after season. In addition to the draft, there is a mid-season calibration where league officials and the captains sit down and evaluate how the teams are doing. If one team is too strong or too weak, trades will be made to try to even the teams out. Because of this system, players often form friendships with many of the players

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on other teams which results in a sense of community among the players and creates a friendly but still competitive environment. The last thing we do to retain players is to identify players that behave in reckless or dangerous manners. These players are warned and if they don't change these behaviors they are banned from the league.

2. Has there been any disciplinary activity with players, coaching staff, or parents? If yes, provide a brief summary and resolution. **No**

3. Is your Member Association planning on hosting any tournaments this season? If so list the dates, and ages/levels: **The REHL will have it's annual Fall 3v3 Tournament in August.**

4. Are there any challenges facing your Member Association right now? If yes provide a brief description with responses and/or intervention planned or in the works? **No**

5. How many coaches will be attending the CEP symposium? **N/A (this is adult league so we don't have coaches)**

6. Are there any successes you'd like to highlight? **No**

7. Other comments: **The Rink Exchange is currently closed for the Summer and will be opening on August 14th. The Rink Exchange Hockey League will resume the following Sunday.**

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Member Association Quarterly Report

Member Association: **Sherwood Ice Arena**

Date: 7/1/19

Submitted by: M. Ford

Total Number of Registered **Players**: 714

Legend:

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- **Girls**: Teams made up entirely of girls.

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1. Brief Description of programs and initiatives aimed at growing participation and retention of players:

We at Sherwood have 9 separate divisions of adult hockey with roughly 54 teams during the Summer season. Two of the leagues are draft divisions (5vs5 and Over35) and the other 7 divisions are rated based on ability (Bronze, Silver C, Silver B, Silver BB, Silver A, Silver AA, and Gold). On Friday nights we host an Adult Skills hour-long session for anyone to drop in and be coached by our in-house hockey instructors and ran through hockey drills. This Adult Skills program is required by any new players wishing to play in our leagues, must attend one of these sessions and be evaluated before being placed in any league or division.

For true beginners we host on Friday evening a Learn to Play Hockey program where our in-house hockey instructors teach the basics of the game. Graduates of this program often migrate in to our Bronze league

2. Has there been any disciplinary activity with players, coaching staff, or parents? If yes, provide a brief summary and resolution.

None to speak of

3. Is your Member Association planning on hosting any tournaments this season? If so list the dates, and ages/levels:

Probably an Adult Holiday Tournament over Christmas break (12/26 thru 12/30/2019)

4. Are there any challenges facing your Member Association right now? If yes provide a brief description with responses and/or intervention planned or in the works?

No updates

5. How many coaches will be attending the CEP symposium? Two

6. Are there any successes you'd like to highlight? Last summer we hosted a successful Adult Hockey weekend camp and we're are planning n providing that back again this upcoming September weekend (9/14 & 15).

7. Other comments: No updates