



2019 AHA! Affiliate Leadership Conference

Welcome to the 2019 AHA! Affiliate Leadership Conference! The intent of today's conference is to share ideas and provide valuable information that each of you can take back to your organizations.

- **8:00 AM** – Conference check-In
- **8:30 AM to 8:45 AM** – Welcome & Opening Remarks by AHA! President, Michael Barrett and USA Hockey President, Jim Smith
- **8:45 AM to 9:00 AM** – AHA! Annual Awards
- **9:00 to 9:15 AM** - Chicago Blackhawks Learn to Play Program
- **9:15 AM to 10:30 AM** – Joe Terrasi, Positive Coaching Alliance
- **10:40 AM to 2:30 PM** - Break-out Sessions and Town Hall

10:30 AM TO 10:40AM - BREAK

10:40 AM TO 11:40 AM: 1ST BREAK-OUT SESSION

Hockey Directors Breakout	All Things High School Hockey	Club Communications & Social Media Policies	Youth Hockey Discussion
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11:40 AM to 12:00 PM - BREAK

12:00 PM TO 1:30 PM - TOWN HALL MEETING

AHA! Board of Elections & By-Law Vote - Ken Michel, AHA! Secretary
 Tom Slaird - "Dealing with Difficult People"
 Team Registrations: Update on New and Review of Existing Policies - Laura Johnson, AHA!
 Registrar

1:30 PM to 2:30 PM: 2nd BREAK-OUT SESSION

Hockey Directors Breakout	Club Admin.: R&E, By-Laws & Suspensions	Officials, Just Part of the Game!	Building Girls Hockey Programs
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CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS 9:00 AM TO 9:15 AM

Chicago Blackhawks NHL Learn-to-Play Initiatives

Presenters: Laura Jordan, Blackhawks Fan Development Assistant

Overview: Laura will introduce you to the NHL Learn-to-Play Program Initiative, its impact to date and how AHAI Affiliates can help the initiative.

GUEST SPEAKER 9:15 AM TO 10:30 AM

Keynote Speaker

Joe Terrasi of the Positive Coaching Alliance

Biography: Joe joined PCA as a trainer in 2006. In June 2016, he assumed the role Lead Trainer - Chapter Support. In this role, Joe is responsible for mentoring PCA trainers and supporting the development of trainer teams in emerging chapters.

A native of Detroit, Joe competed in youth and high school football, hockey, baseball, basketball, and soccer. He moved to Chicago to attend Loyola University Chicago and began coaching young women's basketball in 1989. He has coached young men and women from 4th grade through college.

In 2003 he became the first girls' varsity basketball coach at Gordon Tech High School. In their first two years of membership in the Girls Catholic Athletic Conference, Gordon Tech's girls garnered two divisional titles.

In 2004, Joe became Gordon Tech's athletic director and physical education department chair. In that role, Joe managed all aspects of fielding 16 sports and supervised over 50 coaches. As athletic director, Joe wrote his school's athletic handbook. He also served as director of technology and director of instruction, playing a role in setting school policy and procedures in both athletics and academics.

Joe completed his Master of Education degree in Instructional Leadership at Loyola University Chicago and has served in a variety of school leadership roles including assistant principal and instructional mentor. He continues to coach basketball in both high school and youth programs and is the parent of a high school ice hockey player. He is passionate about the inclusion and empowerment of all youth athletes.

When not coaching or training, Joe is a working musician in the Chicago area.

BREAKOUT SESSION #1 – 10:40 AM TO 11:40 AM

Hockey Directors Breakout

Recommended Attendees: Club and Rink Hockey Directors, VP of Hockey, Travel & House Directors and Presidents

Facilitators: Dan Jablonic, USA Hockey Regional Manager; Jim Clare, Illinois Coach-In-Chief; Sean Goldsworthy, USA Hockey IntelliGym; Phil Osear, Tampa Bay Lightning Goalie Coach; Kevin Margarucci, USA Hockey Manager of Player Safety; Emily West, USA Hockey ADM Manager for Female Hockey, and George Atkinson, Michigan Amateur Hockey

Session Focus:

- Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD)
- Age-Appropriate Development/Specialization
- On-Ice/Off-Ice Best Practices
- How to organize your club/rink for better development
- Coaching Development, Cognitive Side of Coaching/Development
- Goalie Development, best practices for developing current goalies and building new ones
- Development Resources: Mobile Coaching App, Online Drills, USA Hockey & AHAI Resources

All Things High School Hockey

Recommended Attendees: High School Club Presidents, Board Members, Coaches

Facilitators: Jack Weinberg - AHAI High School Chairman and Mike Mullally - AHAI & Central District Director

Session Focus:

- Breakdown of Team Categories and Leagues
- Lines of Authority: League Rules and Discipline and Appeals
- USA Hockey, AHAI and League Rules
- Behavior - Clubs: Parents and Fans, Teams, Coaches and Players
- Voting: State Tournament, All-State and Showcase

BREAKOUT SESSION #1 – 10:40 AM TO 11:40 AM

Club Communications & Social Media Policies

Recommended Attendees: Club Social Media Coordinator, Webmaster, Secretary, Newsletter Editor

Facilitators: Gretchen Cockey, AHAI Communications Manager and Chip Spina, AHAI In-House Counsel

Session Focus:

- Utilizing social media and newsletters to enhance your communications
- Social Media best practices and policies

Youth Hockey Discussion with MAHA's George Atkinson

Recommended Attendees: Club Presidents, Hockey Directors, VP of Hockey, Board Members

Facilitators: Gregg Chudacoff, AHAI Tier II Chairman; Keri Zschach, AHAI Tier II Presidents Committee Chairwoman; Jim Clare, AHAI VP of Membership; Kate Holmgren, USA Hockey Director of Program Services and George Atkinson, President of the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association (MAHA)

Session Focus:

- USA Hockey Growth Program for Clubs
- Purpose of the Presidents' Council
 - Game Counts
 - Out-of-Tier Play
 - State Tournament Recap & Update
 - Tier II Substitute Choice Summary
- Q & A with George Atkinson, Michigan Amateur Hockey Association (MAHA) President

TOWN HALL – 12:00 PM TO 1:30 PM

Amateur Hockey Association Illinois, Inc. Board of Director Elections

Presenters: Ken Michel, AHAI Secretary

Candidates: Jim Clare, Bill Crowley, Paul Jakubowski, Chuck Smith and Jack Weinberg

Amateur Hockey Association Illinois, Inc. By-Law Vote: Proposed amendment to article VIII, Tier II, Section 8.3.5 of the 2018-19 By-Laws, Rules and Regulations

Presenters: Ken Michel, AHAI Secretary

THIS PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE 2018-19 BY-LAWS, RULES & REGULATIONS (this "Amendment"), is submitted to and by the Members of the Amateur Hockey Association of Illinois ("AHAI") on this 1st day of May, 2019.

WHEREAS, the Members hereto desire to amend Article VIII, Section 8.3.5 of the 2018-19 AHAI's By-laws, Rules & Regulations ("By-Laws") as more fully set forth herein;

Current language contained in 2018-19 By-Laws:

Article VIII, Section 8.3.5 Tier II Member Association Try-outs. Tryouts and team selection process for levels 8U (*Mites*) through 14U (*Bantams*) may not begin prior to September 1st of the current playing season. Tryouts and team selection process for levels 16U and 18U may not begin prior to August 15th of the current playing season. It shall be the responsibility of the Tier II Member Association to verify and maintain records of all players who are playing or have played for the Tier II Member Association.

Proposed new language to be added to 2019-20 By-Laws:

Article VIII, Section 8.3.5 Tier II Member Association Tryouts. Tryouts and team selection process for levels 8U (*Mites*) through 14U (*Bantams*) may not begin **more than eight (8) days prior to the date of the nationally recognized Labor Day holiday of the current playing season.** Tryouts and team selection process for levels 16U and 18U may not begin prior to August 15th of the current playing season. It shall be the responsibility of the Tier II Member Association to verify and maintain records of all players who are playing or have played for the Tier II Member Association.

TOWN HALL – 12:00 PM TO 1:30 PM

Dealing with Difficult People

Presenters: Tom Slaird, Minnesota Hockey

Overview: This presentation will review and explain basic tools for dealing with tough people situations.

It will cover:

- Rules for Dealing with Tough People Situations
- Conflict Management Strategies
- Conflict Rules of Engagement

Biography: Tom started coaching youth hockey in 1986 in Rochester, MN. With three sons playing, he coached youth hockey for 14 years in Rochester, Appleton, WI, and Edina, MN.

He quickly got involved in association leadership, serving 5 years on the Rochester Youth Hockey Board, 3 years in Appleton with the Fox Valley Association, and for the last 21 years with Minnesota Hockey, primarily working with the Junior Gold program and currently with New Programs and Business Development.

After working for various companies in Wisconsin and Minnesota, Tom started his own consulting practice, Fulcrum Holdings, 20 years ago and provides a variety of services including leader coaching, turnaround management, and merger & acquisition facilitation and integration.

Tom has been married for 42 years, currently resides in Minneapolis, plays hockey twice a week, and wonders if he'll ever stop his volunteer work with youth hockey.

Team Registrations: Update on New and Review of Existing Policies

Presenters: Laura Johnson, AHAI Registrar & John Dunne, AHAI Executive Director

Overview: Back Up Goalies: Review of the AHAI Rules and Regulations. Petition for a player to play down an age classification: Criteria and Requirements. Scoresheets: Why are they important, who is responsible, and how should they be completed?

BREAKOUT SESSION #2 – 1:30 PM TO 2:30PM

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Club Administration

Recommended Attendees: Association R&E Chair, Presidents, VP of Operations

Presenters: Bill Gomolinski, AHAI Director, Chip Spina, AHAI In-House Counsel

Panel: Kevin Bolger, AHAI VP of Operations, Gregg Chudacoff, AHAI R&E Chairman, Paul Jakubowski, AHAI SafeSport Coordinator

Session Focus:

- Setting-Up and Administering Rules & Ethics Committee
- Role of AHAI R&E, Role of Club R&E
- Suspensions and appeals process
- Role of SafeSport in addressing situations
- Why are policies important; Social Media, Locker Room, Tournaments

BREAKOUT SESSION #2 – 1:30 PM TO 2:30PM

Officials... Just Part of the Game!

Recommended Attendees: Hockey Directors, Travel and House Directors, VP of Hockey, Presidents

Facilitators: John Dunne, AHAI Supervisor of Officials, Don Mrozik, Illinois Referee-In-Chief, Eric Cowsill, IHOA President and Dave Zednik, AHAI Assigner

Session Focus:

- The relationship between officials, coaches and players
- What is the role of officials?
- What does 'game management' mean?

Building Girls Hockey Programs

Recommended Attendees: Girls Directors, Hockey Directors, VP of Hockey, Travel and/or House Directors

Facilitator: Anita Lichterman, AHAI Girls Committee Chair and Emily West, USA Hockey ADM Manager for Female Hockey

Session Focus:

- AHAI Girls Committee
- USA Hockey Programs
- All-Girls AHAI Affiliates
- Article 20
- Two Choice Rule for Girls Hockey
- 2020 America's Showcase
- What's Next for Girls Hockey?