

# AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION ILLINOIS, Inc.

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## AHAI ANNUAL MEETING SESSIONS DESCRIPTIONS

### AHAI Annual Meeting Town Hall (9:00 AM to 10:15 AM)

#### Player Development: 8U through 18/19U/High School Player Development Best Practices

**Facilitator: Bob Mancini:** Bob is a USA Hockey ADM Regional Manager/Division 1 College Coach/Former Edmonton Oilers Player Development Coordinator. Bob will lead a discussion on player development at all levels of the game; from on-ice to off-ice training, skill development, and evaluation. This session will lead into breakout session #1 on player development that will go into further in-depth discussion.

#### Concussion and Player Safety

**Facilitator: Dr. Elizabeth Pieroth:** Board Certified Neuropsychologist, Associate Director of NorthShore University HealthSystem's Sports Concussion Program and Concussion Expert for the Chicago Blackhawks, Chicago Bears, and Chicago Fire. Dr. Pieroth will lead an open forum on what it means to have a concussion. She will discuss causes, symptoms, treatments and protocols to best insure player safety. Dr. Pieroth will answer questions covering all areas of this important subject.

#### Goaltending Development: What Can We Do to Elevate Goaltending at All Levels?

**Facilitator: Greg Naumenko:** AHAI Goaltending Program Coordinator/Former Professional Goalie. Greg will introduce the group to the new Goalie Development Program launched by USA Hockey. He will discuss his role within AHAI, key concepts for clubs and coaches to consider, resources that are available, and for the youngest goalies the Quick Change Goalie System.

### Annual Meeting Breakout Session 1 (10:25 AM to 11:10 AM)

#### Player Development for All Levels

**Recommended Attendees:** Hockey Directors, VP Hockey, Travel and/or House Directors, Presidents

**Facilitator:** Bob Mancini, USA Hockey/Former Division 1 College Hockey Coach

**Session Focus:** Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD), Age appropriate development, On-Ice/Off-Ice best practices, How to organize your club for better development/Coaching Development, Development Resources – Mobile Coaching App, On-Line Drills, USAH, AHAI

#### Administration

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

**Facilitators:** Kevin Bolger, VP Operations AHAI; Mike Mullally, Former AHAI and Club President & current Central District Director; Bill Gomolinski, AHAI Director

**Session Focus:** Rules and Ethics: Setting up and administering, Suspensions: Role of committee and process, Organizing your board/By-Laws and Interaction with AHAI and USA Hockey

#### Fundraising Best Practices (Town Hall Format)

**Recommended Attendees:** Club VP of Business/Treasurer/Fundraising Chair/Community Outreach Roles

**Facilitator:** Melissa Rotunno, AHAI Board and Former Club President

**Town Hall Panel:** Jeff Lizotte, President Jets; Bill Mack, President Skokie; Mike Hernbrott, GM Pepsi Ice Center  
Session Focus: Panel discussion on raising funds for a club, What has Worked, What has Not, Gaining Participation, Giving Back to the Community



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## Annual Meeting Breakout Session 2 (11:15 AM to 12:00 PM)

### Club Excellence/Club Communications

**Recommended Attendees:** Club Social Media/Website Administrator/Secretary/Newsletter Editor

**Facilitators:** Kevin Erlenbach, USA Hockey Director of Membership Development; Gretchen Cockey, AHAI Communications Director

**Session Focus:** Introduction to USA Hockey web-based program, How Club Excellence can help support your club and what it provides, Utilizing social media/newsletters to enhance your communications

### Developing Girls Hockey Programs

**Recommended Attendees:** Club Girls Director/Hockey Director/VP of Hockey/Travel or House Director

**Facilitators:** Ruben Medina, NIHL Girls Director; Chuck Smith, AHAI Girls Committee Chair; Randy Jordan, Wolfpack Girls Hockey; Central Illinois Girls Hockey League

**Session Focus:** What it takes to develop a girls' program, USA Hockey Programs that assist in development, Maintaining programs, where to play, resources, Girls hockey in AHAI/Rules

### Officiating: Rules and Player Safety

**Recommended Attendees:** Hockey Director/Travel and House Director/VP of Hockey/President

**Facilitators:** Mike Barrett, AHAI Supervisor of Officials/Illinois Referee in Chief; John Oldenburg, IHOA President

**Session Focus:** Hierarchy of USA Hockey/AHAI/IHOA, Statistics regarding games, players, and penalties, Current playing rules and potential changes/areas of emphasis, Official/Coach/club relationship with officials, Attracting/Retaining/Developing Officials and IHOA's role

### Tier 1 Round Table

**Recommended Attendees:** All Tier 1 Presidents/Hockey Directors (Youth and Girls)

**Facilitators:** Mike Mullally, AHAI Tier 1 Chair; Bill Gomolinski, AHAI Director

**Session Focus:** Current state of Tier 1 hockey (youth and girls), USA Hockey rule changes impacting Tier 1, Administration of Tier 1/State Turnney/Relationships

## Annual Meeting Breakout Session 3 (12:25 PM to 1:10 PM)

### High School Hockey Forum

**Recommended Attendees:** HS Club Presidents/Board Members

**Facilitators:** Jim Powers, AHAI High School Chair; Mike Mullally, AHAI and Central District Director; Jack Weinberg, AHAI

**Session Focus:** Club Excellence Program for High Schools (Kevin Erlenbach-USA Hockey), Discussion of Tier 2 By-Law Proposal, New teams/Combined Challenges, Girls High School hockey landscape

### Tier 2 Youth Hockey Forum

**Recommended Attendees:** Presidents/Hockey Directors/VP of Hockey/All board members

**Facilitators:** Greg Chudacoff, AHAI Tier 2 Committee Chair; Jim Clare, AHAI VP Membership and former Club President; Melissa Rotunno, AHAI Director and former Club President

**Session Focus:** Current relationship between leagues, Growth Programs for clubs, Current AHAI rules/AHAI State Tournament, Discussion of Tier 2 By-Law Proposal

### Registration

**Recommended Attendees:** Club Registrars/Presidents

**Facilitator:** Laura Johnson, AHAI Registrar

**Session Focus:** Role of the Registrar, Highlight any registration changes for 2017/18 season, Sanctioned vs. Non-Sanctioned Tournaments, Team Designations, Non-US Citizen Procedures, Q&A with AHAI Registrar, Laura Johnson.

If you have specific issues or questions you want Laura to cover please email them to [registrar@ahai2.org](mailto:registrar@ahai2.org).  
**PLEASE NOTE:** This session does not replace Registrar Training which is held in August.



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## Tier 3/Park District Programs

**Recommended Attendees:** Club Presidents/Hockey Directors/Park District Directors/Rink Managers

**Facilitators:** Chuck Smith, AHAI Director; Northwest Hockey League Representative; Randy Jordan, Hoffman Estates Park District

**Session Focus:** Tier 3 challenges, League relationships, Review current rules/areas that effect Tier 3, How do we make Tier 3/Park Districts more integrated within AHAI, Rink Committee

## Guest Speaker & Closing Session (1:15PM to 2:30PM)

**Guest Speaker:** Don Granato, University of Wisconsin Assistant Coach. Don won a National Championship as a player for Wisconsin, coached in the USHL, AHL, and NHL before joining the USA NTDP Program leading the US 18U and 17U teams for 4 years. Don will discuss with all the importance of both on-ice and off-ice development of the entire player, not just the athletic side. Don will focus on the person as well as the player. He will share his experience growing up in Illinois and how we can all assist our athletes in their progression toward their goals.

**Closing Session:** AHAI President, John Dunne will conduct closing session, voting and closing remarks.

## AHAI ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE

TITLE	SUBJECT		
Presidents Opening <b>8:30am - 8:40am</b>	AHAI President John Dunne Opening Remarks		
Blackhawks <b>8:40am - 9:00am</b>	Chicago Blackhawks Youth Development Team Presentation		
Town Hall <b>9:00am - 10:15am</b>	Player Development/Player Safety -Concussion/USA Hockey and AHAI Goaltending Program		
<b>BREAK</b> <b>10:15am - 10:25am</b>			
Session 1 <b>10:25am - 11:10am</b>	Player Development for All Levels	Club Administration (R&E/By-Laws/Suspensions)	Fundraising Best Practices
<b>BREAK</b> <b>11:10am - 11:15am</b>			
Session 2 <b>11:15am - 12:00pm</b>	Club Excellence Program/Club Communications	Developing Girls Hockey Programs	Officiating: Rules and Player Safety
<b>BREAK</b> <b>12:00pm - 12:25pm</b>	Visit Vendor Room/Socialize/Break		
Session 3 <b>12:25pm - 1:10pm</b>	High School Hockey	Tier 2 Youth Discussion	Registration
<b>BREAK</b> <b>1:10pm - 1:15pm</b>			
Guest Speaker <b>1:15pm - 2:00pm</b>	Don Granato - Univ. of Wisconsin Hockey Asst. Coach/Former USA Hockey NTDP Head Coach		
General Meeting <b>2:00pm - 2:30pm</b>	AHAI President John Dunne Conducts General Session/Voting/Closing Remarks		

**PLEASE MAKE SURE TO VISIT OUR VENDORS DURING YOUR BREAKS**



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