

F. Amateur Play- General Principles

1. Membership and Activities - Membership in the Amateur Hockey Association of Illinois is limited to amateur hockey players on amateur teams in the AHAI affiliate organizations or participation with other USA Hockey approved teams. All activities must be consistent with AHAI amateurism and amateur play; those activities not in accord shall be prohibited and subject to the full spectrum of AHAI sanctions.

2. Permitted Aid -A scholarship, grant, or financial aid, administered by an Affiliate pursuant to a written policy of the Affiliate which grants assistance to players based upon the written evidence of financial need of the player based upon his family's ability to pay which is available to all players that meet the criteria, and which is administered consistently with the directives of AHAI, is permitted and will not be considered pay in any form.

3. Permitted Benefits – Funds raised by an Affiliate organization or any of its subdivisions including individual teams to defray the expenses in organizational activities or in team activities is permitted; but those raised or earmarked for a particular player are prohibited. The benefits which inure to the team as a whole may be expended to reduce the expenses of each and every team player member equally; provided the benefit is available to all who meet the criteria within the participating group. Permitted expenses are limited to actual and necessary coaching, travel and per diem, equipment, team equipment, including but not limited to: wearables, jerseys, and expenses for practice and competition. Further, another player's parent or another adult may make donations directly to the club, as long as the decision as to how the money is used rests exclusively with the club. The donations may not be earmarked by the donator of the club for a specific individual (*e.g. cannot be donated for a specific player*). Other particular expenses approved by AHAI in writing may be permitted.

4. NCAA Provisions on Amateurism – Commencing with the first game played in the 9th grade, present NCAA regulations apply to all college-bound athletes and NCAA restrictions as to amateurism, may disqualify players from further participating at the college level. Special attention is called to the NCAA Amateurism Website: http://www.ncaa.org/library/membership/division_ii_manual/2007-08/2007-08_d2_manual.pdf under Bylaw Article 12: Amateurism, etc., as amended from time to time. NCAA Amateurism Rules do not allow for an arrangement where an athlete is sponsored by anyone other than someone whom the athlete is naturally and legal dependent (*i.e. parent or legal guardian*) or an extended family member (*e.g. uncle, aunt or cousin*). Thus another player's parent or another adult cannot provide money to cover player fees either directly to the player who cannot pay the fee or specifically to cover that player's fees.

5. Waiver - An Affiliate club may waive the player fees provided the individual qualifies for the waiver under the club's established waiver policy and athletics ability is not a part of the criteria under such a policy.