

**CROWN POINT BULLDOG HOCKEY CLUB, INC.
BYLAWS, AMENDED (11/2023)**

Mission Statement:

The Crown Point Hockey Club's mission is to develop and encourage good sportsmanship and citizenship through participation in the sport of hockey students of Crown Point High School and any other student athletes whom or affiliated league rules or Indiana State High School Hockey Association (ISHSHA) regulations state are eligible for membership in our club. The Club will not discriminate based on the race, color, religion or on any basis protected by applicable state or federal law.

Article 1 – Name

The name of this organization shall be the Crown Point Bulldog Hockey Club, Inc. (referred to hereinafter as the "club")

Article 2- Purposes

The purposes of the Club are:

1. To operate high school level hockey team for the students of Crown Point High School and any other students who are eligible as governed by the rules of the club's affiliated leagues and the Indiana State High School Hockey Association (ISHSHA). To affiliate with USA Hockey, the Indiana State High School Hockey Association (ISHSHA), and any other hockey organizations by which the Club may wish to be governed.
2. To operate as an amateur hockey team under Section 501 (c) (3)I of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provisions of future laws) and as designated by the State of Indiana Tax Board.

Article 3 – Members

1. The player members of the Club must be students of Crown Point High School or be students who qualify for membership in the club as stated in the regulations of the club's affiliated leagues and the Indiana State High School Hockey Association (ISHSHA).
2. The Adult Members of the Club shall consist of:
 - a. Honorary Members (with no voting rights) – The Mayor of the City of Crown Point, the Principal of the Crown Point Highschool and the Athletic Director of the Crown Point High School shall be considered Honorary Members of the Club.
 - b. General Members (with voting rights) – The parents and/or legal guardians of all player members of the Club and the coaches for the current season.

Article 4 – Meetings

1. General Membership Meetings – General Member Meetings shall take place once per month to coincide with the Club's practice schedule. The meetings will be held at a time and place designated by the Board of Directors. General meetings may be cancelled at the discretion of the Board of Directors. The March meeting shall be the Annual meeting of the Membership at which Club Elections shall be held.
2. Special Meetings – Special meetings may be called by the President, or a majority of the Board of Directors as required.
3. Notice of Meetings - Oral, written or printed notice stating the place, day and hour of the meetings, and in the case of a special meeting, the purpose for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered in a timely fashion to all members of record.
4. Quorum – Forty (40) percent of the members eligible to vote shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the members of the Club. If less than forty percent of the voting members are represented at said meeting, the majority of the members so represented may adjourn the meeting

from time to time without further notice. If a quorum is present, the affirmative vote of the majority of the voting members represented at the meeting shall be the act of the members.

5. Conduct of Meetings – Meetings are recommended to be conducted to “Robert’s Rules of Order. “

Article 5 – Voting

1. Voting Rights – Each family of a team member registered with USA hockey for the regular Fall Hockey Season shall be entitled to one vote per team member. Voting for Club Elections for the next year are reserved for family members of an eligible returning member only, see #2. Each coach is entitled to one vote. If a coach has a player on a team, he/she shall be entitled to only one vote.
2. Qualifications of Voters for Election – Families of eligible returning team members, registered with USA Hockey for the preceding regular Fall Hockey Season shall be entitled to a vote provided that the team members do not have an outstanding balance owed to the Club and members are in good standing. Any family members currently under sanctions by USA Hockey or League Regulations will forfeit their voting rights.
3. Voting – Voting on a question shall be via a show of hands. Voting in any election shall be via written secret ballot.
4. Voting Disputes – At any meeting of the members, any question or dispute relating to the validity or result of any vote shall be submitted in writing to the incumbent Board of Directors for a determination at their next meeting and the decision of the majority of the Board present, provided a quorum of the Board is present, shall be binding on all parties.
5. Proxy Voting – There shall be no voting by proxy.

Article 6 – Board of Directors

1. General Powers – The day to day business and affairs of the Club shall be managed by the Board of Directors
2. Tenure – The number of Directors will be five (5) until such number is changed by a vote of the majority of the Directors. The term for the Board of Directors shall be one year. In the event of a vacancy by death, resignation, or removal, the remaining members of the Board of Directors shall appoint a successor to fill such unexpired term.
3. Meetings – Regular Monthly Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held without notice other than these by-laws. Meetings will be held at a time and place designated and agreed upon by the Board of Directors. All Members are encouraged to submit agenda items, attend the meetings and may participate in discussions but voting on discussed items will be limited to the Directors.
4. Quorum – A majority of the numbers of Directors fixed by these by-laws constitutes quorum for transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of Directors, provided, that if less than a majority of such number of Directors are present at said meeting, a majority of the Directors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.
5. Manner of Acting – The act of the majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors.
6. Other Duties – The board of Directors shall hear and rule on appeals from an of the Club committees, shall resolve any and all disputes within the Club, and shall ensure the contract has been signed for the Head Coach of the Club prior to the start of the season.
7. Proxy Voting- There shall be no voting by proxy.

Article 7 – Officers

1. Number and Title – The officers of the Club shall be – the President, the Vice President, the Treasurer, the Secretary, and the Manager/Registrar until such time as it is changed upon a majority vote of the Directors, The officers will also serve as the Directors for the Corporation until such time as it is changed upon a majority vote of the Directors.
2. Elections – The election of the officers shall take place at the March meeting of the members after the Nominating Committee has submitted its report (except in the case of the first election held under these by-laws which shall proceed immediately following nominations from the floor after ratification of these bylaws.) Additional candidates for each office may be submitted from the floor after a second.

3. Removal – Any officer, chairperson or agent elected or appointed by the Club Members may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the entire Club Membership whenever in its best judgement, the best interest of the Club would be served thereby.

Article 8 – Duties of the Officers

1. President – The duties of the president shall include presiding at all meetings, calling any special meetings deemed necessary, making emergency decision not covered by the by-laws, representing the Club at all other ice hockey functions and meetings and overseeing and having final approval of the scheduling of all games and tournaments. The president has no vote except to break ties or to vote by ballot.
2. Vice-President- The duties of the Vice-President shall include assuming all powers of the President in his/her absence and acting for him/her in his/her absence. He/She shall assist the President in the day to day operations of the Club. He/She may also oversee any projects or committees as directed by the President.
3. Treasurer – The duties of the Treasurer shall include acting as custodian of the funds of the Club, keeping detailed records of all receipts and disbursements, making a Treasurer's Report for each meeting and preparing for the Annual Meeting with a list of any/all members ineligible to vote in any election due to unpaid financial commitments to the Club. The Treasurer shall prepare documents to meet the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code under Section 501(c)(3) The Club may require the Treasurer to be bonded at the Club's expense. The Treasurer shall also oversee all fund-raising activities of the Club.
4. Secretary- The duties of the Secretary shall include the keeping of accurate minutes of all meetings and the keeping of such records in a permanent file. The secretary shall see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these by-laws or as required by law, and in general, perform all duties incident to the office of the secretary in such other duties as from time to time be assigned him/her by the President or the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall keep a current post office address and phone number of each member of the Club.
5. Manager/Registrar- The duties of the Manager/Registrar shall include being responsible for the registration of the team(s), team members and coaches as directed by these by-laws. The Manager/Registrar shall be responsible for filing all necessary team rosters, score sheets and any other necessary paperwork with the various hockey organizations to which the Club is affiliated. All correspondence concerning scheduling of any ice times shall be the duty of the Manager/Registrar.

Article 9 – Committees

1. Standing Committees – The standing committees of the Club, at the discretion of the President, may be nominating, fund-raising, banquet, senior celebration and public relations. The Chairpersons of the committees shall be appointed by the President. The Chairperson may then select from the General Membership as many persons as he/she feels is necessary to carry out the work of the committee. The members of the committees shall be submitted by the Chairperson to the Board of Directors for final approval.
 - a. The Nominating Committee shall be responsible for presenting a slate of officers one month before the meeting for the election of officers (except in the case of the first election held under these by-laws which shall proceed immediately following nominations from the floor after ratification of these by-laws.)
 - b. The Fund-Raising Committee shall be responsible for the coordinating and carrying out of all fund-raising activities as voted on by the members of the Club.
 - c. The Banquet Committee shall be responsible for the scheduling and handling of all matters pertaining to the annual player's banquet/dinner. They are also responsible for procuring all necessary awards to be presented at the banquet.
 - d. The Senior Celebration Committee shall be responsible for the scheduling and handling of all matters pertaining to the annual senior celebration. They are also responsible for the procuring all necessary awards and gifts to presented at the celebration.
 - e. The Public Relations Committee shall be responsible for all press and public relations for the team and Club. To assure plenty of press coverage for games, activities, recruiting and other function of the Club for which the public needs to be made aware.

2. Ad Hoc Committees- The President may, from time to time, appoint ad hoc committees for specific projects such as but not exclusive to alumni events, charity events, discipline, rules, and ethics.

Article 10-Duties of the Head Coach

1. The head coach shall be responsible to maintain a full coaching staff and the distribution of duties to each said coach. Coaching staff shall include Varsity Assistant(s), JV Head Coach and JV Assistant(s). A goalie coach may be hired at the discretion of the Head Coach with approval of the Board of Directors.
2. The head coach shall ensure all coaches have completed their mandatory certifications and screenings as required by the various hockey organizations to which the Club is affiliated.
3. The head coach shall be responsible for holding an annual player meeting. Additional player meetings may be conducted as necessary
4. The head coach shall participate in any and all discipline, rules and ethics committees/meetings.

Article 11- Code of Conduct

1. The Club shall abide by and uphold the spectator behavior policy in coordination with the Mid-Am recommendations.
2. All incident reports will be confidential.
3. All incident reports will be reviewed by the board of directors and reported to the Mid-Am district.

Article 12 – Amendments

1. These by-laws may be amended or changed at any general membership meeting.
2. Any amendments must be submitted in writing to the President at least fourteen days prior to the meeting and published for the general membership in the notice of the meeting.
3. A vote of two-thirds of the members voting at the meeting shall be required to adopt the amendment.

Article 13 – Distribution of Assets Upon Dissolution

Upon dissolution or final liquidation of the Corporation, the Corporation will convey its assets to another organization that is organized for recreational purposes and qualified as a tax exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.