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Delaware Valley Hockey League

Date | time June 11, 2025, 7:00 PM | Zoom Meeting was called to order by President Jay Finnigan

















Respectfully Submitted by Michael DeRose, DVHL Secretary

Attendance:




Executive Committee Members Present:

-  President – Jay Finnigan
-  Executive Vice-President – Joe D’Angelo
-  1st Vice President & Co-Commissioner (18U, 16U, 14U) – Dave Jackson
-  2nd Vice President & Co-Commissioner (12U, 10U, 8U) – Joe Spagnolo
-  Vice President Marketing – Larry Sechuk (Absent)
-  Treasurer – Beth Ritter
-  Secretary & SafeSport Coordinator – Mike DeRose

Represented Member Clubs:

 Central Penn Panthers,  Chester County Cougars,  Delaware Jr. Blue Hens,  Delco
 Phantoms,  Exton Kings Ice Hockey Club,  Genesis,  Hatfield Ice Hawks,  Hershey Jr.
 Bears,  Huntsmen,  Lady Patriots,  Philadelphia Little Flyers,  Quakers,  Snider Hockey,
 Susquehanna Stampede,  Wilmington Nighthawks, and  Wilkes-Barre Jr. Penguins

Associate Members:

-  Referee & Chief – Mike Campbell (Absent)
-  Player Safety Coordinator – Lisa Silvotti (Absent)
-  DVHL Scheduler – Mike Wiercinski (Absent)

Members Absent:

 Campus Wild (Joined late),  Delmarva Raptors,  Reading Jr. Royals

Guests:

None



Approval of the DVHL Meeting Agenda:








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- The DVHL meeting agenda for June 11, 2025 was put to the floor for adoption by DVHL President, Jay Finnigan.
 - Motion to adopt the minutes was made by:  Delaware Jr. Blue Hens
 - Motion seconded to adopt the minutes by:  Quakers
 - All in favor to adopt carried.
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Approval of Minutes:



- The minutes of May 14, 2025, DVHL monthly meeting was put to the floor for adoption by DVHL Secretary,  Michael DeRose.
 - Motion to adopt the minutes was made by:  Central Penn Panthers
 - Motion seconded to adopt the minutes by:  Delaware Jr. Blue Hens
 - All in favor to adopt carried.
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Approval of the Treasurer's Report:



- The Treasurer's report for May 2025, were put to the floor for adoption by DVHL Treasurer,  Beth Ritter.
 - Motion to adopt the Treasurer's report was made by:  Huntsmen
 - Motion seconded to adopt the Treasurer's report by:  Delco Phantoms
 - All in favor to adopt carried.
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Executive Vice-President's Report:



- V.P. Joe D'Angelo
- Joe addressed the 12U B American Division regarding how the DVHL membership wishes to proceed.
 - Joe Spagnolo pointed to the 12U B American Division.
 - Joe Spagnolo addressed the 12U B American division stating that the DVHL only has three (3) teams slated in that division. The options for that division are to either move up to the B National Division or move into their home rinks In-House league.
- Joe spoke on the competition committee and commended them on the outstanding work they've done.



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- Joe then addressed issues regarding the league deciding that a team should move up to a division and they decide to remain at the level they initially elected to play in, then Joe believes that a rule should be in place in the by-laws to exclude that team from playoff eligibility.
 - Jay Finnigan confirmed there is a rule in place in the DVHL By-laws, however the DVHL has been lax in enforcing the rule. Jay added that next season 2026-27, the rule WILL BE ENFORCED.
- Joe then spoke on Joe Spagnolo's issue that he addressed (Below under VP Joe Spagnolo's report) regarding coaches taking their players off of the ice. Joe D'Angelo stated that during the 14U placement tournament, there were two (2) spectators from the same organization were removed from the rink. Joe reminded the membership, the fine for the first spectator from that team having to leave due to conduct unbecoming is one-hundred, fifty dollars (\$150.00). The fine for the second spectator from that team having to leave due to conduct unbecoming is three-hundred dollars (\$300.00). Joe asked the organizations to remind their members of how to conduct themselves while at a DVHL game or event.
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1st Vice President's Report:



- V.P. Dave Jackson
 - Dave had nothing new to report.

2nd Vice President's Report:



- V.P. Joe Spagnolo
 - Joe addressed the placement tournaments that were hosted in the beginning and middle of May of 2025. Joe stated that he was very pleased and that he attended a good majority of the games. The DVHL had fourteen (14) teams move up or down. The DVHL had five (5) teams move up from the A National Division to the AA Division.
 - Joe addressed the Mite (8U) jamboree which is scheduled for the first weekend in September 6th and 7th, 2025.
 - Joe then spoke on two (2) instances regarding coaches taking their players off of the ice for one (1) reason or another. Joe reminded the membership that taking such action is a severe violation of USA Hockey's rules. Taking such action could result in the head coach being suspended for a period of one (1) year. Joe advised that is a coach has a concern, they should approach and speak to the official. If the coach is not satisfied with the result, they should come to the league through the proper channels and the league will



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assist in attempting to resolve the issue, but taking the team of the ice will result in severe penalties for the head coach.

Vice President Marketing Report:



- V.P. Larry Sechuk
- Absent








Vice President Legal Report:



- Vacant

President's Report:









- President Jay Finnigan
 - Jay informed the membership that the  Delmarva Raptors lost their rink this season. Based on that the  Delmarva Raptors are asking for a one (1) year leave of absence.
 - A motion to approve  Delmarva Raptors one (1) year leave of absence was put to the floor for adoption by DVHL President, Jay Finnigan.
 - Motion to adopt  Delmarva Raptors one (1) year leave of absence was made by:  **Central Penn Panthers**
 - Motion seconded to adopt  Delmarva Raptors one (1) year leave of absence by:  **Wilkes-Barre Jr. Penguins**
 - All in favor to adopt carried.
 - Jay announced that he attended USA Hockey's annual meeting the week of June 2, 2025 in Denver, Colorado. Jay stated that he is on the playing rules committee and some of the current "hot button" issues that are being voted on to be in place for January of 2026.
 - The first proposal is for Officials under the age of eighteen (18) to have a "GREEN Background" stripe. This will signify the official is underage.



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- If penalties are assessed for abuse of official when there is a minor official on the ice, the penalty will be a double minor. A misconduct will be a double misconduct. There are other penalties that will also increase.
- The second proposal is regarding 601(e)(3), which is a physical assault. Jay added that in the Atlantic District, he was surprised to discover that there were twelve (12) assaults on a sports official reports made last season. There has been a National Committee looking at this specific issue. Jay added that in the Atlantic District, every single instance has been handled correctly. Jay further stated that there is a plan in place to differ this type of issues to a national committee to handle this type of issue.
- Jay then addressed that he is also on the membership committee in the Atlantic District and added that we are one (1) of the few affiliates that have had a decrease in membership, particularly in the 12U and the Adult Divisions.
- Jay reminded the membership organizations that their rosters and background checks need to be submitted to Karen Fund for their board of directors. This needs to be done before their organizations first game. Also ensure that the locker room monitors also have their background checks.
- Jay also addressed the divisions and polled the membership regarding the number of games to be played as follows:
 - NOTE: The number of games column denotes the amount of games that each organization voted for while being polled regarding how the organization’s team in that division wished to proceed concerning the amount of games they played in the 2025 – 26 season.
- **10U**
 - There are eight (8) teams at **10U A National**. The membership organizations agreed to the following:
 - The membership voted in favor of one (1) home, one (1) away, plus one (1) for a total of twenty-one (21) games.









	Organization	# Games
	Campus wild	-
	Chester County Cougars	21
	Delaware Jr. Blue Hens	21
	Exton Kings Ice Hockey Club	21
	Genesis	21
	Snider Hockey	21








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- There are nine (9) teams at **10U A American**. The membership organizations agreed to the following:
 - The membership voted in favor of one (1) home, one (1) away, plus one (1) for a total of twenty-four (24) games.

	Organization	# Games
	Campus wild	-
	Chester County Cougars	24
	Delco Phantoms	24
	Hershey Jr. Bears	24
	Quakers	24
	Snider Hockey	24
	Susquehanna Stampede	24
	Wilkes-Barre Jr. Penguins	24

- There are five (5) teams at **10U B National**. The membership organizations agreed to the following: two (2) home and two (2) away for a total of sixteen (16) games. There was no vote, the “Y” signifies the organizations agreed.






	Organization	# Games
	Central Penn Panthers	Y
	Delaware Jr. Blue Hens	Y
	Exton Kings Ice Hockey Club	Y
	Genesis	Y
	Wilmington Nighthawks	Y





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- There are five (5) DVHL teams at **10U B American**. The membership organizations agreed to the following: two (2) home and two (2) away for a total of sixteen (16) games. There was no vote, the “Y” signifies the organizations agreed.
 - The membership organizations present at the meeting agreed to the following: two (2) home and two (2) away for a total of sixteen (16) games. There was no vote, the “Y” signifies the organizations agreed.
 - Tentatively two (2) home and two (2) away for a total of sixteen (16) games. This will be confirmed upon speaking with the members that were unable to attend the meeting.

	Organization	# Games
	Chester County Cougars	Y
	Lady Patriots	Y
	Philadelphia Little Flyers	-
	Quakers	Y
	Reading Jr. Royals	-

- **12U**

- There are Eight (8) teams at **12U A National** plus two (2) NJYHL teams,  Flyers Youth and  Princeton Tigers. The membership organizations agreed to the following:
 - The membership voted in favor of one (1) home, one (1) away, plus one (1) for a total of twenty-one (21) DVHL games. If the NJYHL plays a full schedule the number of games will be twenty-seven (27) total games.











	Organization	# Games
	Delco Phantoms	21 / *27
	Exton Kings Ice Hockey Club	21 / *27
	Genesis	21 / *27
	Hershey Jr. Bears	21 / *27
	Philadelphia Little Flyers	-
	Quakers	21 / *27
	Snider Hockey	21 / *27
	Wilkes-Barre Jr. Penguins	21 / *27












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- There are eleven (11) teams at **12U A American**. The membership organizations agreed to the following:
 - The membership voted in favor of one (1) home and one (1) away for a total of twenty (20) games.

	Organization	# Games
	Campus wild	-
	Central Penn Panthers	20
	Chester County Cougars	20
	Delaware Jr. Blue Hens	20
	Delco Phantoms	20
	Exton Kings Ice Hockey Club	20
	Genesis	20
	Quakers	20
	Reading Jr. Royals	-
	Snider Hockey	20
	Susquehanna Stampede	20




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 - The membership voted in favor of one (1) home and one (1) away for a total of twenty (20) games.









	Organization	# Games
	Central Penn Panthers	20
	Chester County Cougars	20
	Delaware Jr. Blue Hens	20
	Delco Phantoms	20
	Exton Kings Ice Hockey Club	20
	Genesis	20
	Hatfield Ice Hawks	20
	Hershey Jr. Bears	20
	Quakers	20
	Reading Jr. Royals	-
	Wilkes-Barre Jr. Penguins	20



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- There are only three (3) teams at **12U B American**. Due to the insufficient number of teams at that level the member organizations at that level,  Campus Wild,  Lady Patriots, and  Philadelphia Little Flyers, need to determine whether they would want to move up to the 12 U B National division or play in-house at their home rink. If the three (3) teams move to the 12 U B National division that would increase the number of teams in that division from eleven (11) to fourteen (14) teams which increase the number of games from twenty (20) games to twenty-six (26) games.
 - Joe Spagnolo suggested that if that occurred, we could split the divisions and each team would play one (1) home, one (1) away, and seven (7) games outside of the division for a total of twenty-three (23) games.
 - Jay Finnigan stated that either he or Joe Spagnolo will be in contact with the organizations in that division in the very near future to determine the best course of action to take regarding the issue.
- 14U
- There are eight (8) teams at **14U A National**, plus one (1) NJYHL team. The membership organizations agreed to the following:
 - The membership voted in favor of one (1) home, one (1) away, plus one (1) for a total of twenty-four (24) games.

	Organization	# Games
	Campus wild	-
	Delco Phantoms	24
	Exton Kings Ice Hockey Club	24
	Genesis	24
	Hershey Jr. Bears	24
	Philadelphia Little Flyers	-
	Quakers	24
	Wilkes-Barre Jr. Penguins	24













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- There are thirteen (13) teams at **14U A American**. The membership organizations agreed to the following:
 - The membership voted in favor of one (1) home and one (1) away for a total of twenty-four (24) games.

	Organization	# Games
	Campus wild	-
	Chester County Cougars	24
	Delco Phantoms	24
	Exton Kings Ice Hockey Club	24
	Genesis	24
	Hatfield Ice Hawks	24
	Hershey Jr. Bears	24
	Quakers	24
	Snider Hockey	24
	Susquehanna Stampede	24
	Wilmington Nighthawks	24

- There are four (4) teams at **14U B**, plus two (2) teams,  Flyers Youth and  Princeton Tigers, from the NJYHL. The membership organizations agreed to the following.
 - Jay Finnigan then asked the  Quakers and  Central Penn Panthers if they would move up to the 14U A American division and was informed that they would both not fare well in that division.
 - The membership voted in favor of playing two (2) home and one two (2) away for a total of sixteen (16) games.



	Organization	# Games
	Central Penn Panthers	16
	Flyers Youth	-
	Philadelphia Little Flyers	16
	Princeton Tigers	-
	Quakers	16
	Wilkes-Barre Jr. Penguins	16












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






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16U

- There are nine (9) teams at **16U A National** plus one (1) team,  Flyers Youth, from the NJYHL. The membership organizations agreed to the following:
 - The membership voted in favor of one (1) home and one (1) away plus one (1) for a total of twenty-four (24) games by a total of five (5) to four (4) with  Delco Phantoms getting two (2) votes due to having two (2) teams in the division.

	Organization	# Games
	Central Penn Panthers	24
	Delaware Jr. Blue Hens	24
	Delco Phantoms x (2) teams	16
	Exton Kings Ice Hockey Club	24
	Genesis	16
	Quakers	24
	Snider Hockey	16
	Wilkes-Barre Jr. Penguins	24


- There are nine (9) teams at **16U A American**. The membership organizations agreed to the following:
 - The membership voted in favor of one (1) home and one (1) away plus one (1) for a total of twenty-four (24) games by a total of six (6) to two (2) with  abstaining due to not being present for the vote.

	Organization	# Games
	Campus wild	-
	Chester County Cougars	24
	Delaware Jr. Blue Hens	24
	Genesis	16
	Hershey Jr. Bears	24
	Quakers	24
	Snider Hockey	16
	Susquehanna Stampede	24














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	Wilmington Nighthawks	24
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- 18U
 - There are ten (10) teams at 18U A. The membership organizations agreed to the following:
 - The membership voted in favor of one (1) home and one (1) away for a total of eighteen (18) games with a total of six (6) to three (3) with abstaining due to not being present for the vote.

	Organization	# Games
	Campus wild	-
	Central Penn Panthers	18
	Chester County Cougars	27
	Delco Phantoms	18
	Genesis	18
	Hershey Jr. Bears	18
	Quakers	27
	Snider Hockey	18
	Susquehanna Stampede	18
	Wilkes-Barre Jr. Penguins	27

-  Genesis asked Jay Finnian to poll the member organizations with regard to the teams that they are projecting. Jay agreed and polled the membership as follows:

	ORGANIZATION	CORRECT	NEEDS UPDATING
	Campus wild	?	?
	Central Penn Panthers	YES	
	Chester County Cougars	NO	At *16U
	Delaware Jr. Blue Hens	YES	
	Delco Phantoms	YES	
	Exton Kings Ice Hockey Club	YES	
	Genesis	YES	
	Hatfield Ice Hawks	YES	
	Hershey Jr. Bears	YES	



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	Huntsmen	YES	
	Lady Patriots	YES	
	Philadelphia Little Flyers	YES	
	Quakers	YES	
	Reading Jr. Royals	?	?
	Snider Hockey	YES	
	Susquehanna Stampede	YES	
	Wilmington Nighthawks	YES	
	Wilkes-Barre Jr. Penguins	YES	

- Brian Peca addressed the AA division:

	ORGANIZATION	10U AA	12U AA	14U AA	16U AA	18UAA
	Campus wild		1		1	
	Central Penn Panthers	1	1	1	1	
	Chester County Cougars		1	1	1	1
	Delaware Jr. Blue Hens				1	1
	Delco Phantoms			1	1	
	Exton Kings Ice Hockey Club					
	Genesis	1	2	2	2	1
	Hatfield Ice Hawks					
	Hershey Jr. Bears				1	
	Huntsmen					1
	Lady Patriots					
	Philadelphia Little Flyers					
	Quakers	1				
	Reading Jr. Royals					
	Snider Hockey			1		1
	Susquehanna Stampede					
	Wilmington Nighthawks					1
	Wilkes-Barre Jr. Penguins					
	TOTALS	3	5	6	8	6




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- Brian stated that he and the NJYHL are in the process of finalizing the game counts regarding the crossover games. Brian stated that information will be forthcoming from Suzanne Lilien, the NJYHL's master scheduler. Listed below is what the schedule appears to be looking like:
 - 10U
 - Twenty-two (22) games. One (1) home and one (1) away.
 - 12U
 - Twenty-one (21) games. One (1) home and one (1) away against DVHL teams, plus one (1) against NJYHL teams.
 - 14U
 - Eighteen (18) games. One (1) home and one (1) away against DVHL teams, plus one (1) against NJYHL teams.
 - 16U
 - Eighteen (18) games. The Division will be split into National and American. The National Division will have one (1) crossover with NJYHL and the American Division will have two (2) crossovers with NJYHL. The DVHL teams will play each other to finish out the schedule. All of the games will count towards the team's standings towards playoffs.
 - 18U
 - Fourteen (14) games. There are fifteen (15) teams between the DVHL and NJYHL. Seven (7) DVHL and eight (8) NJYHL teams.
- Jay Finnigan informed the membership that as soon as he, Joe D'Angelo, and Joe Spagnolo workout the issues regarding the 14U B and confirming what Division 🌐 Chester County Cougars' 16U team is playing, he will be sending out the matrixes.

Adjournment:



- A motion to adjourn the June meeting was made by:  **Central Penn Panthers**
 - The motion seconded by: **All**
 - All in favor to adopt carried.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, via Zoom at 7:00pm.