

Bylaws Update



What Are They

- Rules of the organization
- Rights and responsibilities of members
- Contract – not spelled out in bylaws, members cannot be held responsible
- Construction



Bylaw Advice

- Avoid administrative details
- Write in plain English
- Keep them amendable
- Avoid dates
- Watch little words
- Give freedom; avoid taking it away
- Specify a parliamentary authority



Adopting Bylaws

- **Methods of Changing Bylaws**

Method	Frequency	Vote Needed	Purpose
Adopt	Once	Majority	Create the org
Amend	Most frequent	Usually two-thirds with notice	Fix a problem
Revise	Seldom	Same as Amend	Complete rewrite



State of Current Revisions

- Nov 2012 Board meeting approval of revisions
- Revisions on USA Field Hockey Web site?
- Judicial Committee response to disparity between Bylaws and Articles
- Articles of Incorporation revision- Page 3- change to include Board can change the Bylaws
- Voting age of members

