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**TO:** USA Hockey Members  
**FROM:** John Karolcik  
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**SUBJECT:** 2018 USAH Annual Guide Legislative Changes

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This is a very brief overview of the major legislative changes affecting youth hockey from the 2018 USAH Annual Congress.

- Coaches #1 – **Mandatory 30 day suspension from all USAH activities for a coach who fails to wear their helmet during any on-ice session.**
- Girl's/Women's #5 – **Allows an Affiliate the option to roster up to 3 girls who are 12 years of age on a Tier II Girls 14U team. This is if the Affiliate feels that:**
  - *The younger player(s) are needed to field a Girls 14U team with a roster size recommended by the ADM, or*
  - *There is no 12U Girls team available in the local geographic area*
- Legal #2 – **Allow an Affiliate to charge a fee for an appeal. Not to exceed \$250.**
- Legal #3 – **Clarifies that Bylaw 10 does not apply to all civil matters. And places the language for a USAH member who receives a match penalty is suspended from all USAH activities including officiating.**
- Officials #1 – **Creates “Tenured” status for Level 3 and 4 Officials with 3 years at that level.**
- Youth #2 – **Allows District Championship fees to be set by the cost of running the event.**
- Youth #3 – **Clarifies the language of the rule that a player can only be rostered on one national tournament bound team.**

If you are wishing to see the specific language of any of the legislative proposals, they are available on the USA Hockey website at:

<https://www.usahockey.com/annualcongress>