

2010-2011

IIW High School

Ice Hockey

Rules

Fall/Winter

Supplemental to USA Hockey 2009-2011 Official Rules of Ice Hockey

- I. **League Philosophy** – Provide a safe, fun and competitive but fair environment, in a family setting for High School Club Hockey. Please remember this League is a club sport and is supposed to be fun for all teams involved as well as spectators. Some schools can and do provide “Letters” for qualified players.

- II. **Teams** – E-mail address & phone number for each Team Coach & Assistant Coach is required as the majority of league correspondence will be done via e-mail. Team Representatives/Managers are highly encouraged. All teams shall be approved solely by the Hockey Director.
 - a.) **Team Coach** – All Coaches are responsible for conveying official information to team members, parents & schools as well as acting as a conduit of inquiry between the team members and the local League Administrator. Coaches are obligated to support and enforce all League policies, USA Hockey Regulations and to lead their team through exemplary and mature example. Coaches shall be selected solely by the Hockey Director on the basis of (but not limited to) their accessibility, reliability, and responsibility.

 - b.) **Team Manager** – The role of the Team manager is to coordinate team functions between families, players & coaches. Managers are considered an extension of the Head Coach. Ultimately the Head Coach is responsible for the actions (or lack of) of the Team Manager. Team Manager shall be selected **by** the Team Coach, but approved solely by the Hockey Director on the basis of (but not limited to) their accessibility, reliability, and responsibility.

 - c.) **Rosters / Player Rankings** –
 - (1) **Roster** –A team roster must be turned into IIW by their 2nd regular season game. The roster must contain all of the players’ names, the jersey numbers that they will be wearing for the games and identify the goaltenders and Team Captain & Alternates.
 - i) **Size Requirements:** The maximum size of a roster is 18 skaters including subs. The minimum size of a roster is 9 skaters and a goalkeeper. All team rosters are frozen on November 31st. No additional players may be added to the team after this deadline without League approval.
 - ii) **Deadline:** Teams may continue to add players up to the final deadline of November 31st. Any additions to the roster after that date can only be made in cases of “hardship”, defined specifically (but not exclusively) as a team in danger of disbanding due to loss of players through injuries, work/school

conflicts or failure to pay ice fees. All post-deadline roster additions require the full knowledge and approval of IIW.

- iii) No player may legally be rostered for Varsity & Jr. Varsity teams simultaneously.
- iv) All High School players must be registered & current members of USA Hockey.

- (2) Illegal Players – **No team shall use a player who is not registered and a valid enrolled student at the school of the team they are playing on unless otherwise outlined in this document** (registration consists of having an IIW Terms of Registration on file, having a USA Hockey Registration on file and full seasonal fee payment) with the league office as a member of that team. The Team Coach that uses an Illegal Player will face discipline up to suspension for one (1) year and being stripped of his/her title. Players who play illegally (a team they are not registered for) without being fully registered **for that team** will face a one (1) year suspension from playing in the IIW. Any suspensions will be served without a refund.

NOTE: In keeping with the spirit of fair play & sportsmanship this rule shall be strictly monitored and enforced.

- d.) Team Eligibility - High School players must play for the school they are currently attending. Home/charter schooled students must play for the school they would be attending if they weren't home/charter schooled. In JV situations where kids attend a feeder school they are free to choose one of the schools in their area. Having said that, upon entering High School, they must play for the high school they chose to attend.
- (1) In the case of dual enrollment a player must play for the school where he/she is taking the majority of his/her classes (official transcripts will be provided by the player for verification).
 - (2) If a player at any time (either during the season or after the season) changes enrollment to a different school, they will be required to finish the current season with the team they began it with. The very next season (summer or fall) they will be **required** to move and play for the school they are enrolled at. However, they shall be required to finish the current season with the team they started with.
 - (3) Beginning with the 2010/2011 fall/winter season, any player that has been playing with a team, but not enrolled at that school shall be “grand-fathered” and permitted to play for the that team for the remainder of their high school career. However, if the player switches school enrollment, they will be **required** to play for the school they would newly be attending.
- e.) Substitutions – Only Jr. Varsity players may substitute for Varsity players. Varsity may NEVER play at a Jr. Varsity level at any time unless permitted by Hockey Department.

- (1) Team Names / Jerseys / Uniforms –

- i) All players will be dressed uniformly. Each player is required to have two jerseys, a dark (away) jersey and a light (home) jersey and respective dark and light socks.
- ii) All jerseys must be the exact same color.
- iii) Each player's jersey must have the player's number permanently affixed to the back. Taped numbers are not acceptable. Jerseys without numbers are not acceptable.

- iv) Teams must be in compliance with these jersey requirements by the 2nd week of the season. Players without numbers or taped numbers will not be allowed on the ice.
 - 1. Any player not in compliance with this policy may be removed from a game until uniform requirements are met. It is the responsibility of the captain of each team to make sure the team's uniforms meet these standards.

III. **Playing Rules** – There will be a 3 minute warm up prior to game start. Three (3) 13 minute stop time periods. Each team gets one 30 second time out per game. All games are curfew with the exception of the last game of the night. If a forfeit is declared before the game starts, teams may scrimmage (however **no officials or scorekeepers**).

a.) **Sportsmanship** – High School hockey is intended to be fun and safe. Respect all other players and officials. A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY FOR VULGARIY IN IIW IS IN EFFECT. Zero Tolerance is defined as: No second chance ... 1st offense shall be dealt with immediately.

b.) **Misconducts & Fighting / Penalties** – **IIW will not tolerate malicious, unsportsmanlike and/or violent behavior. IIW will strictly enforce the rules on penalties. Penalties/suspensions are cumulative. Penalties/suspensions incurred during the regular season will carry over into the playoffs and if necessary, into the following season in which the player plays. Additionally, when faced with exceptional team or player misconduct, IIW reserves the right to increase any of the following penalties, up to and including ejecting the team or player from IIW without a refund.**

- (1) *1st Game Misconduct* - Any player receiving a Game Misconduct during the regular season & playoffs is automatically suspended for the next regularly scheduled game that player's team plays.
- (2) *2nd Game Misconduct* – Any player receiving a second (2) Game Misconduct during the regular season & playoffs is automatically suspended for the next two (2) games that player's team plays.
- (3) *Three (3) Game Misconduct's within a 12 month period* – Any player receiving 3 game misconduct penalties within a 365 day period will be suspended from the league for up to 1 calendar year from the date of the 3rd penalty. The determining authority shall be the Hockey Director (or in his absence the Asst. Hockey Director) at a formal Supplemental Discipline Hearing.
- (4) *One-Year Suspensions* – Any player receiving 2 one-year suspensions from the league will be deemed an incorrigible player and as such will be required to apply to the league for reinstatement after the suspension has been served. IIW will make the final decision in allowing a player to return to the league.
- (5) *Fighting* –
 - i) Punching, or attempting to punch another player. Physically hitting or striking the player is not a requirement.
 - ii) Any quarrel, wrestling, or shoving between players that require stoppage of play or disruption in the game to resolve or break up.

that IIW determines, in its sole discretion, too detrimental to the safe operation of the League. IIW also reserves the right to refuse or deny the application of any prospective player that IIW determines, in its sole discretion, too detrimental to the safe operation of the League.

- (8) *Suspension Policy* – Any penalties resulting in a suspension will result in the revocation of a player's game playing or bench access privileges until the term of suspension is complete.

c.) Accumulated PIM Suspension for the Season (40/60/80 rule) –

- (1) Any player accumulating 60 minutes in penalties in one season will be suspended 2 games. The league will notify the player of the games they will be suspended from.
- (2) Any player accumulating 70 minutes in penalties in one season will be suspended an additional 3 games. The league will notify the player of the games they will be suspended from.
- (3) Any player accumulating 80 minutes in penalties in one season will be suspended an additional 4 games.

The penalties include both the regular season and post season. A player reaching 60/70/80 during the Season will be suspended during the playoffs. If the suspension is longer than the season or playoff, the player will be suspended the start of the following Season from which the penalties were incurred. The team rep will attach player suspension to score sheet.

d.) Rink Rules –

- (1) Only team members, coaches and managers that are registered with USA Hockey are allowed in the player's benches and on ice during games.
- (2) Absolutely no one is allowed on the ice during resurfacing times. Players and coaches are to remain off the ice until the Zamboni doors are completely closed.
- (3) Due to the risk of injury from flying pucks and sticks, no person who is not a properly registered, insured, rostered and active player or coach will be permitted on or near the players bench at anytime during the game. All non-players, non-coaches, and suspended players are restricted to watching the game from the spectator areas.
- (4) The game of ice hockey cannot be played without risk on injury. Participants in the IIW High School Hockey Program agree to assume full responsibility for any injuries they may incur.
- (5) No chewing ("dip") tobacco anywhere in the building including locker rooms.
- (6) ALL male & female players shall dress separately from each other. Coaches are expected to rigorously monitor this policy.

e.) Protest Procedure – If a team has cause to believe that the opposing team is dressing an illegal player, the following protest procedure must be followed:

- (1) The protesting team's captain/team representative must notify the game officials of the protest **before the final buzzer** at the end of the game. The game officials must note the nature of the protest on the score sheet.
- (2) Should a protest occur, the league will follow up by contacting the coach of both teams regarding appropriate action. Both the offending player and the team captain will be held responsible when an illegal player is discovered to have dressed and/or played.

- IV. **Official Abuse** – There is zero tolerance for official abuse on or off the ice (score / time keepers included). This includes yelling from the bench or penalty box about calls, etc. Penalties for abuse, verbal or otherwise, are as follows:
- (1) 1st and 2nd Offense: Between 2 and 10 minutes or a game misconduct (officials' discretion).
 - (2) 3rd Offense: Automatic game plus one game suspension (non-protetable).
- V. **Incomplete Games** – A game is considered complete and counts in the standings after two complete periods. Any game that does not complete two periods will be rescheduled and replayed in its entirety.
- VI. **Player Removal from a Team** – IIW holds the right to remove a player from a team at any time for the purposes of equality in the level of play. If available, the player will be given the option to play on another team in another level, or to leave the league. If there is not another available team or if the player chooses not to play, a pro-rated credit of that season's fees will be made (unless the removal was for disciplinary reasons). The player removal may be appealed, but IIW maintains the right of final decision.
- VII. **Referee Absence** – No game shall be played in the absence of USA Certified referees. If the referees are not present for a scheduled game, the game is void and the teams may use the ice slot for practice. The game will be rescheduled.
- VIII. **Equipment** – *Required Equipment for participation in High School hockey:*
- (1) Helmet
 - (2) Elbow pads
 - (3) Mid-section protection – hockey pants or girdle/shell
 - (4) Gloves
 - (5) Neck Guard & Mouth Piece (IIW requirement for Mite-HS)
 - (6) Knee/shin protectors
 - (7) Full face protection
 - (8) Shoulder/Chest protector
 - (9) Ice Skates
- IX. **Standings** – Teams shall be awarded two points for a win, zero points for a loss and a single point for a tied game.
- X. **Tied Games** – There are no overtimes during regular season games – tie games are permitted. For a regular season game, if at the end of the three periods the score is tied; the game shall be declared a tie and each team shall be credited with one point in the standings.
- XI. **Statistics**- Statistical information (i.e. score sheets) shall be archived for 1/2 year after the completion of the season by IIW.

NOTE: Copies of the official score sheets are made available to Teams Reps at the end of every game by the official scorekeepers.

- XII. **Playoff Procedures** – All rostered players are eligible for playoffs provided they played in at least 50% of the season's games (unless otherwise approved by the Hockey Director). Playoff format to be determined by the Hockey Office before the season ends. The playoff schedules will be posted on the League schedule.

NOTE: IIW has the supreme right to make the final decision on any issue or situation not specifically addressed in these Rules.

XIII. Playoff Rules – Playoff Brackets, Rules & Regulations shall be posted & made available to the League once all final seeds have been determined.