

2017-2018

Idaho IceWorld

Adult Hockey Rules

These Rules Are Supplemental to the USA Ice Hockey Official Rules

I. League Philosophy:

Idaho IceWorld's philosophy is to ensure a safe, fair and competitive environment in a professional setting for recreational hockey. Remember, these leagues are supposed to be enjoyable for all teams involved regardless of the caliber of competition. Our main objective is to provide good sportsmanship as well as fun for players and spectators.

II. General Information:

a. Websites:

i. Boise Idaho IceWorld: www.idahoiceworld.com

ii. USA Hockey website: www.usahockey.com

iii. TeamSideLine.com: To get to the Team Side Line website please, go to the above Boise Idaho IceWorld website. Then click on "Hockey", then click on "Schedules & Results."

III. Phone and Email Contacts:

a. Idaho IceWorld Hockey
Ice Skating Recreation Hockey Coordinator (208) 608-7717
kscoran@cityofboise.org

b. Idaho IceWorld Customer Service (208) 608-771
bdietz@cityofboise.org

IV. Indemnification

By participating and by receiving a copy to the Idaho IceWorld Adult Hockey Rules, all players shall release and hold harmless Idaho IceWorld, all cooperating agencies, the city of Boise City and all employees, agents, contractors, or licensees from any and all liability, claims, damages, expenses, and causes of action related to persons or property that may be sustained as a result of participation in the program.

V. Team/Player League Structure and Requirements:

The league fee covers the officials, equipment, facilities, maintenance and operation costs, administrative costs, and awards. The minimum age requirement is 18 years of age at the start of the season and age verification is required. Each team is required to have a team representative. An E-mail address for each team representative and their teammates is required at registration as the majority of league correspondence will be done via E-mail.

1. Team Representative:

In lieu of an official team coach, all designated team representatives are responsible for conveying all official and pertinent information to all team members as well as acting as a conduit for inquiries between the team members and the Boise Idaho IceWorld Ice Hockey Coordinator/League Administrator. Team representatives are obligated to support and enforce league policy and to ensure their team members continually act in a sportsman-like and mature manner at all times. Team Representatives need to understand the basic knowledge and rules of their league. Team Representatives must be accessible, reliable, and responsible. Idaho Ice World has the right to remove any individual as a team representative if they are not in compliance with league rules. Idaho IceWorld also reserves and has the right to withhold Team and Team Representative's refunds if they do not follow these guidelines! Payments returned due to insufficient funds are the entire team's responsibility. Teams and/or players will be suspended from further participation in all Boise Parks & Recreation Programs until all fees are paid fully.

2. Refund Policy:

Team and player fees will not be refunded to teams which drop from the league after the registration deadline. A full refund will be given to teams who drop out of the league prior to the completion of registration, minus a \$15.00 processing fee. Player fees are non-refundable after the registration deadline. If a team disbands during the season, the players may move to other teams, if space allows and teams agree, without a fee being assessed.

3. Rosters:

- a. An official team roster must be turned into the Idaho IceWorld Hockey/Ice Skating Recreation Hockey Coordinator no later than 2 weeks before the season begins. The roster must contain all of the players' names, the jersey numbers that they will be wearing for games and identify the goaltender by name.

- b. The maximum size of a team on the bench is 18 skaters and 2 goaltenders. Substitutes (Subs) are added to the roster prior to the season start. The minimum number of players to start an official game is 5 skaters and one goaltender; otherwise the game will be considered an official forfeiture.

- c. Deadlines for all team rosters are frozen on **July 1, 2017**. No additional players may be added to the team after this deadline without league approval (through the office of the Ice Hockey Coordinator). However, any additions to rosters after that date can only be made in cases of "hardship"; which is defined specifically, but not exclusively, as a team in danger of disbanding due to loss of players through injuries, work or school conflicts, or failure to pay ice fees. All post-deadline roster additions require the full acknowledgement and approval of either the Idaho IceWorld Hockey/Ice Skating Recreation Coordinator or his designated representative.

- d. Idaho IceWorld hockey team fee registration requirements include: [1] Must have each player fill out the Idaho IceWorld Registration Form. [2]

Must have each player fill out and sign the required waiver form. [3]
Must have each player submit a copy of the USA Hockey Registration Form with the barcode. [4] Teams will pay for team fees in one payment. Each team representative is required to submit all three of the player's required forms and payment fees at one time. Teams will not be considered registered unless all players' paper work for that team is submitted together at the same time.

- (i) No player may legally be on more than 1 team roster in the same league and division.
 - (ii) All Idaho IceWorld players must be “registered and current” members of USA Hockey and a copy of their current registration number with barcode must be provided to Idaho IceWorld.
- e. Substitute players are eligible to skate for teams in the case of hardship, injury, emergency or unavailable roster players prior to the start of the game.
- (i) Substitute player must be rostered prior to the season by the Team Representative, with all valid requirements to play in the league. If a sub is added after the final Representative meeting it will have to be done between the hours of operation at the Idaho IceWorld information desk. (Mon – Fri 9am to 7pm).
 - (ii) The late added substitute player will be subject to evaluation of the Hockey Coordinator and the hockey department staff.
 - (iii) If you are a registered, rostered player in the league you may sub within your own division.
 - (iv) Roster freeze for subs is January 7, 2017.
 - (v) Any player/substitute on a team roster prior to the roster freeze deadline WILL be eligible for the playoffs.

VI. League Levels: Players shall skate in a specified division based on the below chart. The league ranking levels are:

- 1) A League
- 2) B League
- 3) C League
- 4) Women's League

(Since there is only one women's division, these rankings do not apply. If any woman chooses to play in one of the other Adult Leagues, then they would be ranked according to the chart below.)

The following competitive and experience ranking chart will be used as a guide in order to evaluate a player's skill level and subsequent playing ability:

Rank	Level	Experience Description (Approximate)	Skills	Experience (Approximate)	IIW Div
1.0	Beginner / Novice	Has learned how to skate and play hockey as an adult and exhibits minimal skating and hockey skills.	Ability to stop, turn, and usually remain standing; occasionally uses stick as intended; understands most rules.	1 – 3 Years	C
2.0	Novice / Intermediate	Has some experience playing organized hockey as a youth or is an adult novice with competent skating abilities and hockey skills.	Able to follow play; maintains two hands on stick and able to get to the puck; understands rules and positional strategy.	3 years	C

Rank	Level	Experience Description (Approximate)	Skills	Experience (Approximate)	IIW Div
3.0	Intermediate	Has played organized hockey for several years as a youth, has played for several years as an adult and would be considered a hockey player with average skating and hockey skills. Has played on rep or elite teams as a youth, has played for many years as an adult or on teams at the intramural college level and would be considered an above average player in all aspects of the game.	Can perform hockey stops and skate backward; able to shoot puck with some accuracy and pass puck while in motion; generally, in position at all times; keeps head up during play. Power skater, can readily change directions (lateral and reverse); accurate shooter and able to pass puck stick-to-stick at speed; may have a decent slap shot; good positional play and knowledge of strategy.	6 years	B
4.0	Advanced	Has played on teams at the level of Major Junior A, college or university varsity. Semi-pro or professional.	All-around complete player: excellent skater, full range of shots, ability to move puck at will, exceptional knowledge of the game.	10 years+	A/ Advanced

OFFICIAL REMINDER: Illegal Players. Players must be registered and no players who are with an unregistered team will be allowed to play. Registration consists of having an Idaho IceWorld Terms of Registration and waiver form on file; having a USA Hockey Registration on file. The Team Representative of a team using an Illegal Player will face disciplinary consequences up to and including suspension for one (1) year and be stripped of team representative duties, including loss of refund. Players who play illegally (a team they are not registered for, or participate for, without a proper substitution protocol;) may face a one (1) year suspension from playing on any team at Idaho IceWorld.

NOTE: In keeping with the spirit of fair play & sportsmanship this rule shall be strictly monitored and enforced by the Idaho IceWorld Ice Hockey Coordinator or Hockey Department Representative.

1. Player not skating at appropriate levels: If at any time the Hockey Department declares that a skater is not playing within the appropriate division for their skill level, Idaho IceWorld reserves the right to remove that player from that team. Idaho IceWorld 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, the player removed may discuss the opportunity with their team representative regarding an optional refund or find a replacement player.

VII. Facility Requirements:

1. IceWorld Rink Rules:

- a. Only team members, coaches and managers that are registered with USA Hockey are allowed in the player's bench areas and on ice during games.
- b. Absolutely no one is allowed on the ice during resurfacing times. Players and coaches are to remain off the ice until Zamboni operations are completed and all doors are closed.
- c. Due to the risk of injury from flying pucks and sticks, no person who is not properly registered, insured, and an 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.
- d. The game of ice hockey cannot be played without risk of injury. Participants in the Idaho IceWorld Adult Hockey Program agree to assume full responsibility for any injuries they may experience.
- e. Chewing, dip, or any tobacco use anywhere in the building including locker rooms is prohibited.
- f. Locker rooms must be clean of trash and debris upon leaving. Please pick up after your self.

2. Team Alcohol Offenses:

Idaho IceWorld is a Non-Alcohol Facility and there is zero tolerance for offenders. If individuals are not actually caught with alcohol, but Idaho IceWorld staff find beer/alcohol containers in the locker room when cleaning, the following provisions will apply:

1st Offense: If beer/alcohol is found in a trash container following a game, this will result in a written warning being issued to the entire team.

2nd Offense: The teams' representative will be suspended for one game.

3rd Offense: The entire team will be suspended for one game (with a team game forfeiture), and the team representative will be suspended for two games.

4th Offense: The entire team will be suspended for the remainder of the season.

Individuals caught with an open alcoholic beverage may be subject to criminal charges pursuant to Boise City Code 6-01-15.

VIII. Game/Playing Rules:

1. There will be a 3 minute warm up prior to game start. There will be three 15-minute stop time periods. If there is a 5 goal differential with 5 minutes remaining in the 3rd period, the clock will be set to running time. Each team gets one 60 second time out per game. All games have a curfew with the exception of the last game of the night.

2. If a forfeit is declared before the game starts, teams may scrimmage; (however; no officials or scorekeepers will be available to participate during this scrimmage).

3. No Checking: For games played under Idaho IceWorld supervision **NO CHECKING** will be allowed. However, this is hockey and light contact may inadvertently occur in the corners and in front of the net; but checking is not

permitted. Checking is defined as deliberately separating the puck carrying player from the puck by use of body contact.

4. Sportsmanship: Adult recreational hockey is intended to be fun and safe. Please respect all other players and officials.

5. Game Misconducts and Fighting/Penalties: Idaho IceWorld will not tolerate malicious, unsportsmanlike and/or violent behavior. Idaho IceWorld will strictly enforce all rules on penalties. Penalties/suspensions are cumulative. When penalties/suspensions are incurred during the regular season they will carry over into the playoffs and, if necessary, into the following season in which the player participates. Additionally, when faced with excessive team or player misconduct, Idaho IceWorld reserves the right to increase any of the following penalties, up to and including ejecting the team or player from Idaho IceWorld future participation without a refund.

A. Game misconducts within a 12-month period: Any player receiving three (3) game misconduct penalties within a twelve (12) month period will be suspended from the league for up to one (1) calendar year from the date of the 3rd penalty. All league fees for the season in which the infraction took place will be forfeited by the player.

(i) **One (1) Year Suspensions:** Any player receiving two (2), one (1) 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. Idaho IceWorld will make the final decision in allowing a player to return to the league.

B. Fighting is Deemed as:

(i) Punching, or attempting to punch or hit another player. Physically hitting or striking the player is not a requirement. (This will be solely based on the intent of the incident at the discretion of the game official).

(ii) Any quarrel, wrestling, or shoving between players that requires stoppage of play or disruption in the game to resolve or break up.

(iii) The player who initiates the altercation shall be deemed the aggressor and assessed a fighting penalty with the associated suspensions. A minor penalty may be imposed on a player who, having been struck, attempts to protect himself, or retaliates with a blow or attempted retaliation blow. The official has the discretion to assess harsher penalties if the player continues the altercation.

1. **1st Offense:** Refer to Level Three Violation as listed in the Violations and Penalties section on Page 10 of this Agreement.
2. **2nd Offense:** Refer to Level Three Violation as listed in the Violations and Penalties section on Page 10 of this Agreement. In addition, the player shall be suspended from the league for a period of up to one year.
3. **Off Ice Offense:** League ejection and a one (1) year suspension.
4. **Any person that is a third man in or comes off the bench will be ejected from the game:** If the bench clears, the game is over and both teams receive a loss in the standings.
5. **Continuing a Fight:** If a player pursues a fight after it has been broken up, it will result in a two (2) game suspension for the first violation.
6. **Intent to Injure / Sportsmanship:** Any Idaho IceWorld official including League Administrators, Assistant League Administrators and Game Supervisors who witnesses an infraction, even if it was not seen by the on-ice officials, may contact the league and recommend a review of the incident. Upon review Idaho IceWorld reserves the right to impose a penalty for the infraction up to and including ejection of the player from the league for a period of up to one year. If a player is ejected from the league they will lose their league fees for that season.
7. **Player Ejection from the League:** Idaho IceWorld reserves the right, at any time, to remove a player, in their sole discretion, from the league. The player ejection may be appealed, but Idaho IceWorld

maintains the rights of final decision. If a player is ejected from the league, they will lose their league fees for the season in which they were ejected.

C. General Penalties: All minor penalties shall be for two (2) minutes. Major penalties shall be the standard five (5) minutes.

(i) Any player receiving a gross misconduct or match penalty will be suspended indefinitely pending review by Idaho IceWorld.

(ii) Any player who continues an altercation or disagreement after the end of a period or game will be subject to a Level Two Violation as listed on the Violations and Penalties section on Page 10 of this Agreement. This rule applies even if the game score sheet had already been completed and signed by the referees.

(iii) Any player who plays while under suspension will be suspended indefinitely. Both the offending player and his team representative may be reported to Idaho IceWorld for further disciplinary action.

D. 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.

- **REMINDER:** Idaho IceWorld is committed to providing a safe recreational league. As a result, it reserves the final right to suspend, expel or otherwise prevent any player from playing league hockey if Idaho IceWorld determines, in its' sole discretion, that such player is detrimental to the safe operation of the league and will also reserve the right to refuse or deny the application of any prospective player for those same reasons. Idaho IceWorld reserves the right to suspend, eject or refuse play to anyone for any discipline issue, with no credit or refund.

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

- a. The protesting team 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.
- b. If a team's representative/captain is dissatisfied with the performance of the game official, the team will file, in writing, complaints or suggestions to the Idaho IceWorld Ice Hockey Coordinator. These comments will then be reviewed and actions will be taken to correct or explain the concerns. Should a protest occur, the league will follow up by contacting the captain's/team representatives of both teams regarding appropriate actions.

7. Official Abuse: There is **zero tolerance** for official abuse **on or off the ice** (score/time keepers included). This includes, but is not limited to, throwing of equipment, taunting, verbal or physical threats, swearing, disrespectful behavior, or gestures to provoke or directed at official, from the ice, bench or penalty box. These infractions will be penalized! At the official's discretion, penalties for abuse, verbal or otherwise, may be as follows:

- a. 1st offense: Refer to Level One Violation as listed in the Violations and Penalties section on Page 10 of this Agreement.
- b. 2nd offense: Refer to Level Two Violation as listed in the Violations and Penalties section on Page 10 of this Agreement.
- c. 3rd Offense: Refer to Level Three Violation as listed in the Violations and Penalties section on Page 10 of this Agreement.
(Any protest must be submitted in writing to the Idaho IceWorld Hockey/Ice Skating Recreation Coordinator.)

NOTE: If, in the opinion of the On-Ice Official, the game cannot be continued in a sportsmanship like manner, the game will be forfeited by the offending team.

8. 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, at the discretion of the Hockey/Ice Skating Recreation Coordinator, depending on reason for game stoppage.

9. 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 time for practice. The game will be rescheduled.

10. Equipment: Required Equipment:

- a. Helmet
- b. Elbow pads
- c. Mid-section protection – hockey pants or girdle/shell
- d. Gloves
- e. Knee/shin protectors
- f. Ice Skates

Strongly Recommended, but Optional Equipment:

- a. Mouth guard
- b. Full or partial face protection
- c. Athletic cup and support
- d. Shoulder/chest protector

11. Team Names / Jerseys / Uniforms:

- a. Team names shall be in keeping with good taste and decorum. Idaho IceWorld reserves the right to refuse a team entry into the league with a name or logo determined to be in bad taste.
- b. All players will be dressed uniformly. All teams must have two (2) (one (1) for home team and one (1) for away) jerseys that must be the exact same color (one (1) Black and one (1) White). However, a team may use one color of jersey for all games provided that color in no way corresponds to or may be seen as being interpreted with the colors of Black or White. **(A team's selection of an individual color MUST be pre-approved by the IceWorld Hockey Coordinator prior to purchase.)**
- c. 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.)
- d. Teams must be in compliance with these jersey requirements by the 2nd week of the season. (Players without numbers will not be allowed on the ice.)

e. 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/team representative of each team to make sure the team's uniforms meet these standards.

12. League Standings: Teams shall be awarded two (2) points for a win, zero (0) points for a loss and a one (1) point for a tied game.

13. Tied Games: There are no overtimes during regular season games. Tied 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.

NOTE: Electronic scoresheets will be emailed upon request to Teams Representatives at the end of every game by the official scorekeepers.

IX. End of Season Playoff Procedures: Single elimination playoff games will be used to determine division champions. All fully rostered players are eligible for playoff games. Substitute players are eligible to compete in the playoffs provided they are on the roster by the January 7, 2017 deadline. Playoff brackets, rules and regulations will be posted and made available to the league once all final seeds have been determined. The playoff schedules will be posted on the league schedule. If a team forfeits a tournament game, that forfeit is considered a loss.

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

VIOLATION AND PENALTIES:

1. Any violation not included below shall be at the discretion of the Idaho IceWorld Ice Hockey Coordinator.
2. The following penalties will be assessed for each specific act that occurs before, during or after a game. Automatic penalties may be increased based on severity.

Level One Violation:

1. Possession or consumption of alcohol within the confines of Idaho IceWorld facilities.
2. Intentional throwing of any equipment or objects within Idaho IceWorld.
3. Minimal swearing, disruptive or disrespectful behavior directed at another player, official, spectator or rink staff.

Minimum Automatic Penalty: At the discretion of the on-ice official or by the Hockey/Ice Skating Recreation Coordinator if violation occurs off ice.

Level Two Violation:

1. Vulgar, abusive language, continued swearing, taunting, or using gestures to provoke another player, official, spectator or staff.
2. Attempting to arouse spectators against officials.
3. Not leaving the ice or rink area when asked by the referee or rink staff.
4. Unsportsmanlike conduct.
5. Harassing players, spectators or rink staff.

Minimum Automatic Penalty: Ejection from the game and suspension for all other league games for 7 days, to include a minimum of one game, as well as probation for the season.

Level Three Violation: (Police may be called.)

1. Verbal or physical threats to a player, official, spectator or rink staff.
2. Fighting, whether initiated or done in retaliation.
3. Making physical contact with the intent to do harm to a player, official, spectator or rink staff.

4. Throwing or kicking an object at a player, official, spectator or rink staff with intent to do harm.
5. Approaching or following an official or staff member off the ice after the game with the intent of verbal harassment or physical harm.

Minimum Automatic Penalty: Ejection from that game, suspension from the next 4 weeks of league play, and player probation for 2 years from the date of the incident. If there are fewer than four league games remaining in the season, the suspension will be extended to the league play-offs and/or the next season. (This includes ALL league teams the player is registered on!)

For league schedules, tournaments and information, score sheets, updates check on our website at:

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Adult Hockey Team Representative Agreement

The following is a list of reasonable expectations for Adult League Team Representatives;

- Ensure your team roster is complete and accurate.
- Ensure your team is USA Hockey registered and current.
- Interface and communicate with Idaho IceWorld Administration on a regular basis.
- Communicate with your team any information Idaho IceWorld deems necessary to pass to each player.
- Ensure all game substitutes are registered and pay in full all substitute fees, if any, to you.
- Enforce the Idaho IceWorld no-alcohol policy.
- Ensure your locker room is left the way you found it.

Team Rep Signature: _____

League & Team Name: _____

Date: _____