

HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY LEAGUE OF NASSAU COUNTY

BY-LAWS

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GENERAL TOPICS:

1. NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION

The name of this organization shall be:

High School Hockey League of Nassau County Inc. also known as H.S.H.L.N.C.

The League is organized to promote Youth Ice Hockey in Nassau County, New York.

The officers of this organization shall be the President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and shall comprise the Executive Board, also known as The Board of Governors. However, no organization shall have more than one member on the Executive Board in any year. A board member need not belong to any member organization

If a vacancy occurs in an elective office, a special meeting shall be called within (1) one month to elect a person to fill the un-expired term. The Secretary will notify all member organizations in writing no later than two weeks prior to this election.

1A) The High School Hockey League of Nassau County Inc. prohibits all sexual and physical abuse and supports the criteria dealing with these issues as established by USA Hockey

1B) The High School Hockey League of Nassau County Inc. hereby consents and declares that each officer, members of the Board of Directors, chairpersons and members of committees and all elected or appointed officials in any capacity shall be deemed to have assumed office or assignment on the express understanding, agreement and condition that each one of them and their heirs, executors and administrators, estate and effect respectively shall from time to time and at all times be indemnified and saved-harmless from and against all liabilities, judgments, costs, charges, and expenses whatsoever which such member sustains or incurs in or about any action, suit or proceeding which is brought, commenced or prosecuted against them in respect of any act, deed, matter or thing whatsoever made, done or permitted by them or about-the execution of the duties of their office and also from and against all other costs, charges and expenses which they sustain or incur or about or in relation to the aforementioned thereof, except such costs, charges or expenses as are occasioned by their own willful neglect or default but not against gross negligence.

2. BOARD OF GOVERNORS

A) The league shall have a Board of Governors who will purchase ice time, schedule games and officials, propose an annual budget, and perform other such duties consistent with administering this league. The Board of Governors shall be granted the ability to set policies for the league as needed during the regular order of business. These policies are for that season only, will not be entered into the by-laws, and will need to be stated at a regular monthly meeting and entered in the minutes. Policies include but are not limited to playoff scheduling, all-star selections (player and coaches), scheduling times and locations for games, and due dates for various league matters. These policies may not contradict a written by-law nor a motion voted upon and passed by the membership. Fair notice must be given to all membership prior to enforcement of these policies. Distribution of the minutes of a meeting to the team contacts as supplied by the teams shall be considered fair notice.

B) The President shall have the following responsibilities as well as others listed in these by-laws:

- 1) Chair all League and Board meetings
- 2) Arrange for ice slots for games with the assistance of teams that traditional have supplied game slots to the league
- 3) Schedule League Games
- 4) Be a liaison and representative for the HSHLNC for and between NYSAHA, USA Hockey, Suffolk County High School League, and any other pertinent organizations, which the HSHLNC has business with.
- 5) To be the deciding vote in the event of any ties that occurs during votes by the general membership or the Board of Governors.
- 6) To be available to league members for questions pertaining to the day to day operations of the league and interpretations of league rules
- 7) To receive and act upon any and all formal protests submitted by any league member
- 8) To delegate or assume responsibility for any tasks that are not mentioned in these by laws that arise during the normal course of a season

C) The 1st Vice President shall have the following responsibilities as well as others listed in these by-laws:

- 1) To schedule on ice and off ice officials for all League games
- 2) To report to the treasurer any and all payments to be made to on or off ice officials
- 3) To fill in for the President in his or her absence
- 4) To arrange for proper training of off ice officials as it pertains to their responsibilities
- 5) To be available to league members for questions pertaining to the day to day operations of the league and interpretations of league rules

D) The Secretary shall have the following responsibilities as well as others listed in these by-laws:

- 1) To record the minutes of all league and Board meetings
- 2) To have available at all League Meetings the Minutes of the previous 12 meetings and a current copy of the league by-laws, USA Hockey rules and NYSAHA Rules
- 3) To act as correspondent for the league

- 4) Secretary is responsible for advising each organization at the December monthly meeting of any paper work still needed.
 - 4) To maintain a sign in sheet for all league meetings and attach the sign in sheet to
 - 5) the minutes of the meeting
 - 6) To be available to league members for questions pertaining to the day to day operations of the league and interpretations of league rules
- E) The Treasurer shall have the following responsibilities as well as others listed in these by-laws:
- 1) To be responsible for the prompt payment and record of all league financial obligations
 - 2) To maintain a balanced checking account or accounts based on the league needs
 - 3) To report to the general members at each monthly meeting the current balance of all accounts
 - 4) To report to the President of the League if any organization is in default of scheduled payments
 - 5) To have a Certified Public Accountant file all proper filings with the State of New York and the Internal Revenue Service yearly.
 - 6) To receive and log all moneys owed to the league.
 - 7) To supply to the Secretary of the League with copies of tax filings when complete to be attached to that months League's meeting minutes for all members examination
 - 8) Record all fines which an organization accrues and with hold an equal amount from Playoff refunds
 - 9) To be available to league members for questions pertaining to the day to day operations of the league and interpretations of league rules
 - 10) Collect all fines imposed by the league
- F) The 2nd Vice President shall have the following responsibilities as well as others listed in these by-laws:
- 1) To receive all team rosters and eligibility proofs from all members
 - 2) To file with USA Hockey and NYSAHA all required paperwork in a timely manner
 - 3) To verify player eligibility of players for the playoffs
 - 4) To be available to league members for questions pertaining to the day to day operations of the league and interpretations of league rules
 - 5) Will be responsible for verifying coaches certification and keeping a copies of CAP cards for each coach as well as NYSAHA Screening Forms

The league shall have a Board of Governors, consisting of the elected officers. No organization shall have more than one representative on the Board of Governors. The Board of Governors shall have the power to hear and rule on game protests and supplemental discipline. However the Board of Governors may not change any by-law without a vote of the general membership at the leagues annual meeting. Should the organization of a Board member be a party to the proceedings, the Board member may be present for the presentation of arguments, but may not participate in any voting. A coach or manager that is not involved will be asked to sit in, with the approval of all parties involved.

Any organization may petition for a meeting with the Board of Governors on matters of concern to the entire league. A quorum of the Board of Governors shall be 50% of the Board, rounded up to the nearest whole number.

The Board of Governors and the league have no authority over how a member organization runs its own affairs, however if it comes to the attention of the league that an organization has or is conducting illegal or immoral activity the league will hold an emergency meeting. This meeting will be held to determine the validity of the accusations and to plan and execute the appropriate actions.

3. ANNUAL MEETING

The agenda for the Annual meeting shall be election of officers in every even numbered year, changes to the By-Laws, review of season, and old and new business. The annual meeting shall be held on the second Tuesday of May each year. Nomination of officers must be made at the April league Meeting prior to the Annual May Meeting and the League Secretary shall include the nominations in the minutes of the meeting and distribute to all members no later than two weeks prior to elections.

Monthly meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month. These meetings shall begin at 7:30 PM at a location determined at the prior months meeting.

4. AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended or altered by a two-thirds majority vote of those members in attendance and eligible to vote only at the Annual Meeting, provided that notice of the proposed change(s) shall have been mailed by the Secretary to each member of the League not less than ten days prior to such meeting. These by-laws may also be changed when in the normal course of a season the rules create a situation not in the best interest of the league. Such proposed by-law change shall be read at a regular monthly meeting and shall be voted on at the subsequent monthly meeting. The organizations must be notified within fifteen days of the meeting in writing. Two thirds of the organizations must be in attendance for the vote to take. Otherwise the vote will have to wait until the next meeting where two thirds of the organizations are in attendance.

Notice must include Article number, Section number, and the proposed changes, additions or deletions.

Any organization may request that any vote at any league meeting be closed ballot vote, no second on the motion is required and the 2nd Vice President shall tally the votes

Any motion brought to the floor of a general meeting to be voted upon that effects the members financially, will incur charges to the league in excess of \$500.00, or effects rules of the game must be seconded and recorded in the minutes of the meeting. Any vote on the subject cannot take place until the next scheduled league meeting, after the minutes have been distributed.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to maintain a complete and accurate record of all changes, revisions and amendments to these bylaws, and to have such record available at all regular and special meetings of the League.

By-law changes must be submitted in writing no later than the April meeting. The proposed by-law changes shall be posted and distributed to each member at the April meeting. The league

Secretary shall distribute to all members a copy of the amended By Laws prior to the June Meeting. At the June Meeting as the first order of business the By laws must be accepted as typed by 2/3 of attending members in good standings.

5. MEMBERSHIP

- A 1. Membership in this organization shall be extended to HIGH SCHOOL CLUB TEAMS in Nassau County regardless of funding or recognition by the school or school district.
- A 2. Upon arrival at all meetings, each team will assign a representative to sign in. This representative will be the only one entitled to speak and vote. Each organization will receive 1(one) vote per level (1 Varsity, 1 J.V. and 1 14 and under non-tournament bound house league), for a maximum of (3) three votes.
- A.3. In order for any organization to be eligible to vote in an annual election meeting, or special meeting to elect an officer to a vacancy, the organization must have a representative attend $\frac{3}{4}$ (nine) of all league meetings within the last 12 months and (the representative need not be the same person at each meeting) any and all past and present fees, insurance and assessments must not be in arrears for more than 60 days and the treasurer will provide a list of organizations to the President, Vice President, of those organizations ineligible to vote.
- A.4. All payments are due within two (2) weeks of due date. Actual payment due dates will be announced to membership at annual meeting. If payments are not made within that time, the organization will not continue to play until such payment is received. All games that were played and scheduled from the actual due date till the payment is received by the league will be forfeited and will not be rescheduled. If payments are not made the treasurer will notify league members at the next meeting.
- A.5. Membership is to vote on any additional assessments prior to the league charging the organizations, after league fees have been set.
- A 6. An Organization wishing to join this league must submit its verbal application and non refundable deposit for membership to the general membership by the league's August meeting to be accepted to compete in the Regular season and must submit their verbal request and non refundable deposit at the league's February meeting to compete in the Spring season, as the last order of business and must have a completed roster with a minimum of 12 in-district players by September 1. The Organization must at this time submit any request to merge with another District to the league in writing.
- A7 Payment of the league deposit by a member organization will be considered as acceptance of these by-laws as written.

- A8 The league will consider the current administration of each member Organization as a “Franchisee” and operator of the member organization now known as the “Franchise”. The “Franchisee” has the rights to all players that attend and or live in the “Franchisee’s” school district. The league may not entertain any persons request to enter a team from an area that has a “Franchised” organization as of May 2002 with the exception of a request from the actual School District’s Administration. A “Franchise” will be considered closed when two consecutive regular seasons pass with no teams from the “franchise” participating in the league, or when the “Franchisee” fails to attend $\frac{3}{4}$ of the league meetings in one year when they have no competing teams in the league.

6. MEMBERSHIP ROLLS

A list of all teams, team representatives and coaches of each team, including addresses and telephone numbers, will be made available to each team prior to the start of each season.

7. LEAGUE COMMITTEES

- A) All committees that are needed for league matters must have the members of the committee voted upon at a regular league meeting. No committee member may be from an organization who has any past due payments. Such committees include, but are not limited to, Player Pool, All Star, and Publicity. There may not be two or more members of the same organization on the same committee. Each committee must have a minimum of three members.
- B) The League will form a Scholarship Committee headed by the President of the league. All fines collected from any team will go directly to a Scholarship Fund with the league adding any balance needed to award two \$500.00 (five hundred dollar) Scholarships to any Graduating Senior Players who have met the requirements outlined by this committee and voted upon by the general membership at the September meeting. A written proposal for the requirements must be mailed to all organizations no later than two weeks prior to the September League meeting. The requirements after ratification will be attached to the minutes of the league meeting and distributed to the representatives. If the league collects more than one thousand dollars in fines than the league will maintain the balance in a separate bank account for he next season. Scholarships will be awarded at the at the annual meeting
- C) The Board of Governors shall appoint a Director of Discipline two representatives and two alternates from five different organizations to serve as the Discipline Committee. All members of this committee must be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Governors. This committee will hold all hearings, and will make decisions as they concern to application of the rules adopted by this league and all supplemental discipline. The Board of Governors shall hold the ultimate decision on any matters that this committee addresses. Committee members must come from an organization in good standing with the league. If the hearing

or decision of this committee involves one of the committee's organization, the alternate committee members must sit in. Any three members will be considered a quorum. Anyone receiving supplemental discipline from the discipline committee may request an appeal hearing from the Board of Governors. This must be done in writing with-in five days of the player or coach being notified from the discipline committee of their decision. The board must hold their hearing with-in fifteen days as long as the player or coach supplies a reason for a hearing.

8. LEAGUE DIVISIONS

The league shall consist of Varsity, Junior Varsity and 14 and under non-tournament bound house league. As needed

9. TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

It is the responsibility of the coaches, and the players to adhere to the principles of sportsmanship. It is also the responsibility of the coaches to be conversant with the playing rules and league rules.

For example, should a player or coach receive a Game Misconduct, Match Penalty, or Gross Misconduct, it is incumbent on the coach to insure that he/she or the player not participate in any games until his/her suspension has been served in its entirety. There is no excuse for a coach allowing himself/herself or a player to participate in a game because the league did not notify the team or post a suspension list.

An ineligible player or suspended player participating in a game or listed and signed in on a score sheet without the notation "Suspended" annotated to the name, shall result in a \$50.00 fine by the offending team and forfeiture of the game by the offending team, increased penalties to the player, and suspension of the next three scheduled league games against the coach of record. All coaches and players suspended from a game must be noted on the game sheet that the suspension is being served. Failure to make the notation will result in a ten-dollar fine to the organization failing to supply the information to the scorekeeper.

All teams must have home and away jerseys and identical team matching socks. Home team is to wear light colored jerseys, away are to wear dark. Any team without the proper jersey will be given a forfeit. Home and visitors are determined by league schedule. The League Official must call all forfeits at the beginning of the game. The word forfeit must be written on the score sheet and the forfeiting coach advised prior to the start of the game. All jerseys must be team-uniformed jerseys only. Players without matching jerseys and socks will not be permitted to play. Any team who forfeits a game for any reason must leave the ice surface immediately and the remaining team uses the slot for practice.

It is the responsibility of each individual team to make any changes in scheduling directly with another team, once the official schedule is given to the league. Notification to the Board of Governors and all affected teams with at least 24 hours notice is necessary. If the notification is given with less than 36 hours it must be done by telephone or face to face. Email notification must have a return receipt to be considered as proper notification and must be done prior to 36 hours before the scheduled start time. If a team is to have a full team no show no matter of the

time frame email will not be considered as proper notification. Any team causing a forfeit due to a complete no show will be responsible for half the ice fee and all on and off ice officials. If the proper notification is given the team will not be responsible for the on or off ice officials

It is every team's responsibility to supply to the Secretary of this league contact information (ie: email address, postal address, phone number, contact name). This information will be used to distribute league information as outlined in these by-laws. Any team not updating this information with the league lends itself to being misinformed or uninformed about league matters. The league will except and mail to only three contacts per member organization.

It will be the responsibility of the coach to secure and maintain the following information from each and every player and to produce upon request of the Board of Governors
School ID- showing current enrollment in a school district (letters from the district, school, principal, or teacher will not be acceptable unless they have a raised seal from the school district) Picture Id, school schedule with name and address, report card (grades may be blocked out) are acceptable

USA Hockey Wavier of Liability signed by parent and player

USA Hockey Zero Tolerance signed by parent and player

Any coach who fails to supply to the league within 24 hours of the first request for this information will be suspended until all proofs are submitted for all players rostered. Any player the team has rostered that the coach cannot produce this information for will not be permitted to play until the proof is supplied to the league. The league may not ask for the proof until October 15 of the season in progress. Each coach shall supply enough copies of their team roster for each other team in their division, when the roster is submitted to the league for distribution to the league members.

Each and every member organization and the people who associate with the organization and league have the responsibility to refrain from all negative publicity about the league, or any member organization in any public forum (i.e. newspaper, television, handouts, or radio). Any person who contributes to any negative publicity must appear before the disciplinary committee to explain his or her actions. The penalty shall be assessed based on the actual circumstances.

10. TEAM ROSTERS

Each team may have a maximum of twenty-five (25) players on their league roster.

All teams (no matter when their season starts) must submit their preliminary roster and team application before start of ANY season. Teams whose rosters and applications have not been received by the league will not participate in the league scheduled games and will forfeit all scheduled games and be fined \$50.00 per game until such roster and application is received, along with all necessary IMR information. The 2nd Vice President will give team preliminary roster sheets and team applications to each organization to complete. Each organization will give the paper work to the Secretary at or prior to the next meeting. Final rosters must be submitted to the league at the December meeting. (For tournament bound teams only – the

USA Hockey rule is no game played will count toward your 20 game schedule unless preliminary rosters and team applications are submitted to the Section Registrar.)

Teams may add players to their league roster at any time prior to their 10th game or December 31, whichever comes first. To add a player, the team must petition the 2nd Vice President, a minimum of 48 hours before the player participates.

Teams may add players after this date only under exceptional circumstances, such as transfers into their school after the deadline etc. In any case, the team must petition the Board of Directors and receive a minimum 2/3 vote, rounded up to the next whole number. Players rostered after the start of the season must participate in a minimum of 3/4 of the games in which they are eligible to participate. Players added after Dec. 31 cannot be rostered as Tournament Bound.

11. REMOVAL of TEAMS or LEAGUE or TEAM OFFICIALS

In order to remove an entire TEAM or a TEAM and/or LEAGUE OFFICIAL, for reasons other than failure to meet financial obligations, there must be just and sufficient cause, with charges preferred in writing; there must be a Special League Meeting called for the express purpose of hearing the charges, and All Team Representatives must be notified of the meeting and its purpose. In order to sustain the removal of a TEAM or a Team and/or League Official, a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the teams present are necessary to sustain such removal.

12. PROTESTS

Protest will be entertained ONLY when they pertain to the interpretation of playing rules, interpretation of league rules, or review of supplemental discipline. Protests will not be entertained regarding the judgment of a game official.

Protests must be made in writing to the any board member within 24 hours of the alleged occurrence and accompanied by a \$50 protest fee. The protest fee will be refunded should the protest be deemed valid and deposited in the Scholarship Fund should the protest be denied.

The president shall schedule a Board of Governors meeting within one week of the receipt of the protest. However, in no case may a suspension as denoted Rules 20 and 21 be modified or reduced prior to the meeting of the Board of Governors.

A protest committee will be made up of the 5 3 members of the board. If a board member is unable to attend, a coach or manager that is not involved will be asked to fill in.

PLAYERS

13. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility shall be determined by New York State Amateur Hockey Association rules.

No "IN DISTRICT" player may be cut from a team to roster an "OUT of DISTRICT" player. (This includes placing an "IN DISTRICT" player on J.V. to roster an "OUT of DISTRICT" player on Varsity.)

No organization may roster an "OUT of DISTRICT" player, including an adjoining District player, if an "IN DISTRICT" player has been cut.

All players entering grades 10 - 12 must try out for their Home District Varsity Team. Ninth graders may play at their appropriate skill level. All female players will be allowed to participate at their appropriate skill level; however no 11th or 12th grader may participate at the 14 and under level. (This is to allow females to continue playing JV hockey when they become seniors)

14 and under non tournament bound house league players are restricted to grades seven through nine (7-9) and have not attained 15 years of age as of June 30 of the season in progress. J.V. players are restricted to grades nine through eleven (9-11) and Varsity players are restricted to grades nine through twelve (9-12). NO 7th or 8th grade players are permitted to play in J.V. or Varsity games at any time. With the exception of females as outlined in rule 13 paragraph 4

All "OUT of DISTRICT" players must register directly with the league. "OUT of DISTRICT" players will be placed in a player's pool and assigned, by the league player pool committee.

Definitions:

"IN DISTRICT" player is a player who resides within the territorial bounds of the School district where he/she resides with his/her parents or legal guardian and:

A: Attends that School Districts Middle School, Junior or Senior High School

or,

B: Attends Private or Parochial School that does not have an Ice Hockey team.

"OUT of DISTRICT" player is a player who does not reside within the territorial bounds of the School district of the team where he/she plays, this includes adjoining School Districts.

Ineligible player A player not rostered with the team within 48 hours prior to game time, a suspended player, a player who has played more than the allowed games at a higher level (Ineligible for the lower level only)

No organization may roster an OUT of COUNTY RESIDENT unless that player is attending their school within Nassau County.

Players cut from their District Varsity team must try out for the J.V. team in their home District. Players in ninth grade, that are cut from their District J.V. team, must tryout for their District 14 and under non tournament bound house league.

Players who are cut from their Home District team must apply to the league before they can play for another organization's Varsity, J.V. or 14 and under non-tournament bound house league. If an "OUT of DISTRICT" J.V. player does not have a Home District Varsity Team, in the League during the season that he enters twelfth (12) grade, he may fulfill his remaining eligibility with the

J.V. Organization's Varsity Team as long as no "IN DISTRICT" player has been cut from that team. "OUT of DISTRICT" returning seniors may fulfill their remaining eligibility with the Varsity Team, Non-tournament Bound division only, as long as no "IN DISTRICT" player has been cut from that team.

J.V. players may participate in up to 2 games prior to December 31 and up to a total of 4 games for the season, without losing J.V. eligibility for his/her organizations Varsity Team. Should a player participate in more than 4 of the Varsity games, he/she shall be deemed ineligible from further J.V. participation. If allowed by NYSAHA.

14 and under non tournament bound house league players may participate in up to 2 games prior to December 31 and up to a total of 4 games for the season_of the Varsity Team's games and/or J.V. Team's games, without losing 14 and under non tournament bound house league eligibility. Should a player participate in more than 4 of the Varsity and/or J.V. games, he/she shall be deemed ineligible from further 14 and under non-tournament bound house league participation.

14 and under non tournament bound house league players are restricted to grades seven through nine (7-9) and have not attained 15 years of age as of June 30 of the season in progress. J.V. players are restricted to grades nine through eleven (9-11) and Varsity players are restricted to grades nine through twelve (9-12). NO 7th or 8th grade players are permitted to play in J.V. or Varsity games at any time.

Any team wishing to draw players from the player pool must have paid their Non Refundable deposit to the league for the team for which they intend to put players onto.

GAME RULES

14. PLAYING RULES

The playing rules as established by USA Hockey as well as supplemental playing rules adopted by New York State Amateur Hockey Association shall govern the conduct of the league's games.

15. START OF GAMES

A team must have a minimum of seven (7) fully equipped Players present on the ice to start a game. Any team not having the minimum number of players available physically on the ice or on the bench 5 minutes after the scheduled starting time shall be deemed to have forfeited that game. Players in the locker room do not constitute being on the ice or on the bench for the purposes of this rule. (Fully equipped will be defined by USA Hockey Off-Ice Officiating Manual – second edition.)

16. PLAYING TIME

Ideally, each game shall consist of three (3) fifteen-minute (15 min.) stop time periods. Each game is scheduled for 90 minutes, at the end of such 90 minutes, the teams shall be required to stop play and leave the rink. Should a game still be in progress at the end of this 90 minute period, the team that is leading shall be declared the winner. Should neither team be leading, the game will be declared a tie. The game will terminate after the first stoppage of play after the allotted 90 minutes of ice time. All playoff games will be played in their entirety as ice time allows.

There shall be no overtime in the regular season. The completion of two periods shall constitute an official game. Running time shall not be used with the exception of running time will be played in the third period when the goal differential is 8 or more goals. If goal differential becomes 4 goals, the clock will resume stop time. Clock can also be run to gain control of spectators. Clock is stopped for penalties only.

16A League Officials

The League Official may suspend or discontinue the game at his/her sole discretion under the following conditions:

- 1) Failure or breakage of rink equipment making it impossible to continue or endanger the safety of players, Game Officials or spectators.
- 2) Notification by rink officials that time has run out.
- 3) No League Official or Board of Governor will have the authority to intervene with the playing of a game except for the following exceptions: (not withstanding rule 16A sections 1, 2, 3)
 - A) Having the referee run the game clock to gain control of the spectators only as necessary and as a last resort.
 - B) To advise the referee at the beginning of the game of the two minute minor penalty for a non-typed sign in sheet.
- 4) The league official is required to check for proper jerseys and socks. The league official shall notify the coach of all players in inappropriate uniforms prior to noting them. The coach with the violations has the option of not playing a player not in uniform, therefore avoiding any forfeit. Any player not in the proper uniform must have their signature crossed off the sign in sheet and the player is not allowed on the player's bench.
- 7) The League Official shall count the players on the bench and check the sign in sheet to confirm an accurate count of players. The League Official shall notify the coach of any and all discrepancies before the start of the game. All discrepancies must be cleared before the game will start.
- 8) League officials may not be assigned to games played by any team with which they are associated.

17. STANDINGS

A win shall count as two (2) points; a tie shall count as one (1) point. A double forfeit shall be regarded as a loss for both teams.

In case of ties, the following, in order of occurrence, shall be the tie breaking system:

- A. Most Points
- B. Most Wins
- C. Most Wins, Head to Head
- D. Least goals against, Head to Head.
- E. Most Goals, Head to Head
- F. Least goals against, Season.
- H. Coin toss.

18. PLAY-OFF ELIGIBILITY

A play-off bond of \$500 in cash or certified check shall be deposited with the league Board of Governors prior to the start of the first playoff game for any team in any season. This bond is to ensure that no group of players incites a brawl either on the ice or in the Vicinity of the rink. Should the league "Board of Governors" determine that a brawl did occur both teams should forfeit their bond, with the proceeds going to the Scholarship Fund. Should a team forfeiting a bond be eligible for further play-off games, that team must post an additional \$500 cash bond or certified check. **In addition each team shall supply to the league a \$100.00 deposit for each senior on their roster. The individual deposit will be retained by the league and deposited into the league's scholarship fund if it is determined by the board of governors that a senior player in their last game has:**

- 1. Verbally or physically abuses another player, coach, or league official.**
- 2. Received a match penalty**
- 3. Received a game misconduct for fighting, high sticking, kicking, spitting, check from behind, cross checking, boarding, head butting or Unsportsmanlike Conduct.**

~~It is the intent of this rule to discourage losing teams or graduating seniors from engaging in a team brawl, but does not apply to an altercation on the ice between two individuals or when the game officials are able to control the players in a reasonable amount of time.~~

In order to be eligible for the play-offs, a player must have participated in a minimum of 50% of the regular season games for that team, rounded up to the next whole game. Unless an extended injury or illness prevents a player from playing. For example, in a 20 game season, a player in any division must have participated in 10 games in that division. In a 15 game season, the player in any division must have participated in 8 games in that division.

Suspensions do not count towards games played. In the case of an extended injury, the player must present a physicians letter to the board **at the time of the injury in order for the missed games to count toward playoff eligibility. The score-sheet must list the**

player as injured or ill. Once a player signs in for a game following the noted injury, that injury will be considered concluded. After verification such player may be eligible to play as long as he/she has played in 50 % of games he/she was eligible for (no minimum)

Clearance notifications must allow 2 business days prior to playoffs for verification of clearance.

A meeting will take place before the playoffs, for all coaches participating in the playoffs. At this time player eligibility will be verified.

19. DECIDING PLAY-OFF GAMES

Play-off games cannot end in a tie. If neither team is leading at the end of regulation play-off time, a 5 minute "sudden death" stop time period shall be played with 4 skaters and a goaltender on each team. The first team scoring a goal in this overtime period shall be declared the winner. Should neither team score during the first overtime period, A 5 minute "sudden death" stop time period shall be played with 3 skaters and a goaltender on each team. The first team scoring a goal in this overtime period shall be declared the winner. Should neither team score during the overtime periods, a shoot-out will follow using 5 players per team if the score is still tied the shoot-out will continue 1 player from each team per round until winner is determined. No team may repeat a player until all players are used. At this time the opposing team may also repeat players. Goaltenders may be changed at any time, but no warm-ups will be permitted.

PENALTIES:

20. GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTIES

Any player or coach receiving a Game Misconduct penalty or is suspended will serve such suspension at his/her team's next actual High School League game, including play-off games. Any penalty received after the game will carry a game Suspension.

Any player receiving a major penalty in a league game shall receive an automatic game misconduct and be suspended from the players next actual league game including play-offs.

For each game misconduct penalty assessed during the same season and playoffs, the suspension imposed is increased by one game for each subsequent game misconduct penalty incurred. This includes multiple game misconducts in one game. For example a player receiving his or her first and second game misconduct of the season in one game will be suspended from their teams next actually scheduled three league games. Four game misconducts in one game will cause the player to be suspended for the teams next scheduled ten games.

A penalty for fisticuffs carries an automatic minimum suspension of the next 2 actual league games including playoffs. A subsequent penalty for fisticuffs will result in an automatic 2 game suspension from actual league games including playoffs and the 3rd penalty for fisticuffs will result in a possible ejection from the league. After a hearing by the Discipline Committee.

It is the coach's responsibility to check all game sheets and verify that his team has received no suspensions. (See rule 13 for suspensions.)

Should a player, play in a game that he/she has been suspended, the game shall be forfeited, the player must sit an additional game and the coach will be suspended. (See rule 13 for suspensions.)

Any team playing in a non-league game must have the coach submit a completed score-sheet to the league within 48 hours of the completion of the game to verify compliance with USA Hockey rules. Any coach failing to do so will be suspended for their next scheduled league game including playoffs. For the second offence in the same season the coach will appear before the Discipline Committee and explain his or her actions and face supplemental discipline as well as a mandatory one game suspension from the teams next scheduled league game. All score-sheets must have the referee's name clearly printed as well as signed

Any player who receives a 5-minute penalty for "a check from behind" will be suspended from the team's next two actual high school league games

21. MATCH PENALTIES

In accordance with USA HOCKEY and New York State Amateur Hockey Rules, any person assessed a Match Penalty must have a hearing within 30 days of the incident. The Hearing may be conducted by the local organization in all cases except those involving physical abuse of officials. The Zone President or his designees hear these cases.

A player receiving a Match Penalty shall be suspended from his team until a hearing is held, which will be within 30 days

Any coach, manager, or other team official receiving a match penalty, or gross misconduct penalty shall be suspended, appear at a hearing of the Board of Governors within 30 days and confirm to any other conditions set forth by the Board of Governors.

A player receiving a second Match Penalty shall be ruled ineligible for the balance of the season, including all play-offs.

22. SUPPLEMENTAL DISCIPLINE

Notwithstanding 20 and 21 above, the Board of Governors have the authority to increase the severity of the suspensions, after a hearing with the Board of Governors. The Board of Governors also have the authority to suspend or rule ineligible to participate any coach, manager, or other team representative, after a hearing with the Board of Governors for behavior violating the tenets of sportsmanship and common courtesy.

In addition, the league recognizes that it is the responsibility of the team and coaches to control their respective players. It is within the team's prerogative to increase the duration of any suspension noted above, and it is also within the team's prerogative to discipline their respective players for any violation of the tenets of sportsmanship, team rules, or insubordinate activity.

In accordance with USA HOCKEY and New York State Amateur Hockey Rules, a hearing must be conducted, within 30 days of the incident to suspend a player or coach. At this hearing both sides must have the opportunity to present their case. Individuals have the right to appeal, to the Section President. These cases are heard by the Section President or his designees.

23. ADDITIONAL RULES

- A. Players shall remain on their respective side of the blue line during and between period intermissions. When allowed by the layout of the rink
- B. The LOSING TEAM will leave the ice surface first. The WINNING TEAM shall not leave the ice surface until the losing team is entirely in its locker room, or otherwise directed by game and/or league officials. At Newbridge Arena the team closest to the entrance to the ice surface will leave first regardless of the outcome of the game.
- C. Handshake will be at the beginning of each game only, except in playoffs, where handshake may also be at end of series. Any altercation off the ice, on the property of the ice rink OR DURING THE HANDSHAKE will result in a 3 game suspension of the players involved AND the coach of the players involved, subject to review by the Board of Governors.
- D. A maximum of 3 (three) coaches (this includes 1 trainer) are allowed on the bench during the game. All coaches must be registered with USA Hockey and two of the three must have a minimum of USA Hockey Associate level coaching certification. for the 14 and under league, two of the three coaches on the bench for a Junior Varsity or Varsity game must have the USA Hockey minimum recommended level of certification as outlined in the USA Hockey Guidebook for that season.
- E. The only person allowed in the scorekeeper booth during the game is the person working the clock.
- F. No suspended players are permitted on the bench during the game.
- G. A 2 minute bench penalty will be assessed to any team without properly typed sign in sheet.
- H. At any point during a game, any player who is listed on the sign in sheet may come on the ice, sign in with the scorekeeper and play. If the player is not on the sign in sheet, a 2 minute penalty will be given to the player, however, he/she may play. For the game to count for the 10 game eligibility of the player, he/she must be signed in prior to dropping of the puck at the start of the third period. A player who plays a shift before signing in but their name is typed on the sign in sheet shall be considered a legal player however must serve a two minute minor penalty for not signing in. If this player is involved in the scoring of a goal the goal shall be considered good but the player must serve the two minute minor penalty. If the player is called on another penalty before signing in the player shall receive all assessed penalties plus the two-minute minor for failing to sign in. Any coach allowing a player to play without signing in shall be suspended from their next regular scheduled league game. Any coach that receives this penalty twice in the same season will be suspended for no less than four games.

- I. No two same numbers may be used, unless a player is playing up. The official sign in sheet must show the name of the player along with his/her number, and must indicate that he/she is playing up. If the sheet does not show this, it will be considered the team is using an illegal player. The Board of Governors will determine the penalty for the player and coach.

- J Each player including a goaltender must wear an unaltered neck guard that is commercial manufactured and sold as a neck guard. Any player not wearing the neck guard around his or her neck will not be allowed to play.