



RULES AND REGULATIONS of the CHESAPEAKE BAY HOCKEY LEAGUE

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The Chesapeake Bay Hockey League

1.0 The League

1. STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLE. The CHESAPEAKE BAY HOCKEY LEAGUE (CBHL) is sanctioned by USA Hockey, and a member of the Potomac Valley Amateur Hockey Association (PVAHA), an affiliate within the Southeast District of USA Hockey. The league consists of associations registered with USA Hockey located throughout Washington DC, Maryland and Virginia which register Tier II teams.
2. GAME RULES. All Chesapeake Bay Hockey League (CBHL) games will be played under the rules of USA Hockey and the affiliate, the Potomac Valley Amateur Hockey Association (PVAHA), (to the extent that the individual rink facilities permit such compliance). In addition, the CBHL Board of Directors may modify or supplement USA Hockey and/or PVAHA rules with local rules applicable to CBHL games, as appropriate, to carry out the objectives of the CBHL bylaws.
3. ENFORCEMENT. The CBHL (as empowered by USAH) reserves the right to forfeit games, adjust standings and/or fine any CBHL member association, team, team official, player or player's parents and spectators, as necessary to maintain the philosophy of USAH and the good of the CBHL.
4. RULE CHANGES. CBHL Board of Directors will review and approve the CBHL rules prior to the start of each season and will not change them during the season. The Commissioner will notify the Board of Directors of proposed rule changes and the timing of meetings for reviewing and approving the rules.

2.0 The Clubs

1. COMPLIANCE. Each Association (also referred to as "club") shall comply with the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the Chesapeake Bay Hockey League (CBHL), the affiliate (PVAHA) and USA Hockey. This includes tryouts which are set by the PVAHA. Teams and associations that knowingly violate the Affiliate tryout restriction will be subject to a hearing that may result in the club being ineligible from CBHL playoffs.
2. TRYOUTS. Tryouts are set by the PVAHA (see PVAHA rule 5.2). Teams and associations that knowingly violate the Affiliate tryout restriction will be subject to a hearing that may result in the club being ineligible from CBHL playoffs.
3. USA HOCKEY COACHING REQUIREMENTS. Head Coaches and all Assistant Coaches must meet USA Hockey Coaching Education Program (CEP) requirements. All coaches have completed USA Hockey Coaching Education Program and Age-Appropriate Module course(s) or are in process of completing the appropriate course(s) by December 31st of the current season. All coaches must comply with the USA Hockey SafeSport Program policies, to include the successful completion of a USA hockey approved national level background screening. Proof of CEP level must be provided to the league with the submittal of team rosters. See CBHL Rule 4.0 regarding non-rostered or ineligible coach(es).

3.0 The Teams

1. COMPOSITION OF TEAMS.

- a. The method of player selection is exclusively a CBHL member association matter.
- b. No team shall be entered for league play without a minimum of eleven (11) registered players. Exception for 8U cross/half ice teams which need eight (8) or more players.
- c. The home team shall wear white (light colored) jerseys while the visiting team wears dark jerseys. A Club that obtains permission to wear jerseys with a new color is responsible for providing contrasting cover-ups when playing an opposing Club that registered its color(s) with the CBHL. The team most recently approved to wear the color must provide and wear the contrasting cover-ups unless some other arrangement acceptable to the opposing team has been agreed upon prior to the game. The degree of contrast must be acceptable to the game officials.

2. REGISTRATION CLASSIFICATIONS.

- a. All CBHL teams must be registered under their association code, have the same name designation and wear the same jersey logo for all age classifications, divisions and levels.
- b. All teams must submit their USA Hockey Team Roster Registration Form (1-T) to the USAH Associate Registrar. Team rosters must be approved before playing any CBHL regular season games.
- c. CBHL teams must be registered using the "Tier II" Category with the exception of 8U which uses the "Cross-Ice/Half-Ice" Category.

3. AGE CLASSIFICATIONS. As defined by USA Hockey, the classifications of a player shall be determined by his/her age at midnight on December 31 prior to or during the current playing season. CBHL age classifications for team league play will comply with USAH and PVAHA guidelines.

YOUTH TEAMS

18U: Eighteen (18) and Under
16U: Sixteen (16) and Under
14U: Fourteen (14) or Under
12U: Twelve (12) or Under
10U: Ten (10) or Under
8U: Eight (8) or Under

GIRLS TEAMS

19U: Nineteen (19) or Under
16U: Sixteen (16) or Under
14U: Fourteen (14) or Under
12U: Twelve (12) or Under
10U: Ten (10) or Under
8U: Eight (8) or Under

4. DIVISIONS and DECLARATIONS.

a. 8U: Gold, Silver, Bronze Divisions

Note: 8U Divisions may be divided into separate sub-divisions to maintain limited travel per USA Hockey's ADM.

b. GIRLS: 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U, 19U / Gold, Silver, Bronze Divisions

- Clubs will declare the level of play for their 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U and 19U teams in the age division.
- Girls Divisions may add a Silver and/or Bronze division in the age groups depending on the number of teams registered each season.
- The highest level in each age division shall be the Gold Division. The Silver division shall be considered "Lower A" in nature.
- The Bronze division is developmental in nature. No player on a Girls Bronze team shall also be rostered on a CBHL Youth team above Youth Lower Patrick (LA).

c. YOUTH: National, Patrick, Wales Divisions

Clubs will declare the level of play for their Youth 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U and 18U teams subject to Rule 6.0 Team Declarations herein and the following limitations:

National Division

- The Nationals Division shall consist of the strongest teams at an age level.
- The National Division shall consist of a minimum of five teams at an age level. If fewer than five teams at an age level declare their intention to play in the National Division, the Commissioner will decide if this division will play with fewer than five teams or that Clubs shall re-declare their teams at that age level based upon two Divisions (Patrick and Wales).
- All National Division teams shall play each other an equal number of times during the regular season. (Minimum of two games with no less than 16 games and no more than 24 games as determined by the League Schedulers in conjunction with the Commissioner.)
- All National Division teams shall compete for the National Division league championship and the CBHL National Division playoff competition.
- The results of CBHL playoffs will have no bearing on the placement in the PVAHA playoffs, Districts or Nationals. By registering teams in the National Division, all teams commit to participating in Affiliate playoffs and the USA Hockey Tier II National Championships if selected to advance.

Patrick Division Any Club may declare a team in the Patrick Division at an age classification subject to the eligibility Rule 6.0 Team Declarations. (Note: Youth Patrick Divisions consisting of 16 or more teams may be divided into two separate divisions, Upper Patrick and Lower Patrick, in order to maintain competitive play for all the teams.)

Wales Division Any club may declare a team in the Wales Division at an age classification subject to the eligibility Rule 6.0 Team Declarations. (Note: Youth Wales Divisions consisting of 16 or more teams may be divided into two separate divisions, Upper Wales and Lower Wales, in order to maintain competitive play for all the teams.)

4.0 Team Rosters.

1. TEAM ROSTERS.

- a. All associations must submit their USA Hockey Team Roster Registration Form (1-T) to the USAH Associate Registrar. Team rosters must be approved before playing any CBHL regular season games. Unless granted an extension by the Commissioner, each Club must provide the Commissioner and the director of Competition links to the approved 1-T rosters of each team (youth and girls) for which it has declared to play in the CBHL before playing any CBHL regular season games or no later than October 1st of the playing season, whichever comes first.
- b. Failure to register a team prior to any league game, as required above, will make any league game played by that non-rostered team a forfeit. In addition to a forfeit, the following additional sanctions may be imposed by the Commissioner and/or the Disciplinary Board for roster violations:
 - i. Playing an ineligible or non-rostered player: A team playing a player not eligible and/or present on the team's USA Hockey 1-T roster shall be subject to protest and/or forfeit and the head coach being suspended.
 - ii. Bench Participation by an ineligible or non-rostered coaches: A team with a participating coach, or other adult participant, not cleared or present on the team's USA Hockey 1-T roster shall be subject to protest and/or forfeit and the head coach being suspended.
- c. Should a change to a 1-T be approved in the month of December, addition a player to a roster to achieve eligibility for a particular division, the onus is on that member club to affirmatively show that the added player has played in over half the remaining games in order to meet play-off eligibility. Such submissions an information will be reviewed by the competition committee and/or the commissioner for final eligibility approval.

NOTE: Failure by a club to submit a full and complete listing of 1-T rosters by the stated deadline will result in a \$250 fine per team. Unless an extension is granted by the Commissioner and/or competition committee.

2. ROSTER PROTESTS. A protest filed within 72 hours of a game shall be reviewed by the Commissioner or a designee for a preliminary determination. A protest may only be submitted by a, Club administrator or CBHL League official. Should the preliminary determination find that it is likely that an additional Sanctionable Roster issue under 4.1.a or 4.1.b occurred, then

an immediate suspension of the Head coach shall occur and a hearing shall be convened by the Commissioner as soon as practicable but not later than two weeks from the alleged infraction.

- Upon the preliminary determination that a sanctionable issue occurred, the Head coach is suspended from participation in any future USA Hockey sanctioned CBHL games, pending the resolution of the matter by the Commissioner or two weeks from the protest, whichever is shorter.
 - The hearing will determine whether sanctions, including but not limited to forfeiture and suspensions, are appropriate against the team, coaches and/or the club. Multiple violations of Sanctionable Roster Issues shall subject the Association/Club to sanctions, to include but not limited to, loss of playoff eligibility, suspensions or other sanctions deemed appropriate.
3. EMERGENCY COACH. If NO head coach or any assistant coaches are available for a game, a club official must contact the CBHL Commissioner prior to the start of the game. The substitute coach (adult supervision) must be written in on the score sheet. Note – Emergency Coach ONLY applies when there is NO rostered coach available to be on the bench. This is not a substitution for an absence of one or more coach.
4. ROSTER CHANGES. All roster changes must be promptly reported to the USA Hockey District Registrar or Associate Registrar. The Commissioner shall be notified of any changes to the team roster during the season.
- a. No player or coach may participate in any game where he/she is not properly listed on that team's USA Hockey Roster. A team playing a player or coach not on the team's USA Hockey roster shall be deemed to have forfeited the game.
 - b. Roster changes shall be permitted up to December 31 for players and at any time for coaches under the following conditions:
 - i. Permanent transfer of a player from a lower skill division roster to a higher skill division roster is permissible.
 - ii. Transfer of a player from a higher skill division roster to a lower skill division roster is not permissible unless specifically authorized by the Commissioner.
 - iii. Any new player added to a team's roster between their first league game and December 31st must be registered with the USA Hockey District Registrar or Associate Registrar prior to participating in a CBHL league game.
 - iv. Players added to a Patrick or Wales team after December 1st, must participate in greater than 50% of the remaining league games for that team to be playoff eligible. (Considerations for illness and injury may apply.)
 - c. Players may not be moved from one roster to another, temporarily, for the purposes of filling a bench due to illness, injuries, schedule conflicts, etc. Multiple roster moves in the same season will be reviewed by the Commissioner and the offending clubs will be subject to forfeits and/or suspensions.

5. PLAYER TRANSFER BETWEEN ORGANIZATIONS

- a. No player previously placed on a roster on a Tier I team during a season may be added to the roster of a Tier II team in the same season unless specifically authorized by the Commissioner.
- b. No Club may accept a player who has an outstanding monetary obligation to the Potomac Valley Amateur Hockey Association, or any USA Hockey registered or recognized organization within the affiliate per PVAHA rules.
- c. The Treasurer will prepare and submit a list of all delinquent accounts to each CBHL member Club by the Annual meeting.

5.0 **Players: Dual Rostering**

1. A PLAYER (boys and girls) rostered on a CBHL team may NOT be rostered on more than one (1) tiered team. This includes:
 - Any team in a Tier I association (including "Travel" team rosters)
 - Any non-CBHL National Bound Team
 - Any other CBHL team
2. A GIRLS' PLAYER, rostered on a CBHL Youth team, is exempt from Rule 5.1 under the following conditions, subject to USA Hockey and PVAHA rules for dual rosters. A girls player on a CBHL Youth roster may be dual rostered on:
 - A CBHL Girls Gold or Silver Division team;
 - A Girls Bronze Division (formally "Wales Division") team, provided that the player is rostered on a CBHL Youth team in the Lower Patrick (LA) or Wales Division; or
 - A Tier I Association's Girls team.

Note: A Girls player cannot be rostered on two girls teams. An exception is made for girls high school teams.

3. EMERGENCY GOALTENDERS may play with more than one team according to the following rules, including:
 - The emergency goaltender shall be permitted to participate in the game only if the goaltender that is on the roster is injured or ill and cannot start the game or is forced to leave.
 - Once the emergency goaltender has been substituted into a game for any period of time, the goaltender that is on the roster cannot enter or return to that game.
 - When an emergency goaltender plays on a team other than the one with which rostered, appropriate information shall be entered on the score sheet to identify the basis for the player's participation.
- a. CBHL SKATER/NON-GOALIE may play in goal for a lower skill or age division team, but if he or she thereafter plays in the goal for the team on which he or she is rostered as a skater, he or she may not again play in the goal for a lower skill or age division team.

- b. ONE GOALTENDER. If only one goaltender is rostered on a team or only one rostered goaltender is in attendance at a game, a goaltender from a younger division or lower skill division (Tier II or lower) may serve as an emergency backup.
 - c. NO TEAM GOALTENDER that is on the roster is in attendance at a game:
 - A CBHL goaltender from the same skill and age division or from a younger or lower skill division may substitute in goal as the primary goaltender for that game and must be designated as such on the score sheet.
 - A goaltender from a younger or lower skill division may serve as an emergency backup.
4. GOALIES SKATING OUT. Goalies may skate out for only one CBHL team, including the team on which he or she is rostered as a goalie.
- A CBHL team goalie may skate out on a team at any skill division within the same age classification as the team on which he or she plays goal, or within a different age classification, as long as they are eligible for that age division.
 - If a CBHL goalie that skates for a team other than the one for which he or she is rostered as a goalie, then he or she must be on the roster as a skater on that team as provided for under Rule 5.0 Players – Dual Rostering.
 - A goaltender that intends to play in the goal for one team and skate at another position on another team shall be registered on the rosters of both teams, with an appropriate explanatory comment.
5. RESPONSIBILITY FOR GOALIE RULES. It shall be the responsibility of each team's coach to assure compliance within these rules. A violation of these special rules will result in disciplinary action, game forfeiture or both.

6.0 Team Declarations

1. TEAM DECLARATIONS. Listed below are rules for member Clubs when making team declaration decisions.
- a. Clubs who conduct tryouts prior to July 1st must submit their preliminary declarations no later than two weeks after the last day of their main tryout period.
 - b. On or before July 15th each year, unless otherwise declared by the Commissioner, each club shall make a final declaration for their teams.
 - c. Clubs that conduct tryouts after July 15th must submit their final declarations no later than two weeks after the last day of their main tryout period.
 - Youth teams shall declare as to which level [AA, Upper A, Lower A, or B] and in which division [National, Patrick, Wales] it will play within the appropriate USA Hockey age classification [10U, 12U, 14U, 16U, 18U].
 - Girls teams shall declare Girls 19U, Girls 16U, Girls 14U, Girls 12U, Girls 10U and in which divisions [Gold, Silver, Bronze] if applicable.
 - 8U teams shall declare as defined in 8U section.

- NOTE: Unless an extension is granted by the Commissioner or League Scheduler, failure by a club to submit a full and complete listing of final declarations by the stated deadline will result in a \$500 fine.
- d. Eligibility for the playoffs will depend on correct team declarations pursuant to the rules as set forth herein.
- e. All declarations will be reviewed during the year to determine if a team has declared at the correct classification, division, and level. It is expected that each club will consult with their most experienced coach or coaches for placement assistance since they have been through the placement process over the years.
- f. These rules have been developed to make the CBHL the most competitive it can be. When in doubt, a team should always play at the higher level. The Commissioner and, if requested by the Commissioner, the Competition Committee is available to answer any questions but ultimately the decision to declare that a team will play at a certain level is for the Club to make.
- g. In accordance with Section 6.2 USA HOCKEY OFFICIAL 1-T ROSTERS hereof, it is emphasized that the league will conduct a final review of each placement decision between December 31 and January 31 to verify team eligibility.
- h. As used herein, “major birth year” means a second year player at the USA Hockey age classification for a particular age division, and “minor birth year” means a first year player at the USA Hockey age classification for a particular age division.
- i. USA Hockey age classification means 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U and 18U and GIRLS 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U and 19U.
- j. The Commissioner and the Competition Committee in accordance with the following rules will determine eligibility for playoffs:

Clubs with only ONE team at one USA Hockey age classification:

- i. A team must play at least in the Patrick Division Upper A if it has 67% major birth year players.
- ii. A team may play in the Patrick Division Lower A if it has between 50% and 67% major birth year players.
- iii. A team may play in the Wales Division if it has 50% or less major birth year players.

Clubs with TWO teams at one USA Hockey age classification:

- i. One team, regardless of a major to minor birth year player ratio, must play at a minimum as a Patrick Division, Lower A team. However, the higher level team must play in the National Division at the AA level if the team has more than 75% major birth year players. ii. The first team must play at the Patrick Division Upper A level if it has 67% or greater major birth year players.
- ii. The second team may play Patrick Division, Lower A with no age requirement.
- iii. If the second team wants to play in the Wales Division at the B level, then less than or equal to 60% of the players must be major birth year players.

Clubs with THREE teams or more at one USA Hockey age classification:

- i. The Top Team must play at a minimum in the National Division at the AA level, regardless of major to minor birth year player ratio or past playing experience of players.
 - ii. The Second Team and Third Team can either play Patrick Division Upper A or Patrick Division Lower A with no age requirement. However, the second team must play at least at the lower A level.
 - iii. If the Third (or any additional) team(s) wants to play in the Wales Division at the B level, then 60% or less of the players must be major birth year players. Teams that have greater than 60% major birth year players must play in the Patrick Division Lower A at a minimum to be playoff eligible.
- For purposes of classification, it is assumed that any club with multiple teams at any age classification will play their best team at the highest level. Where a club fields multiple teams at the same division in any age group, it shall designate the team with the greatest percentage of major players as the number one team. The CBHL Competition Committee shall have the ability to review both team rosters for playoff eligibility at the Commissioner's request.

2. COMPETITION COMMITTEE. The CBHL Commissioner shall appoint a Competition Committee for reviewing the placement of teams based on the criteria set forth in Section 6.1 Team Declarations.

- a. The review to be conducted by the Competition Committee is intended to help identify compliance questions but does not supersede the responsibility of the member Clubs to make appropriate team declarations in conformity with these rules.
- b. A failure of a Club to declare a team properly will have consequences.
- c. A failure of another Club to object to a declaration will not protect a team found to be non-compliant under Section 6.1.4 Team Declaration Review.
- d. Each member Club and team is ultimately responsible for making accurate team declarations in accordance with these rules and for managing any roster changes occurring after the team declarations to assure compliance with these rules

3. SUBMISSION OF WAIVERS FOR DIVISION ASSIGNMENTS. No waivers will be granted.

4. TEAM DECLARATION REVIEW.

- a. The CBHL Commissioner and the Competition Committee shall review the team declarations. Additionally, the Competition Committee will review all of the Clubs' declarations review specifically the number of teams a club fields within each specific age group.
- b. The CBHL Competition Committee will compare multiple team declarations at one specific age group to determine if any discrepancies exist with the rules under Section 6.1 Team Declarations.
- c. If any discrepancies are found, the CBHL Commissioner and/or the Competition Committee should request clarity from the non-compliant club.

- d. If the CBHL Commissioner and the Competition Committee conclude that any team should have declared itself in a higher division or level and no league games have yet been played, the Commissioner is authorized to give the non-compliant team the option of:
 - i. Changing its division to the higher division, or
 - ii. Being precluded from participating in the playoffs of the division in which it declares itself and from advancing to represent the CBHL in any events following the completion of the regular season.
- e. The review of the Commissioner and Competition Committee is intended to be helpful in identifying problems but does not shift responsibility for accurate team declarations.
- f. To be playoff-eligible each CBHL Club has an affirmative duty to make declarations that comply with these rules.
- g. January 31 Review of Team Declarations:
 - i. Using the guidelines stated in 6.1 Team Declarations, on or before January 31, the CBHL Commissioner and the Competition Committee shall review the official USA Hockey Rosters (1-T) and supplemental rosters for each team, except National AA teams where there are no restrictions.
 - ii. Should the Commissioner and the Competition Committee determine that a team has in fact declared improperly, they are authorized to meet and/or contact the Club/Team to discuss potential remedies including the default remedy, declaring the team ineligible for the playoffs.
 - iii. This review will be done after final rosters have been set by December 31.

7.0 Scheduling

1. GENERAL RULES FOR SCHEDULING LEAGUE GAMES.

- a. Weeknights is defined as 7:00 PM Sunday through 6:00 PM Friday. No weeknight games may begin before 6:00 PM or after 9:00 PM.
- b. Weekend games may not start before 7:00 AM.
- c. It is the responsibility of each Club to have sufficient ice time to accommodate the above rules, even if it must buy additional ice at another rink.
- d. No league games are to be scheduled during Thanksgiving weekend in November and from December 25th through January 1st. The exact dates will be announced prior to the October league meeting each year.
- e. The Board of Directors shall determine the number of league games to be played and the length of the season.

2. SCHEDULING CHANGES.

- a. The home club scheduler is to report to the League Scheduler that the game is not going to be played and the reason for the cancellation. Failure to notify the league scheduler within five (5) days that the game was not played will result in a \$150.00 fine to the home club.
- b. Game Rescheduling: For any game not played as scheduled, both Club Schedulers must notify the League Scheduler in writing within five days that the game was not played. Failure to do so may result in the game being cancelled (not played) or a forfeit.

- i. Club Schedulers must reschedule the game within 10 days of the original date.
- ii. If the Club Schedulers cannot reach a mutual agreement within 10 days, both teams shall submit three (3) available time slots along with their team schedule to the League Scheduler for a final decision as to the date the game is to be played.
- iii. The League Scheduler has the right to cancel or forfeit the games if insufficient time remains in the season and both parties cannot agree to a rescheduled date.

c. Schedule changes are not permitted after November 30th.

3. SEVERE WEATHER. In the event of severe weather conditions (not a predicted forecast, but an actual weather occurrence), a game may be postponed due to hazardous road/driving conditions. Club Schedulers are encouraged to communicate about potential weather impacting home and visiting team areas as soon as practical. Postponement for severe weather conditions may not occur more than 18 hours before the scheduled game time. Clubs are encouraged to be as accommodating as possible to clubs who are traveling from, through or to areas impacted by severe weather. The home club scheduler must contact the league scheduler per Section 5.2. Scheduling Changes. The league does not cancel league games due to weather conditions. It is up to the club President/Hockey Director/scheduler to decide if the game needs to be postponed.
4. UNPLAYABLE CONDITIONS. Unplayable ice conditions due to weather and/or mechanical deficiencies at the ice facility. If a game is postponed by the home Club for this reason, and the opposing team can prove that the facility could be used to play the scheduled game, or was used to play another game at the time of the scheduled game, the opposing Club may file a protest, which could lead to a forfeiture charged to the home team.
5. LACK OF CERTIFIED OFFICIALS.
 - a. 14U, 16U and 18U and Girls 19U levels: games may only be played when a minimum of two (2) USA Hockey officials are present to officiate the game.
 - b. Two (2) USA Hockey officials will be assigned to officiate 10U and 12U (youth and girls) level games. 10U and 12U (youth and girls) level games may be played with one (1) USA Hockey official present.
 - c. In the event that the required amount of USA Hockey officials, per section a and b above, are not available to officiate the game at the scheduled time, the coach of any team may:
 - i. Elect to reschedule the game with the home team at a mutually agreeable time and place. Both teams must immediately notify their Club Scheduler and the League Scheduler as noted in Section 5.2 Scheduling Changes.
 - ii. Agree to play the game with USA Hockey officials who are mutually agreed upon; but only if they arrive on the ice with sufficient time to meet the league minimum game slot time for that given age level.

NOTE: Under no circumstances should a League game be played without the required amount of USA Hockey certified officials.

6. EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES. In the event of extraordinary circumstances not foreseeable at the time of scheduling, either Club Scheduler may request that the League Scheduler allow the game to be rescheduled. The League Scheduler will make the final decision if the two teams cannot decide on a mutually acceptable solution. The League Scheduler and/or Commissioner has the discretion to appoint a committee of 3 persons to assist in making final scheduling decisions.

7. **FAILURE TO APPEAR.** When a team fails to appear for a game where the time and place appear in the official CBHL schedule, where the two teams did not agree in advance to reschedule the game and notify the League Scheduler, the game will automatically be a forfeit win for the non-offending team.
 - a. If the non-offending team prefers to play the game, it will be rescheduled at the convenience of the non-offending team and at the expense (ice costs and referee fees) of the offending team.
 - b. The offending Club shall be assessed a League fine of \$250.00 for each game forfeited unless waived by the Commissioner and shall be responsible for costs incurred for ice rental and officials fees.

8.0 Game information

1. GAME PERIODS.

- a. 8U: See Appendix A for 8U hockey
- b. Period lengths:

All Youth and Girls in National Tournament Bound (NTB) divisions at 16U & 18U (AA/Gold) when both teams are NTB	Three periods, seventeen (17) minutes of stop time
All other divisions, to include league games when a NTB team plays a non-NTB team	Three periods, fifteen (15) minutes of stop time

- c. The game period length for Girls 14U National AA and older in this section shall apply only to games in CBHL girls' divisions that are comprised exclusively of girls AA/National Tournament Bound teams. The game period length in this section does not apply to "crossover" games between CBHL girls' teams in AA/NTB divisions and CBHL girls' teams in non-AA/NTB divisions. In such cases, the period length in 8.1.b (15 minutes stop time) apply.
- d. For games with periods that are 15 minutes in length, clubs must provide a minimum of 1 hour and 20 minutes of playing time for game slots.
- e. For games with periods that are 17 minutes in length, clubs must provide a minimum of 1 hour and 30 minutes of playing time for game slots.
- f. For all games: A three (3) minute warm-up will commence as soon as the officials allow players to enter the ice surface.
- g. For all games: There will be a one (1) minute break between each period.
- h. For all games: One (1) time out per team is allowed in a CBHL game at any time, provided that the third period has not been shortened due to time constraints with the scheduled ice slot.

2. **PENALTY LENGTHS.** The following are the penalty times for each type of infraction, according to age group:

	Minor	Major	Misconduct	Match
For Games with 15-minute periods	1:30 min	4 Min	8 Min	4 Min
For Games with 17-minute periods	2 min	5 Min	10 Min	5 Min

3. **GAME SLOT TIME.** It is the responsibility of the home team and the off-ice officials for the game to monitor the time unavailable in the designated time slot. Both teams must be ready to play at the designated start time.
4. **EARLY START TIME.** If a previous game ends early and the subsequent ice slot is scheduled for a league game, teams are authorized to start a league game up to 15 minutes early under the following conditions:
- The rink has confirmed that the ice is “unoccupied” and available for use.
 - Coaches from each team have agreed that they can start earlier than the scheduled game slot time.
 - On-ice officials are available and have agreed to start the game earlier than the scheduled game slot time.
5. **DELAYED START TIME.** In the event the game cannot start at the designated start time, the home team must inform the visiting coach or team manager as soon as the delay is realized, as well as:
- Provide adequate ice time for the completion of the game as stated in Section 8.1.
 - Agree to reschedule the game in the event the visiting coach refuses to play the game in the remaining time.
 - In the event the visiting coach agrees to play the game in the remaining time available, the coach must indicate his/her acknowledgment by signing the score sheet, prior to the commencement of the game.
6. **INABILITY TO PLAY THREE STOP-TIME PERIODS.** A game is not an official game until two (2) full periods have been completed. If two full periods are not played, no recognition of the game being played will occur, except in cases of serious misbehavior, such as fighting, misconduct, or match penalties, (which may have been the cause of the game incompleteness).
- It is the responsibility of the HOME off-ice officials to ensure the exact start and stop times of the game slot. In the event of extraordinary circumstances that prevent having three full stop-time periods, two full stop-time periods will be played.
 - Prior to the start of the third period, take the remaining time for the game slot, divide in half and put that time on the clock for the third period. Do not exceed the published time period for the third period. (Example: 20 minutes left in game slot = 10 minute stop-clock period.)
 - If the ice slot may be extended by the rink, the third period may be played to conclusion. It shall be the responsibility of the home team to determine, prior to the start of the third period if the ice slot may be extended.
 - The scorekeeper is responsible for recording the actual start time (when players were permitted to enter the playing surface) and the actual end time of the game in the electronic scoresheet. Should a game not be played to its required length as directed in 8.1 for any

reason, the scorekeeper shall make a note in the electronic scoresheet prior to locking the game, with an explanation on why the game slot was shortened.

- c. Violations of rules 8.5 and 8.6 will be subject the game to a formal review, and if it is determined that teams willfully violated these guidelines, the offending teams may be subject to disciplinary action, to include game forfeiture and/or suspension of coaches.
7. RUNNING CLOCK RULE. At all levels of play, in games between CBHL teams, (whether league or exhibition games, to include playoff games,) a running clock rule is in effect. If one team attains a lead of five (5) goals at any time in the third period, there will be a running clock.
 - a. The clock will run continuously except when a player is injured.
 - b. Penalties occurring during a running clock will also be on running time. No adjustments to penalty time lengths will be made. If a penalty expires during a play stoppage, the player may not leave the penalty box until the puck is dropped at the next faceoff. Scorekeepers may stop the clock to input the penalty on the scoreboard, but must then immediately start the clock following the input.
 - c. The game will return to “stop time” whenever the goal differential is four (4) or less.
8. TEN-GOAL RULE. At all levels of play, in games between CBHL teams (whether league or exhibition games), a ten-goal mercy rule is in effect. If one team attains a lead of ten goals, at any time during the game, the game terminates, the score and all statistics are final and under no circumstances shall play be permitted to continue.
9. UNEQUAL RINK CONDITIONS. In the event rink conditions result in a potential inequality for one team (for example, sun conditions at an outdoor rink, the absence of a goalie crease at only one goal, etc.), the teams shall switch ends of the rink at the middle of the third period.
 - a. The clock shall be set at one-half of the time of the third period.
 - b. This is intended to assure that playing conditions shall be as even as possible for both teams.
10. ARTIFICIAL NOISE MAKERS. The use of artificial noisemakers such as air horns, cowbells and coin-filled bottles is strictly prohibited during CBHL games. This rule will be enforced by the team manager, game or playoff Coordinator.
11. TEAM MANAGERS / OFF-ICE OFFICIALS. The home team will provide a timekeeper, scorekeeper, and a home penalty box official. The home team is obliged to provide backup stopwatches for use in the event of a malfunctioning scoreboard clock. The visiting team will provide a visitor penalty box official. Off-ice officials must be over the age of 18 and not be a suspended player or coach. Off-ice officials must not “coach” from the penalty box or engage the players or officials.
12. GAME SCORE SHEETS. Score sheets are the official record of the game. All league games, to include playoff games, between two CBHL teams must be scored through the GameSheet electronic game scoring system.

- a. It is the responsibility of the home team to maintain an official record of the game via the GameSheet scoring system.
- b. Score sheets must be filled out completely as well as signed by both rostered head or acting head coaches (before the game begins) and all officials (after the game ends) prior to final submittal.
- c. Scoresheets must be finalized and submitted (locked) no later than 48-hours after the conclusion of the game
- d. If a score sheet is not received in accordance with this rule, the responsible team's club will be fined \$50 for first offense and \$100.00 thereafter.

13. GOAL PEGS: Goal pegs/goal anchors will be used for all CBHL games at all age group and divisions.

14. CODE OF CONDUCT and ZERO TOLERANCE.

- a. The home and visiting teams shall be responsible for all conduct of the spectators as well as the teams. After a game, the referee(s) should indicate the team to leave the ice first. The coach is responsible to see that his team exits the ice and enters the locker room without incident.
- b. USA Hockey Zero Tolerance Policy is followed by the CBHL.

ZERO TOLERANCE: In an effort to make ice hockey a more desirable and rewarding experience for all participants, USA Hockey has a zero tolerance policy that requires all players, coaches, officials, team officials and administrators and parents/ spectators to maintain a sportsmanlike and educational atmosphere before, during and after all USA Hockey-sanctioned games. Thus, the following points of emphasis must be implemented by all referees and linesmen and supported by local governing bodies and leagues:

- i. Players - A minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct (zero tolerance) shall be assessed whenever a player:
 - Openly disputes or argues any decision by an official.
 - Taunts or incites an opponent. iii. Visually creates a disturbance during the game. Any time that a player persists in any of these actions, they shall be assessed a misconduct penalty. A game misconduct shall result if the player continues such action.
 - A misconduct penalty shall be assessed to any player who uses obscene, profane or abusive language anywhere in the rink to anyone before, during or after the game. A game misconduct penalty shall be assessed to any player or team official who uses language that is offensive, hateful or discriminatory in nature anywhere in the rink before, during or after the game.
- ii. Parents/Spectators - The game will be stopped by game officials when parents/spectators displaying inappropriate and disruptive behavior interfere with other spectators or the game. The game officials will identify violators to the coaches for the purpose of removing parents/spectators from the spectator's viewing and game area.

Once removed, play will resume. Lost time will not be replaced, and violators may be subject to further disciplinary action by the local governing body.

This inappropriate and disruptive behavior shall include:

- Use of obscene, profane or abusive language to anyone at any time.
 - Taunting of players, coaches, officials or other spectators by means of baiting, ridiculing, threat of physical violence or physical violence.
 - Throwing of any object in the spectators viewing area, players bench, penalty box or on ice surface, directed in any manner as to create a safety hazard.
- c. The club of a team coach receiving a 2nd or subsequent game misconduct, under USA Hockey Rule 601 (Abuse of the Officials and other Misconduct), which has been properly documented in a USA Hockey Incident Report, in a season, shall be assessed a \$250 fine, per game misconduct. This is in addition to the suspension requisite with the penalty.

9.0 Discipline

1. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES. All games between two CBHL member teams are subject to USA Hockey and PVAHA disciplinary procedures. The disciplinary procedures in this section apply in addition to USA Hockey and PVAHA disciplinary procedures and are relevant only to games played during CBHL league play. I.e., applicable only to games between two CBHL teams during CBHL scheduled games. USA Hockey rules control all other games.
2. GAME SUSPENSIONS. Players and coaches suspended from any game must be listed in the suspended player section of the score sheet to indicate they did not participate in the game. The names must be listed; however, the suspended person does not need to personally sign the score sheet.
 - a. Coach Responsibilities: Enforcement of game suspensions shall be the responsibility of the offending team's coach.
 - i. If any suspended players or coaches are not listed in the suspended player section of the score sheet and/or participates in the game, the result of the game will be subject to protest and/or forfeit. In addition, the head coach will receive a one game suspension for each game in which a suspended player or coach participates.
 - ii. Violation of this responsibility is also subject to review of the Commissioner who may impose additional sanctions of up to a season (one year) suspension for the coach who plays a suspended player.
 - b. This game will not be counted as part of the player or coach's suspension.
 - c. Responsibilities: A suspended player and/or coach may not be in the locker room or bench area or participate as an off-ice official, including penalty box attendant, timekeeper, scorekeeper, during the game.
3. SUPPLEMENTARY DISCIPLINE.
 - a. Supplemental discipline may be assessed by the CBHL Discipline Committee under USAH Rule 410 for any incident before, during, or after the game that is not penalized by the on-ice officials.
 - b. Supplemental discipline may be assessed by the CBHL Discipline Committee for issues that are contrary to or a detriment to the fair and equitable competition and the appropriate

game experience for all involved. This may include excessive penalties by a team, player, or team official over the course of the season, specific detrimental behavior exhibited outside of the game environment (parking lot, social media, etc.), or behavior or activities that are contrary or threatening to the CBHL.

- c. Proper review and investigation must occur, with a hearing if requested, before supplemental discipline is determined.
- d. Reporting of incidents or issues that may fall under Supplemental Discipline from an association's membership must come through the association president. Reports from coaches or parents will be referred back to the association president to be reviewed, and then reported back to CBHL.
- e. Nothing in this section should be construed to obviate or limit any reporting requirements or standards or rules of Safe Sport, USA Hockey or the PVAHA.

4. FISTICUFFS (FIGHTING).

- a. The CBHL will follow [USA Hockey Rule 615](#) for discipline administered for players receiving a game misconduct penalty for fighting, to include, but not limited to:
 - i. Any player who receives a major penalty for fisticuffs (fighting) for the first time in a season shall be suspended for their next USA Hockey game.
 - ii. Any player who receives a second major penalty for fighting with the same team during the same season shall receive a three-game suspension. For a third fighting major with the same team in the same season, the player shall be suspended until a hearing is conducted by the proper authorities under Rule 410 Supplementary Discipline.
 - iii. A player who receives a major penalty for fisticuffs (fighting) and a minor for instigating shall be suspended an additional one (1) USA Hockey game.

5. GAME MISCONDUCT SUSPENSION.

- a. A suspension imposed on a player and/or a coach as a result of a game misconduct in any game shall be served by not participating in the team's next regularly scheduled USA Hockey sanctioned game(s).
- b. Game Misconduct Suspension for a player and/or a coach incurring any game misconduct after the end of the third period, shall be assessed as if the penalty had been incurred while the game was in progress.
- c. Note: In considering USA Hockey rules 404 (c) and (e) and 405 (c), the term "proper authorities" who may impose further suspensions for a game misconduct incurred in a CBHL game shall be the Commissioner or Director of Discipline of the CBHL, not the coach's or player's own Club authorities. This does not prevent a Club from also imposing additional disciplinary actions.
- d. The CBHL will follow USA Hockey Rule 411 for progressive suspensions for players receiving multiple game misconduct penalties in a season.

6. MATCH PENALTIES.

- a. A player and/or team official incurring a match penalty shall be suspended from participating in any USAH games, practices, or team functions, including high school, until their case is adjudicated by the CBHL Discipline Committee or PVAHA if applicable.
- b. The CBHL will follow USA Hockey Bylaw 10 where applicable.

- c. Suspension for a player and/or a coach incurring any match penalty after the end of the third period, shall be assessed as if the penalty had been incurred while the game was in progress.
 - d. Note: In considering USA Hockey rules 404(c) and (e) and 405(c), the term “proper authorities” who may impose further suspensions for a Match penalty incurred in a CBHL game shall be the Commissioner or Director of Discipline of the CBHL, not the coach’s or player’s own Club authorities. This does not prevent a Club from also imposing additional disciplinary actions.
7. SUSPENSION CARRIED FORWARD. If a suspension is not fully served in the course of a season, or if a suspension is incurred as a result of a game misconduct in a game between two CBHL teams after the regular season, the balance of the suspension must be served at the beginning of the next season.

10.0 Protests / Complaints

1. PROTESTS. Recognizing that a vital objective of league play is development of concepts of sportsmanship, protests are not favored and normally may be expected to be denied except in instance of a gross violation of the rules, such as the use of an ineligible player. An on-ice official’s judgmental decisions are final and are not subject to protest.
- a. Only a CBHL member association president or their designated CBHL representative can lodge a protest. A coach or parent may not lodge a protest.
 - b. Protests may be lodged under this section on rule violations occurring during game play, eligibility issues affecting games, and any other issues not sufficiently resolved by officials, coaches, or other administrators. Once filed, determination will be made as to whether the protest has merit, and if so, the CBHL will move forward with an investigation, a hearing if necessary, and final resolution.
 - c. Notification must be sent to the Commissioner of CBHL within forty-eight (48) hours of the game.
 - d. The president of the offending teams’ association will be notified within forty-eight (48) hours after notification of the protest to the CBHL.
 - e. The offending association has seventy-two (72) hours from notification to provide a written response to the protest to the CBHL.
 - f. Every protest shall be administered individually.
 - g. The CBHL Discipline Committee or CBHL Appeals Committee will rule on the protest within thirty (30) days.
 - h. End of the CBHL season protests will be handled prior to CBHL playoffs.
2. COMPLAINTS. A situation may occur which is not appropriate for protest but will respect to which a team wishes to complain. In such a case, the same basic procedures as under CBHL Rule Protests shall be followed. The result of a complaint will have no effect on a game’s result, but may serve to clarify league, Club, team or individual membership actions and policy.
3. APPEALS. Any CBHL member association team, player, or a member in the PVAHA may appeal a disputed case or matter or protest to the PVAHA Board of Directors only after they have had a hearing decision or have been refused a hearing within the CBHL or their association.

11.0 League Champions and Trophies

1. LEAGUE CHAMPION. The league champion at each level of each age classification of the CBHL will be determined by the team standings at the completion of all regular season league games.
 - a. The regular season National Division Champions will be awarded the “Bob Otte Trophy”. If the age level doesn’t have a “National Division”, the regular season Patrick Division Champion will be awarded the “Bob Otte Trophy”. Trophies will be awarded prior to the start of the first play-off game.
 - b. The highest level (i.e.: National) 18U Playoff Champion will be awarded the “Terry Scott Trophy” at the conclusion of the Championship game.
 - c. Trophies may remain in the possession of the championship team until the January CBHL meeting, where it must be returned to the CBHL. A \$500 fine for lost trophies shall be imposed.
2. LEAGUE STANDING DETERMINATION FOR NON-TOURNAMENT BOUND DIVISIONS. Points shall be awarded on the basis of two points for a win and one point for a tie. If teams have an equal number of points, their final position standings will be determined by the results of league games played considered in the following order:
 - 1) Points awarded in head-to-head competition.
 - 2) Subtracting goals scored against from goals scored in head-to-head games. The team’s position shall be in order of the greatest surplus.
 - 3) Total number of wins in all league games.
 - 4) Fewest goals allowed against all clubs.
 - 5) The team with the least total penalty minutes.If there are three or more teams tied in the standings, the total number of wins in all league games will still be used as the first tiebreaker.

The remaining tiebreaker rules will be applied to all teams tied with the highest number of wins followed by applying the tiebreaker rules to all teams tied with a lower number of wins until all ties have been resolved. If the tied teams have not played the same total number of games against the other teams that they are tied with, then Tiebreaker 2 and 3 do not apply.

3. LEAGUE STANDING DETERMINATION ALL TOURNAMENT BOUND DIVISIONS.

Points shall be awarded on the basis of two points for a win and one point for a tie. If teams have an equal number of points, the CBHL will follow the guidelines set forth in the current version of the USA Hockey Annual *District and National Championship Tournament Guidebook* to determine final standings. (“Method of Determining Champion.”)

The current USA Hockey Annual *District and National Championship Tournament Guidebook* can be found here: <https://nationals.usahockey.com/>

4. LEAGUE STANDINGS – TIE BREAKER. If the tie-breaking techniques do not resolve the tie, the Commissioner shall resolve the matter. (Note: These provisions, which do not permit consideration of the total goals scored against all other teams, is specifically intended to give no benefit to a stronger team's running up the score on a weak team.)

12.0 Playoffs

1. TEAM ELIGIBILITY. No team may participate in the CBHL Playoffs if the CBHL Competition Committee (Rule 6.1.4 Team Declaration Review) and Commissioner concluded that the team should have declared itself in a higher division. No female player may participate in CBHL Playoffs if the player has not played in at least 50% of her Girl's division team league games. (Note: If the girl's player is unable to play due to injury but is present at the girl's division game or has a doctor's note covering the period of time the game was held, it will count towards the 50%. Players who are marked if a player is marked absent/injured/not playing for a girls game, yet actively plays a game for a youth team they are legally dual rostered on for the same day the game will not count towards the 50% requirement for their girls team.)
2. CLUB FEES AND FINES for eligibility. Clubs must pay all CBHL fees and fines in full prior to the start of the CBHL Playoffs in order for their teams to be eligible to participate.
3. NON-PARTICIPATION. Any CBHL team that qualifies for the CBHL Playoffs and decides not to participate in the playoffs, or if their host club fails to pay their outstanding fees and fine by 24-hours prior to the start of their first playoff game, in absence of extraordinary cause, said Club will be ineligible for the playoffs the next season at ALL age levels and the Club will be on probation for one (1) year. Provided, however, that if the Commissioner fails to set the playoff dates prior to December 1 of the current year then no penalty will be imposed.
4. PLAYOFF COORDINATORS. Designated CBHL Playoff Coordinators will have responsibility for general supervision of each game in their assigned rinks to ensure smooth operation of the playoffs.
 - a. Responsibilities include confirming clock operators (provided by the host rink) and GameSheet coverage (home team responsibility) and presenting awards upon completion of finals in each division. Complete Playoff Coordinator duties will be distributed to host rinks prior to start of playoffs. Duties include:
 - Create an environment of celebration and excitement
 - Coordinating appropriate rink support between games and periods.
 - Providing guidance for period time adjustments that may alter the game length.
 - Coordinate start times as needed for games that may start early/late
 - Provide announcement and banner and medals presentation at the conclusion of Championship game
 - b. Playoff coordinators will have final authority concerning tiebreaker procedures.

5. PLAYING RULES. USA Hockey rules, as modified by published CBHL rules, will apply to all playoff games.
 - a. PERIOD STOP TIME
 - Fifteen (15) minutes for all non-National Tournament Bound (NTB) Youth and Girls teams
 - Sixteen (16) minutes for 14U NTB and 14U Girls AA/Gold (NTB) teams
 - Seventeen (17) minutes for 16U and 18U NTB Youth teams and 16U and 19U NTB Girls teams
 - b. ICE SLOT AND RESURFACING The ice slot allocation for 16U and 18U AA/National Youth Division games shall be 120 minutes (2 hours) in length. There shall be an ice resurfacing between periods 2 and 3, unless there is not enough time and events are running late. The playoff coordinator will determine if an ice cut can be done.
 - c. Each team MUST be ready to play fifteen (15) minutes prior to the published game start time.
 - d. A warm-up period of three (3) minutes prior to the start of the game will be followed.
 - e. The ten-goal rule and the running clock rule will apply.
6. HOME TEAM DESIGNATION. In each game, the team with the higher ranking in the CBHL regular season standings will be designated the home team.
7. OFF-ICE OFFICIALS RESPONSIBILITIES.
 - a. The team designated as the home team shall provide an individual to staff the home team penalty box. The home team is responsible for the scoring the game via the GameSheet app.
 - b. The team designated as the visiting team shall an individual to staff the visiting team penalty box.
 - c. All penalty box attendants must be non-player adults, 18 years or older.
 - d. Announcers / music may be provided by either team, however, the individual selected MUST be UNBIASED in his/her presentation or the Playoff Coordinator will have the person replaced. [Under unique situations where "third party" off-ice officials are previously scheduled, they will be responsible for scorekeeper, timekeeper and penalty box duties.]
8. TIEBREAKER PROCEDURES. If after the end of the third period the score is tied, there will be a one (1) minute intermission. The Playoff Coordinator will follow the following tiebreaker procedure:
 - a. For all 10U and 12U Youth and Girls teams, the CBHL playoff tiebreaker will consist of a five (5) minute "sudden death" overtime period, played 5 on 5, followed by a shoot-out, as needed, to determine the game winner provided sufficient ice time can be obtained.
 - Goalies do not switch ends in overtime.

- Teams do not receive an additional time out in overtime. Teams may only call a time out if they did not use their time out during regulation play.
- b. For all Youth and Girls teams at 14U and older, the CBHL playoff tiebreaker will consist of a five (5) minute "sudden death" overtime period, played 3 on 3, followed by a shoot-out, as needed, to determine the game winner provided sufficient ice time can be obtained.
 - c. 3 on 3 Overtime Procedure:
 - The overtime period will be played with each team at 3-on-3 skaters (plus goaltender) for the full five-minute period.
 - Skaters during overtime will be adjusted to reflect the situation in the game, but at no time will a team have fewer than three (3) skaters on the ice during the overtime period. For example, if a team enters the overtime period on a power play, manpower would be adjusted to 4 on 3 at the start of overtime. If a minor penalty is assessed during overtime, the teams will play 4 on 3. If a second minor penalty is assessed to the same team during overtime, the teams will play 5 on 3.
 - If both teams are penalized with minor penalties at the same stoppage of play (with no other penalties in effect), teams will continue to play 3 on 3.
 - In overtime, if a team is penalized such that a two-man advantage is called for, then the offending team will remain at three (3) skaters while the nonoffending team will be permitted five (5) skaters.
 - At the first stoppage of play after the two-man advantage is no longer in effect, the numerical strength of the teams will revert back to 4 on 3 or 3 on 3, as appropriate.
 - d. If less than thirteen (13) minutes remains in the scheduled game slot, the Playoff Coordinator will bypass the 5-minute sudden death overtime period and immediately invoke the Shootout procedures to determine a winner.
 - e. Shootout Procedure:
 - The Home Team Coach will decide which team shall shoot first.
 - Players whose penalties have not expired prior to the start of the overtime shootout are ineligible to participate in the shootout and must remain in the penalty box.
 - The shootout procedure shall begin with three different individual shooters from each team taking alternate shots. The players do not need to be named beforehand.
 - The goalkeepers from each team may be changed after each shot.
 - The players of both teams will take the shots alternately until a decisive goal is scored. The remaining shots will not be taken.
 - If after the shootout, the shootout score is still tied, there will be a sudden death shootout.

- f. Sudden Death Shootout: A sudden death shootout is defined as each team attempting a shot. Should one team be successful and the other team not, the successful team shall win the shootout.
- Teams will select their shooters to participate in any order in the sudden death shootout, whether or not they shot in the previous round. The last player in the first round of the shootout may be the first player in the sudden death shootout.
 - Players in a sudden death shootout shall not be allowed to take another shot until **four** additional shooters have completed their attempts.
 - All goalkeepers and all players from both teams listed on the official game sheet shall be eligible to participate in the shootout.
 - Any penalized player whose penalty had not been completed when the overtime period ended or who receives a penalty during a shootout procedure is not eligible to participate in any portion of the shootout procedure(s) and must remain in the penalty box.
 - The goalkeepers from each team may be changed after each shot.

9. ARTIFICIAL NOISE MAKERS. The use of artificial noisemakers such as air horns, cowbells and coin-filled bottles is strictly prohibited during CBHL games. This rule will be enforced by the team manager, game or playoff Coordinator.

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Appendix A: 8U Half Ice (Gold, Silver and Bronze Divisions)

USA Hockey, in partnership with the NHL, has developed and approved the ADM philosophy which includes criteria for ages 8 and under. For more information, see <http://www.admkids.com>.

Each CBHL 8U team will implement an ADM Practice schedule and an 8U cross or half ice game schedule that allows the players to have three (3) sessions per week on ice of either ADM practice or cross/half ice games. 8U must follow USA Hockey's American Developmental Model (ADM). Eight and under aged players are not allowed to play up per PVAHA rule 2.8.5. Any such infraction will result in a ban of the entire club from participating in the CBHL playoffs for that season.

1. Team declarations by July CBHL Meeting. Birth year does not affect team placement.
 - a. 8U GOLD - players may not play down
 - b. 8U SILVER - player may play up to 3 games on a GOLD Division team to support his/her development. After 3 games, they must stay in the GOLD Division through the end of the season.
 - c. 8U BRONZE - player may play up to 3 games on a SILVER team to support his/her development. After 3 games, they must stay SILVER through the end of the season.
2. Roster: 8U players must only be 8 and under. 8-12 players plus one goalie is recommended.
3. Scheduling: Scheduling CBHL games must be done through the CBHL scheduler utilizing ice times given by each club in August. Games will be tracked via submission of score sheets (See Rule 8.11 and the CBHL website for score sheet submission.) and may determine end of season jamboree game placement. Scheduling should be finalized by the end of October.

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4. Rosters and Score sheets
 - a. Roster stickers with players name, jersey number and USA Hockey registration number must be on the score sheet. Coaches' names, CEP number and manager contact information must also be on the score sheet sticker.
 - b. Only rostered players and coaches may be on the ice and the bench. See CBHL Rule 4.0.
 - c. Scores sheets must be kept and submitted as a means of tracking the progress of the league; however, they would not appear on the CBHL website. Each team records a tally of goals scored on score sheet and submits score sheet (See Rule 8.11 for score sheet submission.).
 - d. 10 goal rule (Rule 8.7) does not apply
5. Suggested facilities and format
 - Host team runs the clock
 - 2-Minute Warm-up prior to first game; no pucks allowed for warm-ups prior to the remaining two (2) games.
 - Blue (4 oz) pucks required (PVAHA rules)
 - Intermediate nets recommended
 - Use of USA Hockey-certified Officials

4 teams: 3 x 20 min games		
1:20 hours ice		
20 min	1 v 2	3 v 4
20 min	1 v 3	2 v 4
20 min	2 v 3	1 v 4

6. Game format

- Games begin with a face-off
- 20-minute games (2 minutes between games)
*Game time may be adjusted for ice slot allowance
- Running clock with 2-minute buzzer for line change
- The clock does not stop (unless player is injured – see bullet point below)
- Continual play after goals scored or covered / change of shifts
 - On ice official places puck behind goal net
 - On ice official signals offensive team to clear zone to half ice until defensive player plays puck
- If a player is injured, the clock will continue to run until the end of the two minutes and then stop until play can safely resume (This considers two games running at once). Play will resume with a faceoff.

7. Penalties

- Note: Extreme penalties will be called by officials
- Coach explains penalty to player
- Penalties result in player sitting out the remainder of the shift (team plays shorthanded: either 3 vs 4 or 2 vs 4)
- Third penalty in the same shift: Team may substitute a non-penalized player (no less than 2 players on ice)

8. End of the season jamboree. A CBHL jamboree will end the season for all teams who participated in the league throughout the year. All teams will participate, and games will be created at random or based on game scores to even play.

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