

CHC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2025, 7:30 pm In Person only

CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL

Directors present: All except: Central, Elite, Greenwich Cardinals, Southeastern, Southern, West Hartford

Board Officers present: President, Dawn Bryson; Secretary, Stephanie Secreto; Treasurer, Michael Federico

Other CHC Officials (non-voting) present: Website Admin, Mike McCullough; District Commissioners, Stefanie Mount, Grow the Game Director, Dave Fritz; Tournament Director, Matt Dutton; Eligibility Committee: Ed Rodham; Registrar, Mary Turner; Safe Sport, James Carney; NED, Chuck Wilkerson

ACCEPT THE MINUTES A motion was made to accept the March meeting minutes, seconded, all in favor. The March meeting minutes are accepted.

REPORTS

President: Dawn Bryson – Holding elections for Vice President and Secretary tonight.

Vice President: Vacant

Secretary: Stephanie Secreto – Please sign in on attendance sheet to be recorded as present. The following organizations were listed as not in good standing and ineligible to vote; CT Jr. Huskies, Elite, Greater New Haven, West Hartford. CT. Jr. Huskies and Greater New Haven both appealed to be back in good standing. There was a motion and a second for CT Jr. Huskies and Greater New Haven to be reinstated back into good standing and eligible to vote.

Treasurer: Michael Federico – Thank you to all programs that sent invoices in. Final billing will be sent out soon.

Election Chair: Michael McCullough- Two positions up for election tonight: Vice president, 2-year term. Stephanie Secreto was voted in as Vice President. Second position up for election: Secretary, 2-year term. Dave Fritz was voted in as Secretary. Congratulations to the two newly elected board members.

Tournament Committee: Matt Dutton – no report

Referee in Chief: Kevin Redding – report read by Stephanie Secreto. Shared new rules for 2025-2029 season highlights are delayed off-sides and icing on penalty kill for youth 15o+, and 16u+. There will be further discussion on the new rules at future meetings.

Disabled Hockey: Vacant – If you are interested, please email the Executive Board.

Webmaster: Mike McCullough- Declarations for T1 and T2 will open on May 1st and close on June 1st. Meeting for T1 Youth in mid-June. Undeclared will open June 1st and close July 1st. Only the President or Registrar of each organization will be able to declare teams. Purge of old contacts on CHC website will happen by June 1st. Mike to send out email request for new contacts, please submit asap to avoid not receiving important emails.

New England District/Team Connecticut: Sarah Fraser – Not present, running the 2011 boys' tryouts. Stephanie Secreto read provided report. Boys NED development camp in Simsbury and girls district development camp in Marlboro. Of the 305 boys, 95 were from CT. Both girls and boys from CT were well represented.

Women's & Girls' Hockey: Vacant – please email executive committee if interested. Thank you to Ed Rodham for his time and dedication.

Growth Coordinator: Dave Fritz – Educational PowerPoint presentation for u8 on expectations to go out to parents within a few weeks. For the summer months we are promoting deck hockey and setting up a Try Hockey for Free day.

Goaltending Development: Matt Allatin - not present, no report.

Marketing: – vacant

Coaching Education Program: Mark Knapp – not present. no report

Registrar: Mary Turner – If you need a spring roster please send your request to your organization registrar. Please welcome Kendra Thompson as our new associate registrar for CHC.

District Commissioners: Stefanie Mount – To all organizations, please provide contact information for your president on your websites. Reminder that there is a suspension for game misconducts, please make sure everyone knows this.

Eligibility Committee: Mary Turner reporting –Northwestern request for one mite to play up was approved. Two other organizations submitted play-down requests, both were denied. One goalie share request was not approved.

Safe Sport: James Carney – Please send an email with organization safe sport contact to Traci L. for next season.

Player Safety Coordinator: Mitch Beck- Not present.

OLD BUSINESS:

Rules Committee/Mike McCullough

Yale proposal:

Request to change T2 NTB declaration requirements for girls (must field teams of minimum of 2 age classifications, must have registered at least 1 CHC girls' teams during the previous 2 seasons). A motion and second were made to bring to floor and discussion was held. The voting results were as follows: 17 in favor, 14 against, 5 abstain, 2 not eligible to vote, 5 no response. This proposal passed.

CT Hat Tricks proposal:

Request to change CHC National Bound Declaration policy for girls' team classifications to declare one T1 or one T2 team, not both, to make it the same for both Youth and Girls.

Motion and second was made to bring to floor and discussion was held. Amendment proposed to strike the word “youth” from the proposal. No one opposed this change and “youth” was removed from the original proposal. The voting results were as follows: 9 in favor, 21 against, 6 abstained, 2 not eligible to vote, 5 no response. This proposal failed.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION TO ADJOURN: At 9:43 pm, with no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn, seconded, all in favor.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 27, 2025, Zoom only 7:00 pm

THESE ARE MISSING CONTACTS

Programs	CHC Website Admin - 33	Presidents - 20	CHC Reps - 22	Registrars - 18	Treasurers - 27	SafeSport Reps - 24	Coaching Directors - 28	Master Schedulers - 24	Website Reps - 24	Player Safety Reps - 22	Tier 1 Reps - 34	Tier 2 Reps - 28	GtG Reps - 31	Master Ref Schedulers - 26
Avon	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Central	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
CT Chiefs	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1
CT Clippers	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
CT Game Change	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1
CT Hat Tricks	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
CT Jr Huskies	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
CT Jr Rangers	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
CT Polar Bears	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CT Riverhawks	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Danbury Jr Hat Tricks	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Darien	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
East Haven	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
Eastern CT Hockey Org (ECHO)	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Elite Hockey	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Enfield	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
Greater New Haven	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Greenwich Cardinals	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0
Greenwich Skate Club	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0
Hamden	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1
Hartford Jr Wolfpack	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Mid Fairfield	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Canaan	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
Northern CT	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwestern	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

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Norwich Hockey Club	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Pawling	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0
Putnam	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ridgefield	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1
Salisbury	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Shoreline Sharks	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Simsbury	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
South Windsor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Southeastern	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Southern	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Stamford	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wallingford	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1
Watertown	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
West Hartford	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
West Haven	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Western	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Wonderland	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Yale/Jr Bulldogs	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1



2025-29 PLAYING RULE CHANGE SUMMARY

Effective August 1, 2025

YOUTH, GIRLS, HIGH SCHOOL & ADULT PLAYING RULES

RULE#	TITLE	CHANGE SUMMARY
All		Updates "Linesman" position to "Linesperson"
201(b)	Composition of Teams	Adds note allowing expanded team game rosters for Youth Tier I 15-Only, 16U, 18U, and Girls Tier I 19U games. Teams may dress 22 players.
303(b)	Goalkeeper's Equipment	Requires HECC certified neck laceration protectors for all Youth, Girls and High School goalkeepers. With note allowing BNQ certified NLP's for 2025-26 and 2026-27 seasons.
304	Protective Equipment	Edits language to clarify penalties for equipment violations
304	Protective Equipment	Adds rule requiring HECC certified neck laceration protectors for all Disabled players under the age of 18 years old. With note allowing BNQ certified NLP's for 2025-26 and 2026-27 seasons.
304(g)	Protective Equipment	Requires HECC certified neck laceration protectors for all Youth, Girls and High School players. With note allowing BNQ certified NLP's for 2025-26 and 2026-27 seasons.
307(c)	Equipment Measurement	Mandates bench minor penalty for team who challenge a mouthpiece and the challenge is not verified.
308(a)	Electronic Devices	Adds cameras and microphones to list of devices prohibited to be worn by a player during games. Any violation results in a misconduct penalty.
402(e)	Minor Penalties	Clarifies when a match penalty shall be served when assessed with a minor penalty to same player during same stoppage.
407(a)&(b)	Goalkeeper Penalties	Clarifies how penalties assessed to goalkeeper shall be served.
501(c)	Appointment of Officials	Adds new rule requiring all on-ice officials under 18 years of age to wear a neck laceration protector
601(c)&(d)	Abuse of Officials and Other Misconduct	Mandates game misconduct penalty to player or coach who uses obscene, profane or abusive language to any person after the game.
601.e	Abuse of Officials and Other Misconduct	Clarifies any game report following a physical assault of a game official must be submitted within 24 hours following the game.
610(c)&(d)	Delaying the Game	Removes mandatory minor penalty to a goalkeeper who accidentally shoots the puck out of the playing area.
612(c)	Face-off Locations	Clarifies that stoppages caused by the attacking team in the attacking zone shall result in a neutral zone face-off.
624(b)	Icing the Puck	Allows teams at the Youth 15-Only and above, and Girls 16U and above, to ice the puck while playing shorthanded.
624(c)	Icing the Puck	Requires center-ice face-off location if game officials err in calling icing.
627(c)	Kicking Opponent or Puck	Clarifies play must be immediately stopped and resulting face-off locations for attempted kick-shot.

628(a)	Kneeing	Adds mandatory misconduct to any minor penalty assessed for kneeling an opponent.
630(d)	Offside	Allows teams at the Youth 15-Only and above, and Girls 16U and above, to play with Delayed/Tag-up Offsides.
630(d)	Offside	Removes automatic whistle for shooting the puck into the attacking end zone “on net” with attacking players still in the end zone.
631(d)	Puck Out of Bounds or Unplayable	Requires a face-off located in the same zone the puck was located in if the puck leaves the playing surface or becomes unplayable.
633(a)	Refusal to Start Play	Adds second warning to team before suspending the game for refusal to start play.
New	Appendix VII	Adds Disabled Hockey Playing Rules to general rulebook

JUNIOR PLAYING RULES

RULE#	TITLE	CHANGE SUMMARY
All		Updates “Linesman” position to “Linesperson”
205(a)	Substitution of Goalkeepers	Clarifies when a goalkeeper may return to play after being substituted for by another goalkeeper or a player.
206(d)	Injured Payers	
303(b)	Goalkeeper’s Equipment	Requires HECC certified neck laceration protectors for all Junior goalkeepers. With note allowing BNQ certified NLP’s for 2025-26 and 2026-27 seasons.
304(e)	Protective Equipment	Requires a player who loses their helmet during play to leave the playing surface immediately and allows game officials to stop play if the player is in a vulnerable position in risk of injury.
304(f)	Protective Equipment	Requires game misconduct penalty for second mouthpiece violation
304(g)	Protective Equipment	Requires HECC certified neck laceration protectors for all Junior players. With note allowing BNQ certified NLP’s for 2025-26 and 2026-27 seasons.
304(h)	Protective Equipment	Clarifies when play must be stopped if goalkeeper loses equipment.
403(c)	Major Penalties	Clarifies teams are not required to place substitute players in penalty bench to serve coincidental major penalties.
403(d)	Major Penalties	Requires a substitute player on the penalty bench immediately when player is assessed a major plus game misconduct
404(a)	Misconduct Penalties	Removes game ejection penalty option for game officials.
404(b)	Misconduct Penalties	Removes automatic one-game suspension for game misconduct penalties (Tier I & II only), with exception of Rule 615.
404(c)	Misconduct Penalties	Removes game ejection penalty option for game officials.
404(d)	Misconduct Penalties	Removes game ejection penalty option for game officials.
406(b)	Penalty Shot	Removes rule allowing a player who is awarded a penalty shot and assessed a major plus game misconduct penalty to take the penalty shot (they are immediately removed from the game).
501(c)	Appointment of Officials	Adds new rule requiring all on-ice officials under 18 years of age to wear a neck laceration protector.
507(b)Note2	Penalty Timekeeper	Clarifies coincidental major penalties are not served.

601(a)	Abuse of Officials and Other Misconduct	Removes game ejection penalty option for game officials.
601(d)	Abuse of Officials and Other Misconduct	Removes game ejection penalty option for game officials.
603(a)	Boarding	Removes stand-alone major penalty as option.
607(a)	Charging	Removes stand-alone major penalty as option.
608(d)	Checking from Behind	Removes language outlining progressive suspension guidelines. All leagues review each incident and apply discipline as needed.
609(a)	Cross-checking	Removes stand-alone major penalty as option.
611(a)	Elbowing	Removes stand-alone major penalty as option.
612(c)	Face-off Locations	Clarifies that stoppages caused by the attacking team in the attacking zone shall result in a neutral zone face-off.
613	Face-off Procedures	Removes “player warning” for face-off violation. Outlines new guidelines and resolutions for face-off procedure violations.
615(a)	Fighting	Replaces game ejection penalty with game misconduct.
615(g)	Fighting	Adds note to clarify guidelines for assessing game misconduct for removing helmet during an altercation.
615(h)	Fighting	Removes game ejection penalty option for game officials.
616.Note 2	Fouled from Behind	Broadens guidelines for awarding penalty shot to player who is fouled from behind while attempting to gain control of the puck.
617(d)	Goals and Assists	Clarifies offending team may not score a goal during a delayed penalty unless non-offending team shoots puck into their own net.
618(b)	Handling the Puck With Hands	Clarifies result if non-offending team elects to not play the puck during a potential hand-pass situation.
620(a)	Head Contact	Removes stand-alone major penalty as option.
621(a)	High Sticks	Removes stand-alone major penalty as option.
621(d)	High Sticks	Updates face-off location for high stick contact with puck, and clarifies result if non-offending team elects to not play the puck during a potential high stick offense.
622(b)	Holding an Opponent or Opponent’s Facemask	Removes stand-alone major penalty as option.
623(a)	Hooking	Removes stand-alone major penalty as option.
624(c)	Icing the Puck	Disallows player substitution if a team uses their timeout following an icing violation.
624(d)	Icing the Puck	Requires center-ice face-off location if game officials err in calling icing.
628(a)	Kneeing	Removes stand-alone major penalty as option.
629(a)	Leaving the Player’s Bench or Penalty Bench	Reduces automatic suspension for leaving the bench to enter an altercation to one game, with note referencing supplemental discipline review process of all incidents.
630(a)	Offside	Removes “skate contact” with neutral zone or blue line as factor while determining offsides during attacking zone entry.
630(d)2	Offside	Adds note clarifying skate contact with blue line must be made during delayed/tag-up offside situation.
631(d)	Puck Out of Bound or Unplayable	Requires a face-off located in the same zone the puck was located in if the puck leaves the playing surface or becomes unplayable.

631(e)	Puck Out of Bound or Unplayable	Requires stoppage of play if puck strikes curved glass at either end of team bench.
634(a)	Slashing	Removes stand-alone major penalty as option.
636(b)	Start of Game and Time of Game/Time-Outs	Removes team fines for not leaving playing surface at end of warm-up period and replaces with penalty guidelines.
639(a) & Note 2	Tripping/Clipping/Leg Checking/Slew Footing	Removes stand-alone major penalty as option, and clarifies penalty guidelines for leaving feet and tripping an opponent.
640(b), (c), & (d)	Unnecessary Roughness	Adds automatic game misconduct for all major penalties assessed under Rule 640
641 (New)	Video Review	Add options to team to install and utilize video review system.