



Administrative Rules & Regulations



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The Northern New York State Hockey League (NNYSHL), or “League” is subject to all the rules, regulations and policies of the New York State Amateur Hockey Associations, Inc. (NYSAHA) and U.S.A. Hockey Inc. (USAH) The following rules and regulations may further restrict those rules.

- 1) **Board of Directors:** Shall be comprised of the executive board of the NNYSHL, plus all association league reps for that season. Any decisions not specifically outlined in these rules are at the discretion of the Board of Directors (BOD).
- 2) **Season:** The Board of Directors shall determine the exact date of the season for all divisions, as designated by NYSAHA Guidebook.
 - A. Each team must meet ALL league commitments. Any team and/or association may be disqualified or suspended from the League by the Board, pending the outcome of a hearing, for not meeting league commitment(s).
 - B. Playdowns take precedence over any other commitments and associations should make every effort to avoid conflicting play during these times. Playdown schedule/locations will be determined by BOD, on an as needed basis.
 - C. Any team that does not make the necessary schedule accommodations to play all required games will have failed to meet the requirements to be eligible for the end of season playdowns and will be excluded.
- 3) **League Membership:**
 - A. These rules apply to NNYSHL Southern Conference only.
 - B. Organizations must be members in good standing with USAH and NYSAHA to participate in the League.
 - C. Individual participants and teams in the league shall be properly registered with USA Hockey before the start of the league season.
 - D. Participants and teams will adhere to the classifications of USA Hockey. The classifications of a player shall be determined by his/her age at midnight on December 31st prior to or during the current playing season.
- 4) **Team Declarations:**
 - A. **Team Declaration:** Each Association shall inform the League of their intention to register a team and the division in which they will play by the following dates: These dates are final dates to declare. No late declarations shall be accepted.

Level	Date
10U	Nov 1
12U	Nov 1
14U	Nov 1

For a team declaration to be official a roster must be submitted to the North Section Registrar or relevant USA for approval by December 1st.

Final management and coordination of divisions will be subject to the BOD.

- B. Declarations will be considered official when a roster is approved, and all team information has been entered on [Northern New York State Hockey League \(nnyshl.com\)](http://NorthernNewYorkStateHockeyLeague.com)



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5) **Rosters:**

A. General Information

- 1) All Players, coaches and manager must be properly rostered per USA Hockey and NYSAHA rules prior to participation in any team events. Any team(s) which begin league play and which have not registered with USAH and have not submitted a roster to the NYSAHA North Section registrar shall forfeit all league games prior to proper registration.
- 2) No roster may include players that are also rostered on Tournament Bound Team or players that are rostered in more than one association. If an association contains full season teams at multiple competitive levels and a player is rostered on two different teams, they may participate on the highest level team for the purposes of the League. For instance, if a player is rostered on a 10U White team and a 10U Blue team, the player may only play league games for the 10U White team. This League is for the sole purpose of providing opportunities for "House" players.
 - *Exception: Players rostered on Tournament Bound Teams may play in the League, assuming their entire team is playing in the League and their team plays in a Red Division.
 - *Exception: If an organization does not have enough players to field a team without the cross rostering of other players within the same organization; players may be allowed to cross roster within the spirit of division competitiveness. This action requires pre-approval from the BOD via a grievance as detailed in the NNYSHL Constitution.
 - *Exception: Goaltenders may be cross rostered across multiple age and skill levels with pre-approval from the BOD.
 - *Exception: Due to limited availability of girls teams a girl may be rostered in more than one association if one of the teams is a girl's team.
- 3) Any violation of roster rules may result in the team being removed from the league.

B. Roster Changes:

- 1) Player movement and roster changes cannot be made after December 1st unless approved by the BOD.
- 2) All changes will be final as of December 31st of the current playing season. No player changes on rosters will be allowed for any team after December 31st.

6) **Game Rules:**

- A. All games will be played according to the rules outlined in the USA Hockey rule book.
- B. All suspensions, imposed for incidents during a League game, must be served in league games and/or the League Playdowns. Suspensions imposed in non-league games shall be served in the next scheduled game for the team even if that game is a league game. Refer to the USA Hockey rule book for further information.

7) **League/Game Schedule/Playdowns:**

- A. All Southern Conference scores need to be submitted to the League website. The NNYSHL website will maintain game schedules and standings for the Southern Conference. Directions on how to add games and score games on the website can be found under Resources on the NNYSHL website.
- B. The HOME team is responsible to add league games to the schedule on the NNYSHL website before the game is played and enter the final score immediately following game conclusion.
- C. All League games must be completed by February 18th, 2023.
- D. The top four teams in the league standings at the close of the season will advance to the Playdown Season.
- E. Playdown Season starts on February 19th. The first rounds will be played at the home of the higher seed and must be completed by the Division Championship Date. Playdown games are to be scheduled at the convenience of the teams involved, if teams can't agree on a schedule the game will be scheduled by the NNYSHL BOD.
- F. The Championship dates for all divisions have been published on NNYSHL.com.
- G. Players must participate in 50% of a team's games to be eligible to participate in playdowns.

8) **Record Keeping Responsibilities:**

- A. Each registered team shall have a team manager. Each association shall appoint a League Representative. Contact information for the League Representative and team manager shall be provided to the NNYSHL at the time of team declaration. The team manager, who may also be a head coach or assistant coach, shall be responsible for all record keeping of the team and shall have access to all documents necessary for credential review, playdowns and championships. (Required forms can be obtained from the organization registrar. Instructions on putting the credential book together can also be found on the NYSAHA website and NY Registrar website.)
- B. Player names on game sheets must match names as listed on the approved roster.
- C. Association name, team name and team ID# as shown on the roster must be included on each game sheet.
- D. Score sheets for League games should be kept by all participants until the season concludes.
- E. The HOME TEAM ONLY will report the final score of the game using website protocol **immediately following game completion**. Any score discrepancies must be reported to the association League rep.



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9) Home Team Responsibilities:

- A. Supplying a suitable ice surface with proper equipment and gender equitable locker rooms for the game of ice hockey.
- B. Provide USA Hockey registered referees from an independent Referee Organization. Every home team shall arrange for the referees. Relatives of participants, coaches or team members should not be officiating these games. It is also advised that younger referees are accompanied by a senior referee over the age of 21. Organizations are to communicate this with their assignor. The number of and level of referees are at the discretion of the area assignor.
- C. Providing the proper playing time for each age group as defined in these rules.
 - 1) Any Association unable to provide the required ice times should bring the problem to the NNYSHL BOD
 - 2) In order to aid in the completion of games, all teams will be limited to:
 - a. A three (3) minute on ice warm-up immediately following the exit of the Zamboni. The referee will call delay of game on any team not ready to play three (3) minutes after the ice has been resurfaced. The offending team then has two (2) minutes before a second delay of game is called. If the team is not ready after two (2) more minutes, the game is forfeited.
 - b. Each team will be granted (1) one minute time-out per game
- D. To maintain order and good behavior of the spectators and rink personnel.
 - 1) The League holds each member team/association responsible for policing the conduct of the coach, player, spectator, and parents at sanctioned events (games/practices).
 - 2) If the member team/association fails to act, the League reserves the right to have any person who causes a disturbance removed from the playing area.
 - 3) Parents or spectators who interfere with any game or become rowdy, obnoxious, abusive or exercises unsportsmanlike conduct in any way may be ejected from the arena and may be barred from further participation with the League.
 - 4) The referee may hold up the game until such person(s) are removed. Incidents of this nature will be noted by the referee on the official scoresheet and referred to the disciplinary panel for any necessary action. from competition. In ice arenas where referees go through a public area to the locker room, a team official should accompany them.
- E. To supply competent Off-Ice-Officials (18 years old minimum)- Including but not limited to timekeeper, scorekeeper, and a penalty box attendant for each box. (See USAHOCKEY Off-Ice Officials Guidebook for more information). Away team has the option to supply a penalty box supervisor and a scorekeeper, and these officials are to be in place before the start of any game. The Off-Ice-Officials responsibilities include:
 - 1) Knowledge of proper usage of the clock
 - 2) Proper procedure for keeping the scoresheet.
 - 3) Asking the referees to clarify any confusion with game procedures and penalties.
 - 4) To provide a qualified scorekeeper and timekeeper, penalty box supervisor and all needed facilities including an extra stopwatch, whistle and first aid kit.

10) Game Requirements:

For a League Game to be considered valid and recorded in our standings, it must meet the following (No Exceptions): No Overtime shall be played. Games shall start on fresh ice no ice resurfacing is allowed during intermissions.

- For games 14U and older, periods must be at least 15 minutes in length and 45 minutes total, teams may agree on longer periods prior to games and all penalties shall be two minutes for minor penalties, five minutes for all major and match penalties and ten minutes for all misconducts.
- For games 12U and younger, periods must be at least 12 minutes in length and 36 minutes total, teams may agree on longer periods prior to games and all penalties shall be as follows:
 - o If the total length of all three periods is 36 minutes or less:
 - One minute minor penalty, three minute major penalty and six minute misconduct penalty
 - o If the total length of all three periods is greater than 36 minutes but less than 51 minutes:
 - 1:30 minute minor penalty, four minute major penalty and eight minute misconduct penalty
 - o If the total length of three periods is 51 minutes or greater:
 - Two minute minor penalty, five minute major penalty & ten minute misconduct penalty

11) League Play/Divisions:

The Southern Conference will consist of the following divisions: 10U Red, White, and Blue, 12U Red, White, and Blue and 14U White.

- A. Teams will play (2) games against all teams that have declared within their division.
 - 1) The League regular season opens on October 13 and closes on February 18th.
 - 2) Teams may play games earlier than the official start date of the season or later than the close date with NNYSHL BOD approval.



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- B. If (8) or more teams declare in a division, the teams will be divided into two new divisions based on geography for league play. Teams must play two games against each team in their new division.
- C. If less than (8) teams declare, each team will play (2) games against each team at their classification.
- D. The end of season rankings will determine team placement for the end of season playdowns.
- E. Invitational Tournament games can count as a League game as long as both teams agree prior to game start and game length meets League requirements.

The NNYSHL BOD reserves the right to adjust divisions at any time during the season in order to insure Equal competition and create the best experience possible for all teams involved.

12) **Scoring/Tie-Breakers**

- A. A two-point scoring system for standings will be used for all qualifying games: (As determined at the end of regulation time, no OT in League Q-games)
 - 1. Win – 2 points
 - 2. Tie – 1 point
 - 3. Loss – 0 points
- B. Tie Breaking Policy (at the conclusion of regular season play)– The League will utilize the tie breaking policy recommended by NYSAHA which is detailed in the USA Hockey Tournament Guidebook (the guidebook can be found on the NYSAHA website –www.nysaha.com).

Note: NNYSHL BOD will not apply or advise on any tiebreakers until the season is over and a tie actually exists between two or more teams in a division.

13) **Discipline:**

Any and all matters that involve game or match misconducts shall be reported to and reviewed by the NNYSHL BOD. If the NNYSHL BOD determines that supplementary discipline is needed that process will follow NYSAHA protocol as outlined in the NYSAHA Guidebook.

14) **Protests**

- A. A protest may only be lodged by an Association's President. No protest may be lodged by a coach, manager or parent regardless of their position.
- B. The official USA Hockey playing rules shall be used. No Protests shall be permitted on the playing rules or for referee calls or penalties assessed before, during or after the game.
- C. The Association President shall notify the NNYSHL BOD of the impending protest within 24 hours of the completion of the game.
- D. All the facts of the incidents, including why the protest is being filed and the desired outcome need to be stated precisely in the protest. Do not be vague in any statements.
- E. Both parties will be notified of the decision of the BOD within 10 days.

15) **Disclaimer:**

In order to preserve, as far as possible, the integrity of amateur hockey and the League, any recourse to the courts or legal action by a member or individual before and/or during all the rights of the Bylaws and Rules & Regulations of this corporation have been exhausted, shall be considered ungentlemanly conduct entailing the immediate suspension and disqualification of any such member or individual(s). Refer to USA Hockey, Inc., Bylaws, Suspensions and Resolution of Disputes for additional information.

The NNYSHL BOD reserves the right to change and modify these rules at any time to promote the best interest of hockey in our Section.