**Mission Statement
*DAHA aims to provide a safe and positive environment for all youth in the Duluth community to participate and excel through the sport of hockey while learning eight character values: integrity, commitment, courage, honor, hard work, sportsmanship, teamwork, and dedication.***

**THE DULUTH AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
Association Organization**The Duluth Amateur Hockey Association began operations in 1963. There are currently 9 sub associations, which includes Duluth Denfeld, Duluth East, and the Duluth Icebreakers along with sixoutdoor rinks (Duluth Heights, Gary-Morgan Park, Glen Avon, Piedmont, Portman and Woodland) and the Duluth Junior Gold program. DAHA is a member of Minnesota Hockey District 11 and follows the rules of the District, Minnesota Hockey and USA Hockey.

DAHA is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of 17 members, which includes four officers who make up the DAHA Executive Committee: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The fifth member of the Executive Board is the DAHA Executive Director.

Board members are elected to two-year terms with annual elections held in April. Each Board member is required to belong to at least two (2) of the following committees:

* Finance Committee
* Player and Coaches Development Committee
* Player Health and Safety Committee
* Publicity and Promotions Committee
* Rules and Grievances Committee

The Board meets typically on the third Sunday of each month at the Essentia Duluth Heritage Center Boardroom. The general membership is welcome to attend the meetings and those wishing to add an item or items to the agenda must email the DAHA president no later than 4 p.m. the Friday before the meeting.

Each Rink Member shall appoint a Rink Director (or other authorized person), who shall serve on the Rink Association Advisory Committee. After two consecutive absences from said committee meetings, the Rink Director (or other authorized person) can be removed from office and the Rink Association Advisory Committee President shall ask the Rink Member President to designate a replacement. If a rink is unable to provide representation at the Rink Association Advisory Committee, the DAHA Board of Directors may consider punitive action (Section V.).The Rink Director shall, in addition to his other duties, be responsible for instructing the Rink Member's coaches on DAHA's rules and regulations.

Along with the Executive Director (full-time), who is hired by and reports to the DAHA Board, the DAHA staff is comprised of Executive Office Administrator (full-time), a Coaching and Player Development Director (part-time), and a Fryberger Arena Manager (part-time).

**Association Communication**Association Communication is delivered via email, the DAHA website (duluthhockey.com) and social media accounts (Currently Twitter and Facebook). To ensure members receive all communications, they are encouraged to visit duluthhockey.com frequently, opt-in to receive DAHA emails and subscribe to the DAHA Twitter and Facebook accounts.

**FINANCES
DAHA Goals**The goal of DAHA is to provide the best youth hockey program possible at a reasonable cost to participants. DAHA is a non-profit organization, and its revenue comes via registration fees, sponsorships, Fryberger Arena ice rental fees and various fundraisers.

**REGISTRATION
Registration and Fees**Registration is available on duluthhockey.com and registration dates and fees will be published on that site. Registration for Bantam, PeeWee, Squirt, 15U, 12U and 10U levels opens in early June and runs into September while registration for Mites and Junior Gold goes through November. The absolute deadline for any player to register for a particular season is Dec. 31 when USA Hockey rosters must be finalized. Registration Fees are to be paid in full no later than the end of November

**Registration Requirements**
DAHA player membership is limited to boys and girls residing within the ISD 709 school boundaries. Players may participate in other hockey Associations based on residence, but District 11 and Minnesota Hockey waivers may be required for other circumstances.

In addition to registering with DAHA, each player must register with USA Hockey/Minnesota Hockey. USA Hockey/Minnesota Hockey registration must be completed before a player is allowed to compete in a DAHA activity.

**Registration Refunds**
Full DAHA registration refunds will be given should a player quit prior to the first preseason tryout session or preseason practice (skills session). Additionally, if a player makes a high school team, experiences a season-ending injury, or moves out of the area, DAHA registration refunds will be prorated based on his/her ending date. All other DAHA refunds must have DAHA Board approval. USA Hockey and Minnesota Hockey registration fees are not refundable.

**Financial Aid**DAHA has had a long – and proud – tradition of never turning away any boy or girl who wants to play hockey but can’t because of financial difficulties. Through the Hank Jensen Memorial Fund, financial aid is available to all qualifying families to help offset registration and assessment costs. Information and the application form can be found at duluthhockey.com. All applications for financial aid are confidentially reviewed by the DAHA Treasurer and Executive Director. Families granted financial assistance/scholarships are expected to volunteer within the association above and beyond the volunteer/fundraising activities required of all member families.

**Non Payment of Team Assessments Policy**
All outstanding team assessments from players must be paid before the player or any siblings will be allowed to register for next season, or be eligible for financial aid. This also includes any participation in any DAHA-sponsored pre-season camps/clinics

**Insurance**Before registering with DAHA, players are required to register with USA Hockey/Minnesota Hockey first. USA Hockey provides all registered players with secondary insurance. For more information on coverage or for a claim forms, go to: USAhockey.com.

1. Playing rules

A. General. USA Hockey playing rules, as modified by the Minnesota Hockey playing rules, shall apply to Duluth Amateur Hockey Association (DAHA) league games, except as herein modified.

 B. Duluth Girls Hockey Association (DGHA) General Rules.

* 1. The DGHA shall also abide by all applicable Minnesota Girls' and Woman's Hockey Association bylaws, rules and regulations.
	2. Practice Schedule. DGHA shall be givenequal treatment, regarded in good faith and served fairly beside the DAHA boys teams in the scheduling by DAHA Rink Members as *evidenced* by a non-disparate scheduling that reflect both quality and quantity of ice time and the time of scheduled events.
	3. DGHA will declare the number of teams and the levels of play before the start of the Peewee and Bantam tryouts.
	4. It is strongly recommended where girls programs exist that girls registered with DAHA shall play on a DGHA team The only exceptions to such shall be:
1. No DGHA team exists for a girl(s) to register for and play on; or
2. Girls playing on DAHA mites teams.
	1. If a girl chooses to play in the boys program, the decision shall be made prior

to the start of the Squirt, Peewee and Bantam tryouts and shall be in effect for the current season. If there is no try-out for a particular level, the announcement of the team and participation in at least 1 practice will constitute placement on a team. Team placement will be determined according to the rules in effect for the boys teams.

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* 1. The DGHA will be part of all the working groups at the Mite and Squirt levels.DGHA would be able to be involved in player movement to achieve recommended team size in accordance with current DAHA Playing Rules.

 C. Rink Member Boundaries. The DAHA Board of Directors shall establish, and from time to time revise, the boundaries of each Rink Member.

* 1. Such Rink Member boundaries shall be binding upon each Rink Member unless an exception is made by DAHA's Board of Directors.
	2. A map of the Rink Members' boundaries shall be posted at the DAHA office and the annual registration site.
	3. DAHA shall provide each Rink Member with written boundaries of all the Rink Members of DAHA.
	4. The boundaries for Duluth East Youth Hockey, and the Duluth Denfeld Hockey Associations shall be determined by middle and high school boundaries
	5. Any player affected by boundary changes due to school redistricting may complete the remainder of that season at the rink/association at which the season was started. Upon completion of that season, or if changes take place before registration opens for the next season, players will play at their new rink/association.

D. Uniform Colors. All jerseys, pants and socks shall conform to the color scheme for the respective team shown below:

| **RINK MEMBER** | **TEAM COLORS** |
| --- | --- |
| Glen Avon | Red with White |
| Portman | Black with Yellow and White |
| Duluth Squirts | Green with Blue and White |
| Woodland | Green with Black and Yellow |
| Piedmont Heights | Maroon with Gold |
| Gary-Morgan Park | Dark Blue with Gold |
| Duluth Heights | Black with Green and White |
| Duluth East Youth Hockey | Black with Red and White |
| Duluth Denfeld Hockey | Maroon and Gold |
| Ice Breakers | Black with Red, White and Blue |

Any color or graphic changes to jerseys, pants and socks shall be presented to the Rules and Grievance Committee for review and approval. The changes should be a shown on a color rendering representing the changes. Jerseys, pants and socks shall not be ordered until approved by the committee. Failure to follow these rules may result in the loss of use of jerseys, pants or socks.

E. **Gender Equity Policy (Squirt age and above)**Make certain that two properly screened adults are present in the locker room settings to supervise. Arrange to provide the same sex they are to protect.

1. Where possible, have the male and female players undress/dress in separate locker rooms (referee room); then convene in a single dressing room to attend the coach’s pre-game meeting.
2. Once the game is finished, hold the coach’s post-game meeting, then have the male and female players proceed to their separate dressing rooms to undress and shower (if available).
3. In those cases where separate facilities are not available, have one gender enter the locker room first and change into their uniforms. That gender then leaves the locker room while the other gender dresses. Both genders would then reassemble in the locker room for the coach’s pre-game meeting.
4. (Where separate locker room facilities are not available) Following the game and the coach’s post-game meeting, the second gender group enters the locker room and undresses while the first group waits outside until the second group has undressed and left the room. Once the second group leaves, the first group enters the locker room and undresses.

**Note:** Taking turns is a means of “reasonable accommodations” so neither gender is favored

1. Rules for Players
2. Residency Requirements. Players will be eligible to play with an association only if they reside within the boundaries provided by the Duluth Amateur Hockey Association. A player will be deemed to reside within the association boundaries if:
	1. His/her parents are living together and are residing within such league boundaries, OR;
	2. Either of the player's parents (or his/her court-appointed legal guardian) resides within such boundaries.

"Residence," "reside" and "residing" refers to a place of bona fide continuous habitation. A place of residence, once established, shall not be considered changed unless the parents, parent or guardian makes a bona fide change of residence. Residence shall be established and supported by documents from all of the following categories to determine residency of such parent(s) or guardian:

1. Driver's License.
2. Voter's Registration.
3. School Records.
4. Payroll, Welfare or Support Payment Records.
5. Federal, State and Local Tax Records.
6. Homeowner or tenant records.
7. Utility bills.

It is recommended that the association require some proof of residence within the association's boundaries at the time the player registers. Players and their parents/guardians are advised that a false statement of residence may lead to ineligibility to play hockey. Under NO circumstances does ANY person have the authority to grant a waiver that allows a child to play in a local association program IN ANY LEVEL, when that child does not qualify under these residency requirements.

If the claim for residency is challenged documents from all of the above materials must be submitted to Duluth Amateur Hockey Association's Coaches and Players Development and Rules and Grievance Committees, with an affidavit of residency from the parent(s) or guardian, which shall decide the issue. Residency documents must illustrate that the residence (as defined above) was inside the association's boundaries at the time of registration.

B. Falsifying Address: If it is discovered that a player has registered for youth hockey using a false address, the following shall occur:

* 1. The player must provide proof of residency by one or more of the forms listed under DAHA Playing Rules, II - Rules for Players, A(A) - Residency Requirements
	2. If it is proven through the proof provided that the player did register under a false address, the player will be removed from the roster in which they have falsely registered and will be enrolled at the rink associated with their legal residency and pay all required association fees. No reimbursement of fees will be required by the first association to which the player falsely registered.
	3. If they player refuses to return to the rink associated with their legal residence, then that player is ineligible to play for DAHA for the remainder of that hockey season.
	4. After Enrolling at the correct Association, the Rink Director of that Association may - provided that no other player is displaced and no other playing rules are violated as a result - place the player at a lower playing level that the team he/she qualified for originally.
	5. Grievance Committees, with an affidavit of residency from the parent(s) or guardian, which shall decide the issue. Residency documents must illustrate that the residence (as defined above) was inside the association's boundaries at the time of registration.

C. Moving from Residence. If a player has moved to a residence within the boundaries of a different Rink Member, the player may continue to play with his former Rink Member through the current season the player is playing at the time of such move. The player must play with the Rink Member in which the new residence is located upon the start of the next season.

D. Mite Movement

 All reasonable efforts shall be made to have a player play for the Rink Member in which boundaries the player resides.

* + 1. The result of any movement from one rink to another shall be to have an optimum of 8 players per team at the mite 1 level, and an optimum of 9 players per team at the mite 2 level.
		2. The Rink Directors of each working group shall declare the number of teams, levels of teams and players per team within the working group no later than October 25 to the DAHA office. All Rink Directors must designate their approval of the combined plan as indicated by their signatures on the plan submitted to DAHA. A DAHA Commissioner must be involved in the process of developing this plan for purposes of recording any movement of players from one Rink Member to another.
		3. In addition to the rink transfer a mite player may request to register with a team and play on a team outside the working group boundaries of the rink member in which he or she resides. Both working groups along with all rink directors must approve and must sign this agreement.

## **Once a mite player has been transferred to another association that transfer is**

**final.** The player will not be required to ask for a transfer the following year. The player will remain at that association through the playing levels of that association. No additional rink transfer forms are needed for future siblings to also play at the rink they were approved to transfer. This form must be signed by both the Home & Working group rink director in which player is transferring to .

 The receiving association must send DAHA a completed copy of the Rink Transfer Request Form and must also retain a copy on file at their Association.

E. Registration on One Team.

* + 1. No player shall be registered or play on more than one team except if permitted by Minnesota Hockey Rules, a player may be advanced to a higher level team, but once a player is advanced to such team, he or she may not return to the former team. This rule shall apply from the date of fall registration through the date of the final regular season or league playoff game, whichever is later.
		2. No girl shall be permitted to participate on any DGHA team following participation or membership on a DAHA, Minnesota Hockey, or high school team which season ended prior to that of a DGHA team. Individual player registration with the DGHA prior to December 31st shall not grant any girl waiver of such or exacerbate entitlement to participation in the DGHA. In the event of prior payment of registration fees the player shall forfeit all said registration fees and costs.

F. Player Age Limits. The age limit for players at the playing levels are as follows:

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| **Plaving Level** | **Age Limit** |
| --- | --- |
| Junior Gold - USAH HS | 15 prior to July 1, 16 through 18; and 19 on or after July 1 and still in hiqh school |
| Midget | 15 prior to July 1, 16, 17 and 18 on or after July 1 and still in hiqh school |
| **MN** Bantam - USAH Midqet | 13 prior to July 1, 14 and 15 on or after July 1 |
| MN Peewee - USAH Bantam | 11 prior to July 1, 12 and 13 on of after July 1 |
| **MN** Squirt - USAH PeeWee | 9 prior to July 1, 10 and 11 on or after July 1 |
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| **MN** Mite - USAH Squirt | 5 and under, 6,7,8 and 9 on or after July 1 |
| 19 & Under Girls | 16-19 on January 1 |
| Girls MN 16U - USAH 19U | 14-16 on or after July 1 |
| Girls MN 14U - USAH 16U | 12-14 on or after July 1 |
| Girls MN 12U - USAH 14U | 10-12 on or after July 1 |
| Girls **MN** 10U - USAH 12U | 8-10 on or after July 1 |
| Girls MN 8U - USAH 1OU | 8 and under after July 1 |

| Playing Level | Age Limit |
| --- | --- |
| Junior Gold19U | 15-18 year oldsJune 1 (current year - 19) to May 31 (current year - 15) |
| MN Bantam15U | 13-15 year oldsJune 1 (current year - 15) to May 31 (current year - 13) |
| MN PeeWee12U | 11-13 year oldsJune 1 (current year - 13) to May 31 (current year - 11) |
| MN Squirt10U | 9-11 year oldsJune 1 (current year - 11) to May 31 (current year - 9) |
| Mite 2: MN Mite8U | 7-9 year oldsJune 1 (current year - 9) to May 31 (current year - 7) |
| Mite 1: MN Mini-Mite | 5-7 year oldsJune 1 (current year - 7) to May 31 (current year - 5) |
| Mini-Mite | Under 5Born before June 1 of (current year - 5) |

https://www.minnesotahockey.org/page/show/85059-age-charts-and-participation-levels

G. Exceptions

1. USA Hockey, Minnesota Hockey and DAHA age limits for playing levels change on June 1 of each year. Minnesota school age limits for grade change on September 1 of each year. If a player's birth date falls between June 1 and August 31 and the player is enrolled in the grade corresponding to the player's school age, then the player's parents may elect to permit the player to play at the higher playing level, or “peer up”. A written request to have a player move to a higher level must be in the DAHA office no later than September 15 of the playing year and will be addressed by the player and coaches development committee on a case-by-case basis. Recommendations will then be forward to the DAHA Board for its approval. The association reserves the right to make this decision any time prior to the first tryout date.

2.. Mite 2/U8 player to move-up to Squirts/10U:

1. Skaters must be entering the 3rd grade in the fall or the final year of squirt eligibility.
2. This is primarily for skaters showing the appropriate skill level, game understanding, competitiveness, and maturity to be at the squirt level.
3. The skaters will attend a special evaluation session and if the skater is determined to be a candidate for the squirt level of play, they will be ranked among other move- up candidates and invited to attend the first 6 sessions of the fall Squirt Skills session.
4. After the first 6 session and the finalization of the squirt registrations, the squirt committee will review the current registration numbers and determine the appropriate amount of move up skaters to best finalize rosters to an ideal size.
5. The number of maximum skaters allowed to move-up will be limited to 10 percent of the total Squirt level players, however, the committee and the evaluators have the right to move-up less than that in any given year. Candidates for move up will be offered based on their rankings from the independent evaluator(s).
6. Skaters moving up from Mite 2’s will be assigned to skate at the Squirt B-2 level. If a skater would show the exceptional ability to play at the Squirt A or B1 level, they would be allowed to do so.

3. If a player does not have his/her birth date fall between June 1 and August 31, they may have an option to submit a request to move from Squirt to Peewee or Peewee to Bantam if they are in their final year of eligibility at their current playing level, only to try out for the highest level of Peeweeor Bantam play that the players association offers. In order to submit a request these guidelines must be followed:

1. Squirt toPeewee or PeeWee to Bantam - Rink Director seeks approval from the Player Development Committee and the Peewee highest level Coach.

 1. - DAHA or the East Youth Hockey Club or the Denfeld Hockey Association Player Development Committee approves players request to try out.

 2. If the player does not make the top 50% of the highest level Peewee or Bantam team, they must be placed on the lowest level of play at the level of play the player is trying out for and not allowed to return to their age level team

In the event that a player moving up and an age eligible player are tied for a spot on the top level team, the age eligible player will receive the spot on the team. Failure to meet this deadline will result in denial of request. The request will be reviewed by the Rules and Grievance Committee and recommendation presented to the Board of Directors, with a vote to follow. Upon completion of voting, a letter will be sent to the player's parents with the decision.

4. **High School Tryout Policy**
If a player decides to try out for a high school team after the DAHA tryouts have been completed and he/she has been placed on a team roster, they may remain on that team roster as long as they fully participated in their team activities, including practices, scrimmages and games.

If, however, the player does not fully participate in their team’s activities including practices, scrimmages, and games, then their roster position will be considered vacated, and another player may be added to the roster.

If the player does not participate in their team’s activities and has his/her roster position vacated and decides to return to a DAHA team, they will be placed on a B team upon their return.

H. Player Equipment. All players of Rink Members and players of teams from other hockey associations participating in DAHA league play shall wear mouth guards and neck laceration protection at all playing levels.

I. Starting with the 2010-2011 Season, the Duluth Amateur Hockey Association will use the new ISO 709 High School boundaries for division of the Duluth East Youth Hockey Club and the Duluth Denfeld Hockey Association Peewee and Bantam players.

1. Rules for Teams
	1. Team Registration. Each team under the jurisdiction of DAHA shall register and carry insurance as required by Minnesota Hockey Rules.
	2. Player Limit. A team may not have more than 20 players or the number of players permitted by Minnesota Amateur Hockey Association Rules, whichever is less.
	3. Squirt Level Teams
		1. All squirt aged players living within DAHA boundaries will be placed into one group from which all teams will be chosen.
		2. Levels of play and number of teams at each level will be determined before each season by the PCDC
		3. At each level, if more than 1 team is registered, teams will be chosen so that those teams at those levels are even and balanced.
	4. Peewee and Bantam B Level Teams.
		1. If there is a B-2 League, Peewee B-1 and B-2 teams and Bantam B-1 and B-2 teams shall be formed with players residing within the East High School boundaries and players residing within the Denfeld High School boundaries respectively. After team selections are completed including up to two goalies per team, if there are unplaced goalies in one Association and a need for additional goalies in the other, the Rink Directors shall move the extra goalies to fill spots on B-2 (or B-1 if there are no B-2) teams in the other area. This move shall take priority over moving a goalie up in age group and/or placing three goalies from within an Association on the same team. If all teams in an Association have a full (20 player) roster and there are still players without a team, the DAHA Executive Committee has the option of assigning the players to vacancies on B-2 (or B-1 if there are no B-2) teams in the other Association.

 2. If there is a B-2 League, each of such Rink Members shall register a B-1 team before registering a B-2 team in the Bantam and Peewee levels. Upon written request of a Member Rink, the DAHA Board of Directors may permit a Member Rink to register a B-2 team without requiring a B-1 team at the Peewee or Bantam *level.* The request shall set forth the reasons for the request. The Commissioners from the applicable Peewee or Bantam *level* shall investigate the request and shall make a recommendation to the DAHA Board of Directors

 3. If a Rink Member registers more than two teams at a Bantam to Peewee level, the Rink Director of such Rink Member shall propose to the DAHA Board of Directors for approval the number of teams to be registered at each playing level using the following guidelines:

 a. The goal of the division of players between the B-1 and B-2 level is to provide players of comparable ability to play at the same level if there is a B-2 League.

b. Determining the number of B-1 and B-2 level teams, if there is a B-2 League, should be conducted in accordance with DAHA's tryout process, which is to be by assigning players to teams rather than through an elimination or "cutting" process.

 c. In selecting players for such teams, if players are approximately equal in playing ability and there is a B-2 League, the older players shall be selected for the B-1 teams.

 d. If a Rink Member registers more than one team at a level, the players shall be

 divided amongst the teams with the goal that the teams are of equal playing ability.

4. Peewee B and Bantam B level teams are traveling teams and the scheduling of the number and location of games and the number of practices should be reflective of that fact.

5. Each team from a Peewee/Bantam Rink Member shall be registered by such Rink Member and that Rink Member shall be responsible to DAHA for that team.

 D. Peewee and Bantam A-AA Level Teams.

* 1. Peewee A-AA teams and Bantam A-AA teams shall be formed with players residing within the East high school boundaries and players residing within the Denfeld high school boundaries, respectively.
	2. In selecting players for such teams, if players are approximately equal in playing ability, the older players shall be selected for the A-AA teams.

E. Independent Evaluators for Squirt, Peewee, Bantam and DGHA Teams.

* 1. Players for all Squirt, Peewee, Bantam and DGHA *level* teams will be chosen by at least

three independent evaluators. Coaches for the teams at these levels may provide input to the evaluators and may participate in developing evaluation criteria. A head coach may serve as an additional evaluator for choosing players on a team. If the head coach has a family relationship with any player that is being evaluated he/she must *remove* himself/herself from the decision process concerning this player.

* 1. Evaluators must:
		1. Be age 21 or older
		2. Have coaching or playing experience in hockey
		3. Attend all evaluation sessions for the *level* or team
		4. Not have a family relationship or previous coaching of any player being evaluated.

 3. DAHA will appoint or approve the appointment of all independent evaluators for the Squirt, Peewee, Bantam and DGHA try-outs

F. Standard of Review. In determining whether to grant or deny a Rink Member's Request under this. Section Ill, the Board of Directors shall consider the skill level of the players, the effects on such players and the effects on the other players and teams at the affected playing level.

G. Newly Formed Team. When a Rink Member forms a team in playing level in which it did not form a team in the previous year, the players who played at another Rink Member in the previous year are required to play for the Rink Member in which he or she resides.

IV. Rules for Games

DAHA Peewee and Bantam teams shall play in the District 11 League.

A. Length of Periods:

1. Bantam & Girls 14 or 15 U - (3) 15 minute periods with 1 resurface. One time out per game per team is permitted. Time stops in the event of an injury. Scheduled game length will be two (2) hours with a resurface of the ice.
2. PeeWee & 12 U - (3) 15 minute period with no resurface. One time out per game per team is permitted. Time stops in the event of an injury. Scheduled game length will be one & one half (1½) hours with no resurface of the ice.
3. Squirts & 10 U - (3) 12 minute periods with no resurface. One time out per game per team is permitted. Time stops in the event of an injury. Scheduled game length will be one (1) hour with no resurface of the ice.
4. Period Intermission. Each intermission between the first and second periods and between the second and third period shall be three minutes.

B. Penalties

1. Bantam & Girls 14 or 15 U
	1. Minor: two (2) minutes
	2. Major: five (5) minutes
	3. Misconduct: ten (10) minutes
2. PeeWee & 12 U
	1. Minor: one & one-half (1:30) minutes
	2. Major: three (3) minutes
	3. Misconduct: seven (7) minutes
3. Squirts & 10 U
	1. Minor: one (1) minute
	2. Major: three (3) minutes
	3. Misconduct: seven (7) minutes



1. Overtime. One 8 minute sudden death running time period will be used when the game is tied at the end of regulation. When playing in the playoffs for the league championships, overtime will be played. Overtime periods will be 5-minute sudden death with at least 3 minutes between periods.
2. Priority of Games. A team's first obligation is to play in the DAHA league games and these games take precedence over non-league games. A team failing to play a scheduled indoor game forfeits the game and pays the full fee for ice time and game officials. If a scheduled indoor game is not played and neither team shows for the game, the game costs will be split equally between the two teams.
3. Postponed Games. For exceptional circumstances, games may be postponed and rescheduled by mutual agreement of the coaches of the teams involved, with the approval of the Commissioners. These teams will be charged for the scheduled ice time at an indoor arena unless DAHA is able to sell such ice time. The teams will be charged for the game officials unless they give a forty eight (48) hour notice of the cancellation to the DAHA office.
4. Failure to Show. A team failing to show for a game on time automatically forfeits the game and no rescheduling will be permitted. All games must start within 15 minutes of the scheduled time unless otherwise directed by the referee.
5. Referees. The referees are scheduled by the Northeast Hockey Officials Association (NEHOA) for all indoor games. Rink Members hosting games will furnish the referees and timekeepers for all outdoor games. The Rink Member hosting the game shall attempt to have certified referees at all games.
6. Score Sheets. All league games shall be scored via the GameSheet scoring app. Once the game is complete when using GameSheet the game will automatically update to the league standings on the District 11 website. If you are not scoring the game with an internet connection, you will need to obtain a connection with your iPad within 24 hours to complete the upload to the league standings. Failure to report the late game score within 72 hours will result in a forfeit of the game for the home team and they will be awarded zero points in addition to a fine.

If the GameSheet app is not available or unable to be used due to inclement weather, a 4-ply score sheet will be used at all DAHA league games. Score sheets must be signed by each official after the game is complete and before copies are distributed. The game scorer will distribute one copy of the score sheet to each coach, one copy to the DAHA office, and the referees will keep one copy.

1. Rink Condition. A reasonable effort should be made on the part of the Rink Member hosting a game to have the rink in as good a playing condition as possible, consistent with prevailing weather. A gross deficiency in rink playing conditions can be a reason for a protest.
2. Other Associations. DAHA Rules shall apply to all league games not withstanding the games are played against teams from other hockey associations and/or are played at the other hockey association's ice facilities.
3. Disputes and Protests.
	1. Any team using an ineligible player or carrying an ineligible player on its roster will forfeit the game.
	2. All disputes will be filed with the Rules and Grievance Committee within 48 hours of the game protested. The protest must be in writing and signed by the coach and the Rink Director of the Rink Member. A copy of the protest shall be provided to the Rink Director of the non-protesting team and the chairman of the Rink Association Advisory Committee. The Rules and Grievance Committee shall, within 7 days, gather the facts and make a decision and communicate the decision in writing to the interested parties, including the Rink Directors of the teams in the protested game and the chairman of the Rink Association Advisory Committee.
	3. In the event of a dispute during a game, the manager or coach of the team will

notify the referee that the game is being played under protest and will finish the game. Should the team fail to complete the game; the team will automatically lose the game and forfeit its right to protest.

* 1. Any hardship caused by these Rules may be appealed to the DAHA Board of Directors.
1. Number of Games
	1. The playing rules require that a maximum number of games, to include tournaments/jamborees, and scrimmages be played as follows:

Level 1 Mites

Level 2 Mites

Squirts

25 games

25 games

35 games

* 1. The definition of a game - when two teams are on the ice, including

a "controlled scrimmage" will be considered a game. Not included in the number of games played, will be the DAHA scheduled playoff games at the end of the season.

* 1. The teams in these classifications will also be allowed controlled scrimmages with a

 "controlled scrimmage" is defined as a contest between two teams wherein at

least one coach from each team is always on the ice during the scrimmage and where the scrimmage may be stopped at any time to permit coaching activities.

* 1. The Rink Director for each rink shall be responsible for monitoring the number of games at each level.

6. Rinks whose teams do not adhere to this rule will be subject to punitive action, in accordance with Section V, paragraph 1 of the DAHA Playing Rules.

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