

BY-LAWS OF THE CENTRAL UPPER PENINSULA HOCKEY LEAGUE

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1. MEETINGS

Requirements and specifications are contained in Central Upper Peninsula Hockey League (CUPHL) Constitution Articles VI, VII, X, XV, XVII and XIX. Representation at the Fall Scheduling Meeting and Spring Annual Meeting is mandatory for all member associations.

2. MONETARY MATTERS

- (a) Performance Bonds: Upon approval of membership in the CUPHL, each member association shall post a \$200 cash bond as a guaranty of their participation in scheduled games, proper filing of game results, and other participatory requirements which may be established by the Board of Directors.
- (b) Annual Association Dues: A yearly operational expense fee is due and payable by each CUPHL member association at the Fall Scheduling Meeting. These monies shall be used for CUPHL expenses such as trophies, engraving, phone bills, postage, office supplies and other reasonable expenses incurred in the operation of the CUPHL, as approved by the Board of Directors. At its discretion, the Board of Directors may waive payment of the annual operational expense fee.
- (c) Penalty for Lack of Attendance at Meetings: Each member association must be represented by its CUPHL Director or an eligible substitute, defined in the CUPHL Constitution in Article VI, Section 3 and Article VII, Section 1(d), at both the Fall Scheduling Meeting and the Spring Annual Meeting. In the case of emergencies or extenuating circumstances, an excused absence may be requested in advance from any member of the Executive Committee. Lacking an excused absence, associations that are not represented at a mandatory meeting will be assessed a fine of \$50.

3. SCHEDULING PROCEDURES

- (a) Yearly Schedule: CUPHL game schedules shall be drawn up yearly at the Fall Scheduling Meeting. Game schedules, including sub-divisions and number of games within divisions, shall be agreed upon by consent of the Board of Directors at the Fall Scheduling Meeting.
- (b) Changes to Schedule: The CUP League is complicated, and team and rink schedules are very inflexible after the season starts. Therefore, changes to the posted schedules should only occur when absolutely necessary. Acceptable reasons include, but are not limited to:
- A mistake by the Scheduler that results in the ice or a team being unavailable;
 - An unavoidable change in the ice availability (including maintenance issues) or rink schedule that results in the ice or a team being unavailable;
 - A team gaining entry into a District or State Tournament that conflicts with a regularly-scheduled game;
 - An inability to obtain referees.

Other acceptable reasons for changing the schedules require obtaining the approval of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors.

Unacceptable reasons for changing the posted schedules include, but are not limited to:

- Teams deciding to enter invitational tournaments instead of playing a regularly-scheduled game;
- Teams deciding to play other exhibition games instead of playing a regularly-scheduled game;
- Anticipated absence of key players or coaches;
- Player illness;
- Any other issue where the team or Scheduler does not obtain the approval of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors.

In these cases, failure to play the originally scheduled games shall constitute a forfeit by the canceling team.

Any changes to the established schedule for acceptable reasons listed above, or approved by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors shall be coordinated through the involved teams association representatives to the CUPHL. The home team's coach, representative and association Scheduler will confer to determine available and suitable alternatives to the non-acceptable game date and/or time. The visiting team's association representative will be advised of these options and will work with the affected coach to determine the best alternative. Upon final agreement between the two teams association representatives and their affected coaches, and the home team's association Scheduler, the revised game date and/or time will be scheduled. If an acceptable revised game date cannot be agreed upon, based on good faith negotiations, the team that canceled the original game(s) shall forfeit the games, excluding the exceptions discussed in Section 3(d), below.

- (c) Postponement of Games: Scheduled games may be postponed only for the reason of severe inclement weather, where travel would jeopardize the safety of the players. Coaches must notify the opposing team of the postponement as soon as possible. Postponed games shall be rescheduled as soon as possible. No fines or penalties are applicable in legitimate weather-related postponement cases.
- (d) Cancellation of Games: Scheduled games should not be cancelled; this results in an uneven number of games being played in a division, and the associated difficulty in fairly determining final standings. Cancellation of a scheduled or postponed game by one team shall constitute forfeiture by the canceling team. The only exceptions to this forfeiture are:
 - (i) Severe inclement weather;
 - (ii) Cases where games are scheduled in March, and one of the teams cannot play the games because they are representing the District in the State Playoffs.

In both of these cases, good faith efforts shall be made to reschedule the games. If an acceptable revised game date cannot be agreed upon, these games will be voided, and neither team shall receive any points. In this case, the division standings will still rank teams by the highest number of points, not the highest winning percentage. If the inability to reschedule games scheduled in March due to the State Playoffs impacts the standings and the division champions, the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors may appoint co-champions (the team that is in first place, and another team that would have been able to obtain first place or a tie for first place if they were able to play the games scheduled in March.)

- (e) Forfeiture Procedures: CUPHL teams, whether home or visitor, shall be deemed to have forfeited a scheduled game if they fail to appear and play such a game, according to the rules and exceptions listed in Sections 3(b), 3(c), and 3(d) of these by-laws. The non-absent offended team shall prepare completely an official game scoresheet with exception only to the section for the player roster and coach's name of the absent offending team. The score shall be recorded as "1" for the non-absent offended team and "0" for the absent offending team. Additionally, the statement "Game Forfeit", or other statement that includes the word "Forfeit", shall be written on such game scoresheets. The forfeit result shall be communicated to the Secretary-Statistician by procedures approved by the Board of Directors.
- (f) Forfeiture Fines: There will be no financial penalty if the forfeiting team gives the opposing team coach or scheduler at least 48 hours notice that they will not be playing the games. If notice is not given at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled game time, the offending forfeiting team shall be fined \$200 per game, which amount shall be withdrawn from the CUPHL bond account and disbursed as specified in Section 2(a). These fines are meant to compensate the non-offending team for ice costs, referee costs, and travel costs in cases where they travel and are unable to play games. The forfeiting fined team must then deposit a like amount with the CUPHL Treasurer to re-build their performance bond to the required \$200 level, and thus remain a member in good standing as required by CUPHL Constitution Articles IV and VI.

4. RINK, ARENA, AND GAME PLAYING REGULATIONS

- (a) Games shall be played under current USA Hockey regulations, as well as the local USA Hockey District or USA Hockey Affiliate regulations of the rink location. Examples: All league games played in Michigan are played according to USA Hockey and MAHA regulations. All league games played in Wisconsin are played according to USA Hockey and WAHA game regulations.
- (b) 10U games shall consist of three 13-minute periods of stop-time play. Initial warm-up time shall be a minimum of 2 minutes, and rest times between periods shall be a minimum of 2 minutes.
- (c) All other levels (12U, 14U, 16U, 18U, 19U girls) games shall consist of three 15-minute periods of stop-time play. Initial warm-up time shall be a minimum of 2 minutes, and rest times between periods shall be a minimum of 2 minutes.
- (d) Ice resurfacing shall be scheduled at the discretion of the home-team scheduler and arena manager.
- (e) In the event that an arena is running behind schedule, the arena manager may shorten periods of play, or conduct running time periods, provided both teams' coaches have been so notified.
- (f) Mercy Rule: A team's coach has the option of demanding, and being granted, the continuance of play under running time if after the 2nd period his or her team is behind by more than a 7-goal margin.
- (g) Games tied after regulation time shall end and be declared a tie, with each team receiving one point.

5. GAME OFFICIALS

- (a) On-ice officials shall be provided consistent with USA Hockey regulations.
- (b) The home team shall provide sufficient competent and unbiased officials present in the scorekeeper's box to properly time and record each game, including the proper operation of the penalty boxes.

6. PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING GAME RESULTS AND MAINTAINING RECORDS

- (a) Each team competing in the CUPHL shall designate a representative who will communicate game results to the Secretary-Statistician. This representative shall communicate game scores for both home and away games to the Secretary-Statistician via procedures agreed upon by the Board of Directors at the Fall Scheduling Meeting and posted publicly.
- (b) In the event of a conflict in posted game results or standings, the team representative shall contact the Secretary-Statistician to determine if a simple mistake in posting results or calculating standings has occurred. If this does not resolve the conflict, the complaining team's association must mail a copy of the physical scoresheet(s) to the Secretary-Statistician with a full explanation of the conflict.

- (c) It is the responsibility of each association to retain copies of all CUPHL game scoresheets played at their facilities until May 1, at the end of each season, in order to resolve potential conflicts. In cases where game results cannot be verified by all means at the disposal of the Secretary-Statistician, the home team that has not reported game results to the Secretary-Statistician by approved procedures will be considered to have forfeited those games.

7. PROTESTS OF GAME RESULTS

- (a) A formal protest of a game result must be reported to any member of the CUPHL Executive Committee within 72 hours of the completion of the game in question. Initial protest requests must include: Day, date, time and location of the game, teams involved, and details of the protest.
- (b) Within 7 days of the completion of the game in question, the protester must provide the CUPHL Executive Committee with a copy of the game scoresheet and any further information related to the protest.
- (c) Protests will not be considered if based solely upon a judgment call of a referee.
- (d) Only protests of actions or circumstances that directly affected the outcome (win/tie/loss) of games will be considered.
- (e) The CUPHL Commissioner may act upon protests by personal, phone, e-mail, or written consultation with other Officers and Directors, or by calling a Special Meeting to decide the matter. Final decision on all protests shall be made within two weeks of receipt of all protest materials (including the scoresheet), and the petitioner shall be duly notified.

8. AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

As specified in the CUPHL Constitution, Article XIX, these By-Laws may be amended by a minimum 2/3 favorable vote of the Board of Directors, at either the Spring Annual Meeting or the Fall Scheduling Meeting, provided that written notice has been given to each Director at least 10 days prior thereto.