



DISTRICT THREE

DISTRICT 3

BELTLINE HOCKEY LEAGUE

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DISTRICT 3 BELTLINE HOCKEY LEAGUE - ARTICLES

The representatives of a hockey league geographically located by the Minnesota Hockey as District 3 hereby adopts the following articles of league formation:

ARTICLE I

The name of the hockey league shall be “DISTRICT 3 BELTLINE HOCKEY LEAGUE.”

ARTICLE II

The following communities shall be eligible to participate in the said league under the assigned association.

Brooklyn Center	Minnetrista
Brooklyn Park	Mound
Columbia Heights	New Hope
Crystal	Orono
Delano	Osseo
Fridley	Plymouth
Golden Valley	Robbinsdale
Hopkins	Rockford
Maple Grove	St. Louis Park
Mayer	Watertown
Minneapolis	Wayzata

ARTICLE III

The membership of the league shall be comprised of all participating teams, coaches, managers, and recreation officers. The following associations are presently represented in the Beltline Hockey League.

Armstrong Cooper	Osseo Maple Grove
Crow River	St. Louis Park
Hopkins	Southwest
Mound Westonka	Washburn
North Metro	Wayzata
Orono	

In voting matters, each program represented in the league shall be allowed one vote. The Supervisor of Officials of the Beltline Hockey Referee Association shall be allowed one vote.

Therefore, there will be a maximum of twelve (12) votes cast, except in the event of a tie, where the League President shall cast the deciding vote.

In accordance with the Blake School hockey agreement with Hopkins Youth Hockey Association, Blake can only compete at the Bantam “B” level.

ARTICLE IV

District 3 Beltline Hockey League shall abide by and act in accord with the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, Playing Rules and decisions of the Board of Directors of Minnesota Hockey, and such documents and decisions shall take precedence over and supersede all similar governing documents and/or decisions of District 3 Beltline Hockey League. Further, District 3 Beltline Hockey League shall assist Minnesota Hockey in the administration and enforcement of the provisions of the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, Playing Rules and decisions of the Board of Directors of Minnesota Hockey, within and upon its members and/or within its jurisdiction and agrees to be guided by the core values of Minnesota Hockey.

ARTICLE V

The purposes of this hockey league are:

- A. To encourage and improve the standard of ice hockey in all levels of District 3.
- B. To select representative teams to participate in the Minnesota Hockey Annual District 3 Tournament.
- C. To follow Minnesota Hockey rules, regulations and policies as closely as possible, to form a united hockey association within the state of Minnesota.
- D. To assist the District 3 Director in conducting the District 3 Tournament, as well as helping the Director in other District activities that the league members may be called upon to perform.
- E. The District Director may designate an alternate director to assist him in the performance of his duties as provided under Minnesota Hockey By-laws, Article 4 – Board of Directors.
- F. The District President may designate an alternate to assist him in the performance of his duties as provided under Minnesota Hockey By-laws, Article 4 – Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI

The league shall afford no financial profit to any of its members or officers.

ARTICLE VII

The duration of this league shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE VIII

The number of representatives presiding over the league activities shall be determined by the number of associations participating within the league. There must be a representative for each participating association of the league. The District Board made up of representatives shall elect an Executive Committee consisting of a District Director, President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Administrative Secretary. The term of office for the District Director shall be three (3) years according to Minnesota Hockey guidelines. The term of office of the President shall be two (2) years. The term of office of the officers and representatives shall be for one (1) year. The new representatives and officers shall assume the league administration immediately after the May league meeting.

The Executive Committee (Director, President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Administrative Secretary) of District 3 shall not hold any voting positions with any District 3 Associations while in office.

ARTICLE IX

Association Representatives shall be appointed to office for their respective association through their community's hockey association, hockey booster club, athletic association of Park and Recreation Director. In the event of a disputed representative, the legal membership for that particular association, as outlined in Article III of these District 3 Articles, shall caucus and elect their representative to represent their association.

ARTICLE X

It shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer and the League representatives to administrate the funds of the league treasury as well as the portion of the District 3 treasury that is reserved for the use of hockey in District 3.

It shall be the responsibility of the Recording Secretary to handle all league correspondence with league members.

It shall be the responsibility of the Administrative Secretary to prepare and distribute all District 3 forms required during the season.

It shall be the responsibility of the league representatives to act as the liaison between the teams and their association and the league President, Secretary and Treasurer in matters pertaining to player and team registration, referee registration, etc.

It shall be the responsibility of the Executive committee to see that the league rules are presented to the league representatives each year and complied with by the individual coaches and teams playing within the league.

A Coaches Achievement Program Coordinator (Coach in Chief) will be appointed annually by the District 3 Director to coordinate all efforts in the USA Hockey/Minnesota Hockey/District 3 Achievement Program as directed by the District 3 Director and Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XI

Monthly league meetings will be called during the months of August through June and any other month deemed necessary by the District Director or three (3) or more association representatives. In addition to the regular league meetings there shall be a league coaches/managers meeting prior to Thanksgiving. Failure of a rostered coach from each A & B team to attend the District 3 coaches/managers Fall meeting will result in a one (1) game suspension for the Head Coach, to be served the first league game.

ARTICLE XII

The District 3 Beltline Hockey League's Articles and Rules and Regulations shall be set down in writing annually and distributed at the August meeting with proposed changes being approved at the September meeting. They may be changed at authorized meetings by a majority vote of the league representatives present, providing a quorum of the league representatives is present. A quorum shall be more than one half of the total Representatives as provided in Article V. It shall be the duty of the Administrative Secretary to re-write the Article and Rules and Regulations when such changes are made and revised copies given to the representatives of the league within a period of three weeks after such changes are made.

ARTICLE XIII

The District 3 Beltline Hockey League will be comprised of an "A" and "B" league in all age groups, if there are enough teams to participate in each category.

ARTICLE XIV

A separate District “C” league will be comprised of registered “C” teams in the Squirt, PeeWee and Bantam levels provided there are enough teams to participate in each level. A “C” league coordinator shall be appointed by the District 3 Director and approved by the District 3 board at the May league meeting. The coordinator shall coordinate “C” league activities in accordance with established District 3 “C” league rules and regulation. The respective association representatives should promote “C” league interests at the District board level.

ARTICLE XV

The District Girls Coordinator will serve as a liaison between Minnesota Hockey Girl’s League and local associations with the planning and development of Girls Hockey in the District.

Duties:

Pro-actively promote girls participation in the sport of hockey as another opportunity for development.

Help associations coordinate registration, classification, scheduling and waivers for girls.

Work directly with Minnesota Hockey Girl’s League and serve on its’ committees.

Assist the District Director in deciding local issues regarding girl’s hockey.

Each District 3 hockey association is strongly encouraged to appoint to their board a Girls Coordinator.

DISTRICT 3 BELTLINE HOCKEY LEAGUE – RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. REGISTRATION

1.1 ASSOCIATION AND TEAM

- 1.1.1 Must be from within the District 3 boundaries as outlined by Minnesota Hockey.
- 1.1.2 Must register with the District 3 Associate Registrar by completing the Minnesota Hockey Association and the USA Hockey Team Registration forms and paying the fees as designated by Minnesota Hockey and USA Hockey.
- 1.1.3. District 3 Associations are to use Beltline Hockey Referee Association referees for any games played at their home rink (s). This includes try-out scrimmages, exhibition games (scrimmages), tournament games and league games. Exceptions with the approval of the Beltline Hockey Referee Association President or District 3 Director.
- 1.1.4 Must pay referees fees as designated by the league.
- 1.1.5 Must, at all levels of play, participate in District 3 league play and the District 3 end of season tournament. Failure to comply will result in sanctions, as determined by the District Director, against the team and/or the Home Association.

1.2 PENALTIES

- 1.2.1 The penalty for not registering players or paying fees as outlined in the Minnesota Hockey Handbook will be FORFEITURE of all league games until registration and/or payment is complete.
- 1.2.2 The playing of a player not listed on the current roster shall be cause for FORFEITURE of all league games played including the game in which the violation occurred.
- 1.2.3. The District Director and/or the District President may assess a \$25 late payment fee when forms, payments, etc. are not delivered to the Director by the established deadline.

- 1.2.4. The District Director and/or the District President may assess a three (3) game suspension to any head coach who deliberately forfeits a league game.

2. GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

A Grievance Committee shall be established to hear protests, resolve disputes and suspensions and conduct discipline hearings. The voting committee shall consist of a Grievance Committee Chairperson, nominated by the League President and confirmed by the Board, the District Administrator, an Association Representative to be selected for each hearing date (rotating). The District Director, League President and the Association Representative of the involved hockey association may attend Grievance Committee meetings, but are not entitled to vote. The Supervisor of Officials, or designate, must also attend all Grievance Committee meetings and participate in discussions concerning playing rules of USA Hockey, Minnesota Hockey and District 3.

2.1 PROTESTS REGARDING TEAM OR PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1.1 Protests regarding team or player eligibility may be lodged at any time during the playing season. They must be in writing and be submitted to the League President.
- 2.1.2 The Grievance Committee will provide proper notification to all affected parties within 24 hours.
- 2.1.3 The Grievance Committee will act and render a decision on the protest within ten (10) days from the filing of the protest.

2.2 PROTESTS REGARDING RULE INTERPRETATION

- 2.2.1 Protests related to supplemental penalties assessed due to the severity of an infraction will not be considered.
- 2.2.2 The protesting coach must notify the game referees immediately of his intention to protest, at which time the referee will notify the timekeeper so that the actual time of protest can be noted on the records.
- 2.2.3 The protesting coach must call the League President immediately after the game and then submit a complete letter of fact within 24 hours after the game.

- 2.2.4 The Grievance Committee will provide proper notification to all affected parties within 24 hours.
- 2.2.5 The Grievance Committee shall, within ten (10) days, act and render a decision upon the protest.

3. BOUNDARIES

Minnesota Hockey is a community-based program as outlined in Minnesota Hockey Youth Rules and Regulations, IV PARTICIPATION. District 3 Beltline Hockey League team and player eligibility will be determined by the applicable associations Minnesota Hockey's affiliate agreement.

- 3.1 Players may be waived to fill out rosters of other District 3 Associations. To be eligible, players must:
 - 3.1.1 Complete all tryout(s) with their home association.
 - 3.1.2 Not be assigned to an A or B level team in their home association.
 - 3.1.3 Receive mutual agreement of the two (2) participating associations and submit a waiver form to the District Director.
 - 3.1.4 Not participate in any further tryouts. Player must automatically be assigned to an A or B level team.
 - 3.1.5 Waiver will be for one (1) playing season only. There shall be no commitment for any future years or other siblings.
 - 3.1.6 An Association President may petition the District Director extenuating circumstances regarding waivers.
- 3.2 Players residing within the boundaries of one Minnesota Hockey District may not participate on a team within the boundaries of another Minnesota Hockey District. Exceptions may be granted but only after proper procedure has been followed. Respective Association Representatives must contact the District 3 Director prior to the initiating of a player transfer out of District 3.

4. PLAYING RULES

- 4.1. USA Hockey rules, as amended by Minnesota Hockey and District 3 Beltline Hockey League, shall be used.
 - 4.1.1. If a scrimmage game is played with a team from outside the home association (e.g. extended try-out scrimmage), the procedure for players assessed minor penalties may be adjusted to provide the maximum opportunity for the players to display their skills. Major, game misconduct or match penalty assessments must be served by the offending player in accordance with the provision of the USA Hockey rulebook. The offending player must serve the appropriate penalty time in the penalty box, but the player can be replaced to maintain the on-ice strength.
 - 4.1.2. In the event a coach receives a game misconduct penalty, the referee will inform him that he has ten (10) seconds to vacate the player's box. Failing to leave the box the coaches' team will receive a bench minor penalty. If the coach still has not left the players box, the referee will inform him that he has ten (10) seconds to leave. If the coach fails to leave, his team shall forfeit the game.
 - 4.1.3. If a fighting penalty is assessed by a referee during a league game, the individual receiving the penalty will automatically be suspended for the next three (3) previously scheduled games on the first offense, the next five (5) previously scheduled games on the second offense and for the remainder of the season on the third offense. Other games will follow USA Hockey guidelines (one (1) game suspension). These suspensions are minimal subject to review by the District 3 Director. The exception will be Junior Gold, where the Minnesota Hockey/Metro League rules for fighting penalties and suspensions will apply.
 - 4.1.4 All District 3 Beltline Hockey League games shall be played on indoor ice.
 - 4.1.5 Penalty times are according to USA Hockey rules.
 - 4.1.6 After all league games, the home team will go back to the bench after shaking hands, until the visiting team has left the ice.
 - 4.1.7 No league team shall be allowed to play in another league outside the

District 3 Beltline League without approval from the District Director. This does not include invitational tournaments, VFW play downs of VFW State Tournament or leagues jointly sponsored by District 3 Beltline and others.

4.1.8 All players of a team must have similar colored jerseys. The District 3 patch must be displayed on the left upper arm of the jersey. The home team shall wear their light colored jerseys; the visiting team shall wear their dark colored jerseys. All players of a team must have similar colored socks, if available.

4.1.9 Each team will provide two workers for each game. The home team will provide the appropriate time keeping device, a timekeeper, and a horn or whistle to signal the end of the period. The visiting team shall provide a scorekeeper, score keeping forms and supplies. Each team shall provide one (1) penalty box attendant. The game shall not begin until the above-mentioned items have been provided.

4.1.10 All District 3 league games will be used to determine final league standings based on the Minnesota Hockey Youth “Playing Rules – Fair Play.”

4.2 LEAGUE GAME TIME

4.2.1 GAME GUIDELINES BY LEVEL

	Jr Gold/19U	Bantams/14U	Peewees/12U	Squirts/10U	Mites/8U
Games	No game limit	No game limit	No game limit	35 game limit (see MH Handbook)	15 game limit (includes jamborees)
Game Length	Per Metro League guidelines 1 ½ hr. games	3 – 15 min. stop 1 ½ hr. games C League 1 hour games, 3 – 11 min. stop	3 – 12 min. stop 1 hr. games	3 – 12 min. stop 1 hr. games	3 – 12 min. stop 1 hr. games
Referees	3 man system 19B – 2 man system	2 man system Bantam A & B1 3 man system	2 man system	2 man system	2 man system
3 Penalties per Game Rule	Yes	No	No	No	No
Overtime (league games)	No	No	No	No	No

- 4.2.2 One (1) hour of ice time will be provided for all league games, except Bantams and 14 & Under teams, as described in 4.2.2. The PeeWee, 12 & Under and below classifications will play 3 periods of twelve (12) minutes stop time each.
- 4.2.3 Bantams and 14 & Under games will consist of three (3) periods of fifteen (15) minutes stop time (one and one half (1-½) hours of ice time). Ice will be resurfaced after either the first or second period or a minimum of every two (2) periods for consecutive games.
- 4.2.4 The game shall be considered over when the provided three periods have been played or when the allotted one (1) hour of ice time has expired on the designated hour clock. (one and one half (1-½) hour for Bantams and 14 & Under A games). Provided a digital or electronic clock is available, that will be considered the hour clock. Any other clock being used shall be established prior to the start of the game by the referee and communicated to both team coaches and timekeeper.
- 4.2.5 There will be a five (5) minute warm-up period prior to the start of the game, and a one (1) minute rest between all periods excluding resurfacing. For games where the ice is resurfaced, play will resume immediately after the teams return to the ice.
- 4.2.6 In the event there is a six (6) goal differential in the third period, running time will be implemented. If the goal differential becomes less than six (6) goals, stop time will resume.
- 4.2.7 No time outs will be allowed during league games.
- 4.2.8 There will be no overtime periods during regular season league play.
- 4.2.9 In circumstances where the ice time expires before all three (3) periods of a game are played, the game will be considered complete if a minimum of two (2) full periods of the game have been played. These circumstances include delays due to injuries or arena problems, and games suspended by the referees. Games which have not completed two (2) full periods will be rescheduled and played as a new game (starting with a 0 to 0 score). Both teams will share the cost of the new game.

4.3 REPORTING SCORES – (A & B TEAMS ONLY)

4.3.1 It is the responsibility of both teams to report the score of a league game to the District 3 Administrator within 24 hours of the game. It is also the responsibility of both teams to mail/fax the score sheet to the District 3 Administrator within three (3) days of all league games.

4.3.2 A Minnesota Hockey approved score sheet must be used for all games, i.e. scrimmages, tryout scrimmages, league games or tournament games.

5. SCHEDULED CHANGES

5.1 Failure to appear for an officially scheduled league game, without the approval of the League President, shall constitute forfeiture of that game. A ten (10) minute grace period, which includes the five (5) minute warm-up period, shall be allowed from the official starting time before the referees call the game.

5.2 A scheduled league game shall not begin until at least two (2) referees are on the ice. A ten (10) minute grace period shall be allowed for the referees to appear. After the grace period, the game shall be rescheduled. The home team shall be responsible for rescheduling the game.

5.3 A mutually agreed postponed game must be rescheduled fourteen (14) days prior to the original scheduled date. The Referee Scheduler must be notified, using the rescheduling format located on the District 3 web page. A \$50.00 fee, checks payable to Beltline Referee Association, must be paid to the Beltline Hockey Referee Association prior to rescheduling of the game by the team requesting the change, before the game will be officially changed.

Games postponed with less than 48 hours notice prior to scheduled time will be fined an additional \$50.00. Monies collected will be designated to a special fund by the District President.

5.4 In the event that the weather is such that it might be hazardous to the health of the participants, the game may be officially postponed. The coach wishing to postpone the game must contact the opposing coach. Each coach must contact the League President at least one and one half (1 ½) hours prior to game time. The League President will make the final decision and notify each coach. No appeal will be allowed. If the game is postponed, the League President will notify the referee scheduler. Both teams will share ice time cost equally.

- 5.5 A scheduled game, canceled for reasons beyond control of the teams involved (no referee, arena ice cancellation, etc.) must reschedule within nine (9) days. No fee will be charged.
- 5.6 A team may not reschedule more than two (2) games per season.
- 5.7 All league games for the teams participating in the District 3 tournament must be completed by the last day of the season. In the event that the entire league schedule is not completed prior to District 3 playoffs, the Director and League President will determine the tournament participants. This action will only be taken when the incomplete games affect the final league standings, which in turn affect the tournament participants.
- 5.8 All rescheduled games must comply with stated playing rules.
- 5.9 LEAGUE STANDINGS
 - 5.9.1 All District 3 league games will be used to determine final league standings based on the Minnesota Hockey Youth “Playing Rules – Fair Play.”

6. INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

- 6.1 A Tournament Coordinator shall be appointed by the League President to review and approve tournament application and forward to the Minnesota Hockey Tournaments Vice President.
- 6.2 All invitational tournaments conducted in District 3 shall be registered with and sanctioned by Minnesota Hockey and USA Hockey.
- 6.3 A mandatory tournament director’s meeting will be held each year in October. Failure to attend will result in forfeiture of tournament sanctioning for that season.
- 6.4 A \$100 fine, payable to the Beltline Referee Hockey Association, will be assessed to any association that alters an invitational tournament bracket with less than twenty one (21) days notification.

7. DISTRICT AND REGIONAL TOURNAMENT ENTRIES

7.1 DISTRICT 3 TOURNAMENTS

- 7.1.1 Teams advancing to a Minnesota Hockey Regional or State Tournament will participate in an 8-team end of season tournament. Leagues that exceed this number will participate in a play down prior to the start of the tournament, with lowest finishing league finishers participating.
- 7.1.2 Teams not advancing to a Minnesota Hockey Regional or State Tournament will participate in a District 3 end of season tournament.
- 7.1.3 In the District 3 Pee wee, Bantam, 12 & Under and 14 & Under Tournaments, the Home Team, throughout the tournament, will be the team that finished highest in the league standings. Home team will wear light colored jerseys.
- 7.1.4 Squirt A, B1, B2, 10 & Under A and 10 & Under B teams will be placed into an End of Season Tournament Bracket by a blind draw. This will be conducted at the December District 3 meeting with all associations participating.

7.2 When District 3 seeds one (1) team to a Regional Tournament.

7.2.1 It shall be the District 3 Tournament Champion

7.3 When District 3 seeds two (2) teams to a Regional Tournament.

7.3.1 The first seed shall be the District 3 Tournament Champion.

7.3.2 The second seed shall be the District 3 Tournament Runner-up.

7.4 When District 3 seed three (3) teams to a Regional Tournament.

7.4.1 The first seed shall be the District 3 Tournament Champion.

7.4.2 The second seed shall be the District 3 Tournament Runner-up.

7.4.3 The third seed shall be the District 3 Tournament third place team.

8. DISCIPLINE POLICY

- 8.1 GAME MISCONDUCT AND PENALTIES – Player or team official is suspended for the NEXT scheduled game. All game misconduct penalties/match penalties will be reported by the Head Coach within 24 hours to the Supervisor of Officials and in writing, either by fax or e-mail, within 48 hours. Failure to comply will result in an additional one (1) game suspension for the Head Coach.
- 8.2 MATCH PENALTIES
- 8.2.1 Per USA Hockey rules: a player or team official incurring a match penalty shall be suspended from participating in any further games, or other team activities until the case has been dealt with by the proper authorities. All match penalties will be reported by the Head Coach within 24 hours to the Supervisor of Officials and in writing, either by fax or email, within 48 hours. Failure to comply will result in an additional one (1) game suspension for the Head Coach.
- 8.2.2 The Grievance Committee Chairperson will schedule hearing dates. He shall notify the respective association representative of hearing location and time after being notified by the District 3 Supervisor of Officials of a match penalty.
- 8.2.3 The player/team official assessed with the penalty shall within three (3) days of the incident submit to the League Administrator a written account of the incident as a requirement of being reinstated.
- 8.2.4 The incident shall be reviewed by the Grievance Committee to determine the facts and establish the appropriate length of the suspension. The player/team official who incurred the penalty and the head coach shall participate in the hearing.
- 8.2.5 Appeals of suspensions may be made to the District 3 Director as provided in the Minnesota Hockey By-laws, Article 3.

9. ADVANCED 15

9.1 BOYS ADVANCED 15

9.1.1 COACH SELECTION

- 9.1.1.1 District 3 Advanced 15 Coaches shall be selected from the active season District 3 Bantam A Coaches.
- 9.1.1.2 The Advanced 15 Head Coach shall be the head coach of the league- winning Bantam A team.
- 9.1.1.3 The Advanced 15 Assistant Coaches will be the head coaches of the league runner-up Bantam A team and the league third place Bantam A team.
- 9.1.1 In the event one of the before mentioned coaches is unable to participate, the position shall be offered to the next league finishing head coach.

9.1.2 PLAYER NOMINATION

- 9.1.2.1 Players shall be nominated by their Bantam A Head Coach from current District 3 15-year-old players.
- 9.1.2.2 High school eligible players shall be nominated by their Varsity High School Head Coach and participation shall be at the discretion of the District 3 Director.
- 9.1.2.3 Associations who do not field a Bantam A team may nominate players from their Bantam B1 team. Participation shall be at the discretion of the District Director.
- 9.1.2.4 The number of players nominated from a team shall be based on the final league team positions, i.e. league winner shall nominate 5 or 6 players, league runner-up shall nominate 4 or 5 players, etc. No Bantam A team shall be allowed fewer than 3 nominations.

9.1.3 TEAM TRY-OUTS

9.1.3.1 3 nights of tryouts shall be held.

9.1.3.2 Tryout evaluators shall be the current District 3 Bantam A Head Coaches. In the event a Head Coach is unavailable, he may delegate a replacement from among his current coaching staff.

9.2 GIRLS ADVANCED 15

9.2.1 COACH SELECTION

9.2.1.1 District 3 Girls Advanced 15 Coaches shall be selected from the active season District 3 14 & Under A Coaches and/or Girls High School Hockey Coaches from District 3 area High Schools.

9.2.1.2 In the event one of the before mentioned coaches is unable to participate, the position may be offered to another hockey coach.

9.2.2 PLAYER NOMINATION

9.2.2.1 Players shall be nominated by their 14 & Under A coach from the current District 3 15-year-old players. Bantam level player's participation shall be at the discretion of the District 3 Director.

9.2.2.2 High school eligible players shall be nominated by their Varsity High School Head Coach and participation shall be at the discretion of the District 3 Director.

9.2.2.3 Associations who do not field a 14 & Under A team may nominate players from their 14 & Under B team. Participation shall be at the discretion of the District Director.

9.2.3 TEAM TRY-OUTS

9.2.3.1 2 nights of try outs shall be held.

9.2.3.2 Try out evaluators shall be the current District 3 14 & Under A Head Coaches, High School Varsity Coaches or Junior Varsity Coaches. In the even a Head Coach is unavailable, he/she may delegate a replacement from among his/her current coaching staff.

10. C LEAGUE

10.1 LEAGUE PHILOSOPHIES

10.1.1 The League emphatically promotes equal playing time. Every skater should have the opportunity to play power-plays, to kill a penalty, and to go on the ice in critical scoring and defense situations.

10.2 ELIGIBILITY

10.2.1 All District 3 associations will be eligible to participate in the C League. Adjacent districts having no C League may place teams in the league with Board approval.

10.3 COACHES/MANAGERS MEETING

10.3.1 A mandatory Coaches/Managers meeting will be scheduled by the C League Coordinator. Failure to attend will result in a one (1) game suspension for the Head Coach, to be served the first league game.

10.4 LEAGUE SCHEDULE

10.4.1 The C League will begin play in December and end play in February. All league games must be completed by the last day of the season.

10.4.2 All teams will play a home and away schedule.

10.4.3 All District 3 home games will use District 3 Beltline Hockey Referee Association referees. This includes the end-of-season tournament.

10.4.4 All teams from outside District 3 are responsible for getting referees for all their home games.

10.4.5 In the event that weather presents a transportation hazard to the participants, the game will be officially postponed. The coach wishing to postpone the game must contact the C League Coordinator at least two (2) hours prior to the scheduled game time. The C League Coordinator will make the final decision and notify the appropriate coach and referees (if District 3). The teams will share the ice cost equally.

10.4.6 A team which fails to appear for an officially scheduled League game without following the rescheduling procedures (see 5 SCHEDULE

CHANGES) will be responsible for rescheduling the game, using their hour of ice for the make-up game.

10.5 PLAYING RULES

10.5.1 SCORE SHEETS

- 10.5.1.1 District 3 provided score sheets must be used (for all games, scrimmages and tournament games.)
- 10.5.1.2 All score sheets must have head coaches' name on it along with team name.
- 10.5.1.3 The visiting team will submit the white copy of the game score sheets within 5 days of the game via fax, U.S.P.S. or emailed to the C League Coordinator.
- 10.5.1.4 All scores must be emailed or sent U.S.P.S. to the C League Coordinator within 24 hours of the game.
- 10.5.1.5 There may be a monetary penalty for each infraction.

10.5.2 LEAGUE GAME TIME

- 10.5.2.1 Squirts and Peewees play 12 minute stop time periods.
- 10.5.2.2 Bantams play 11 minute stop time periods.

10.6 YEAR-END TOURNAMENT

- 10.6.1 A year-end tournament will be held for each level of teams offered. The C League Coordinator will organize the tournament.
- 10.6.2 Each team will be guaranteed a minimum of two (2) games.
- 10.6.3 Bracketing and pairing will be arranged to avoid gross mismatches. For example: an eight (8) team tournament may have the first place team play the fifth place team, not the eighth place team, for the first round.
- 10.6.4 Where two (2) divisions are offered at a single level, both divisions will compete in the tournament.

- 10.6.5 Brackets must be identified in advance, based on final League standings. Arbitrary bracketing will be used at the Squirt level.
- 10.6.6 The C League Coordinator may establish a tournament fee, which each participating team must pay. The fee should cover administrative costs and expenses. Tournament fees are due to the District 3 C League Coordinator by February 1.
- 10.6.7 The following positioning system will be used to place a tied team in the appropriate bracket. The sequence of tiebreakers will be followed until the tie is broken. Goal differential must not be used as a method of breaking ties:
- a. Most points, head to head, between the tied teams, including Fair Play points.
 - b. Most points in the League schedule.
 - c. Most wins in the League schedule.
 - d. Most Fair Play points earned in the League schedule.
 - e. Fewest losses in the League schedule.
 - f. Coin flip by the C Coordinator, witnessed by another League official from a different association or a team coach.
- 10.6.8 Awards will be given to the Champion, Runner-Up, Third Place and Consolation at each level and division.
- 10.6.9 TOURNAMENT RULES
- 10.6.9.1 Each game will be one (1) hour long. An arena hour clock will be used for each game. There will be a five (5) minute warm-up with a one (1) minute rest period between each period. The game will end at the end of the third period or when the hour clock has sounded. If the game is tied after three (3) periods, the C League Tournament Overtime procedures will be used.
- 10.6.9.2 Squirt and Pee wee games will be 3 – 12 minute stop time periods.
- 10.6.9.3 Bantam games will be 3 – 11 minute stop time periods.
- 10.6.9.4 If at any point in the game there is a 6 goal lead, the clock will go to running time until the 6 goal lead has been lost.

10.6.9.5 NO TIME OUTS.

10.6.9.6 OVERTIME RULES

- a. 1 minute rest
- b. 5 minute running time, sudden death (4 on 4 with goalie).

If still tied:

- c. 1 minute rest
- d. Shoot out.
 1. Each team will mark on the score sheet their shoot out order at the beginning of each game.
They will identify their first five (5) shooters, second five (5) shooters, the third five (5) shooters and the fourth five (5) shooters (if necessary) until complete roster has had the opportunity to shoot.
 2. If the score is still tied after all these lines have played, they will start over from the beginning of the list.

10.6.9.7 ROUND ROBIN BRACKET

10.6.9.7.1 Win = 2 points
Tie = 1 point
Loss = 0 points

10.6.9.7.2 TIE BREAKER

- a. Head to head of tied teams in the tournament, including Fair Play points.
- b. Most wins in the tournament.
- c. Most Fair Play points in the tournament.
- d. Fewest goals allowed in the tournament.
- e. Fewest penalties in the tournament.
- f. Highest goal difference (goals scored divided by goals against) of tied teams.
- g. Flip of a coin.