



Chicago Metropolitan High School Hockey League Girls Division 2011 -2012 Playing Rules & Regulations

I. Playing Rules - Suspensions

The Chicago Metro League - Girls Division will use the USA Hockey Rule Book almost exclusively. Fighting, Misconducts and Game Misconduct suspensions will be the same as the USA Hockey Rule Book with the following exception required under AHAI rules:

Any player receiving a penalty for fighting will be suspended for the balance of that game plus the next three (3) regularly scheduled league games of that team.

The Girls Division Board will have the responsibility of dealing with repeat offenders and are expected to be as severe as USA Hockey and AHAI rules.

All USA Hockey, AHAI and League Rules will be strictly enforced without exception. (*All suspensions apply to both regular season and playoff games*). All suspensions given in a Metro game must be served in the next Metro Game. If there is another practice or tournament game before the suspension has been served in the amount of Metro Games required under the suspension, these additional games would require that player/coach to serve the required USA Hockey/AHAI suspensions.

Permanent suspension of a player from the League will be effected if it is determined that he/she has maliciously and/or intentionally damaged any property or parts thereof of any facility.

Each Club may impose more severe penalties then imposed by the Girls Division of the Metro League.

II. Game Rules - Minor Officials

- A. There will be no in-game warm-up for goalies for any reason (*including injury*). Spare goalies are to be warmed up during the pre-game skate.
- B. Each club shall have one MATCHING set of numbered jerseys and one MATCHING set of numbered alternate jerseys or practice pullovers, each with appropriate patches and nameplates as determined by the Division.
- C. All Girls Division games will consist of a three (3) minute warm up followed by three thirteen (13) minute stop-time periods. Minor penalties shall be two (2) minutes, major penalties shall be five (5) minutes and misconducts shall be ten (10) minutes in duration. Time-outs shall not exceed thirty (30) seconds and shall be limited to one per game for each team.
- D. Should a team accumulate a five (5) goal lead at the end of the second period, or at any time during the third period, the resumption of play at the center ice face-off spot shall commence running time for the duration of that game regardless of any further goals scored by any team. Penalty times shall be the same as for stop time. Subject to the discretion of the referee, the clock should be stopped in the case of an injury to a player until play is ready to resume. This Rule shall not apply during Playoff Games.

- E.** Should a team (*a minimum of six players*) fail to show for a game at the scheduled game time, they shall replay the game at their expense as outlined in number 2 below due to the Metro rule stating there are no forfeits — all games must be played.
1. No team shall be permitted to forfeit a game for any reason other than as a result of “AN ACT OF GOD’ (*i.e. weather*). Forfeit carries a \$500.00 fine that must be paid to the Metro Treasurer before that team will be allowed to play the next Metro game.
 2. A make-up game must be played by mutual agreement of the teams involved and the respective Division’s Board. The forfeiting team pays a Metro fine, and is responsible for providing the ice slot and the cost of the referees from Officiating Services. (*Any team that fails to appear or cancels a scheduled game shall be subject to a fine of \$500.00 and all costs incurred to the team which was to host the cancelled game. The team who cancelled will be responsible for all costs incurred even if the cancellation is within the appropriate time frame if the hosting team can not cancel the ice and/or the officials. The Division is responsible to collect all fines and costs incurred as a result of a cancelled game and shall remit payment to the league.*)
- F.** In addition to the players, only the head coach, assistant coach(s), or trainer are permitted on the bench in accordance with USA Hockey/AHAI Rules. There are only a total of four (4) non-playing individuals permitted on the bench during any Metro League/Playoff game. The head coach is responsible for all personnel on the bench.
- G.** Generally the team that is most familiar with the operation of the clock should supply the timekeeper and the other team should supply the scorer. Each team should supply someone to act as a penalty door attendant for their team.
- H.** The first named team on the schedule will be the home team and be responsible for furnishing the score sheet. The home team will wear the white/light colored jerseys.
- I.** The second named team on the schedule will be the visiting team. The visiting team will wear dark colored jerseys.
- J.** Score sheet should be made ready at least 15 minutes prior to game time, including coaches names and other required information. Use preprinted roster stickers. The score sheet must be filled out in accordance with the Girls Division score sheet instructions. Check during pre-game warm-up to ensure there are no duplicate uniform numbers and that all jerseys have name tags and “STOP” patches.
- K.** Timekeepers are responsible for being familiar with the clock operation. If necessary, use the time immediately following the preceding game to reacquaint yourself. Do not delay the warm-up period or the start of the game.
- L.** Penalty door attendants are responsible for insuring correct player departure from the penalty box in accordance with time and sequence. Coordinate with the scorekeeper or referee if unsure as to the rules.
- M.** Each team will provide to the scorekeeper prior to each game, two (2) game ready pro pucks.
- N.** Only one (1) person from each club will be permitted in the scoreboard during League Games and it is strongly recommended that each team have a representative in the scoreboard during all games.
- O.** The score sheet must be signed by both of the coaches and the IHOA officials at the conclusion of each game. Home team to send white copy to league statistician:
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| Yellow Copy | - | Home Team |
| Pink Copy | - | Visiting Team |
| Goldenrod Copy | - | Referees |

- P. All minor officials should be individuals 20 years of age or older, unless prior written agreement is received from the League. All minor officials at the ice are under the direction and control of the referee in all matters relating to the conduct of the game. Remember, you are the officials of the League during the game. Impartiality and adult conduct is required. Cheering in the scorer's box is not permitted. It leads to too many arguments and conflicts. Once you assume the role of a minor official, you cease to be a fan for your team, but a league official.

III. Team Responsibilities

- A. Each club (*coach, manager, team representative, trainers, players and club officials*) shall be cooperative in the administration of the League, shall obey all League Rules and Directives from the Board, or be subject to disciplinary action.
- B. Each club shall have one (*1*) vote in all Division matters.
- C. Each club must file with the League (*in the hands of the Division Registrar before a player may participate in any game*):
- A completed Participation Form for each player that includes: Hold Harmless, Doctor's Authorization and Hospital Release.
 - A team roster on the Metro Roster Form or equivalent.
- D. Any club that is not represented (*by an adult from that club*) at a League meeting or is late with a regularly scheduled League payment is subject to disciplinary action or a fine imposed by the league.
- E. In order for a player to be eligible to play for a team in the Division's Scholastic and Founder's Cup playoffs, the player must have played in sixty (*60%*) percent of the regular season Division games for the team which they will be playing for.
- F. Players must be full-time students within the first eight (*8*) semesters of the school for which they are playing. Players must fulfill this requirement at the time they are placed on a team's roster.
- G. Any club playing and/or dressing an ineligible player will forfeit each game in which the ineligible player played or dressed. The game will be recorded in the League's standing as a loss and the offending team's goals and assists will be deleted from the standings.
- H. Any coach knowingly playing a suspended and/or ineligible player will receive an automatic expulsion from the League for the balance of the Regular and Playoff season.
- I. Twenty (*20*) players may be suited for a game, no more than eighteen (*18*) of which can be skaters. Rosters will be up to a maximum of thirty (*30*) players and will include the players name, jersey number, address, phone number and year in school.
- J. An official from the organization must submit a completed Officiating Evaluation Form to Officiating Services on the on-ice official's performance for all League games. The Officials Evaluation Form must be submitted to Officiating Services within seven (*7*) days of the day the game was played.

IV. Girls Division and Chicago Metro League Responsibilities

- A. The Girls Division will supply officials for all League games in the Divisions. Officials will be required to wear a name plate on their sweater for all League and Playoff games.
- B. An Official Game Report Form for all League and Playoff games will be forwarded to the proper Officials Supervisor within 24 hours after conclusion of a game where an incident occurs. Failure of any official to furnish the League with an Official Game Report shall result in termination of that Official's services for the remainder of the regular and playoff season upon review by the Metro Board of Directors.

- C. The Chicago Metro League will furnish the following:
 - a. one (1) banner for each of the Division first place and runner-up clubs in the League standings.
 - b. one (1) trophy for each of the Scholastic and Founder's Cup playoff winner to keep.
 - c. one (1) trophy for each of the Scholastic and Founder's Cup playoff runner-up to keep.

- D. At the end of the regular season, the Girls Division will host a separate divisional playoff tournament for all its teams. The format of the playoffs is to be a round-robin tournament following the historical precedence of dividing all the teams in the Division into two brackets based on how the teams finished in regular season play, with the top teams playing in the Scholastic Cup and the lower half playing in the Founder's Cup. If there are an odd number of teams, generally the extra team is to play in the lower half; in any event the decision should be made prior to the commencement of the season. Tie-breaker rules should be established prior to the start of the season by the Division. Chicago Metro will host a Metro championship day and the Scholastic Cup Championship will consist of the teams that finished in 1st and 2nd place in the Scholastic Cup playoffs and Founder's Cup Championship will consist of the teams that finished in 1st and 2nd place in the Founder's Cup playoffs.

- E. Each club is responsible to register its team/teams with USA Hockey and AHAI and fulfill all of the required registration procedures according to the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of USA Hockey and AHAI.

- F. No club may enact any rules that contradict or attempt to supersede rules applying Division wide.

- G. The League will adhere as closely as possible to the Illinois High School Association eligibility rules, except the rules referring to coaching (*a hockey coach need not be a faculty member of the school for the team he/she is coaching*).

- H. The Chicago Metro League shall furnish each club with Participation Forms containing a Hold Harmless, Doctor's Authorization and Hospital Release.

- I. The Chicago Metro League will assist each club in obtaining the following:
 - a. USA Hockey/AHAI roster forms for each team.
 - b. USA Hockey Rule Book, USA Hockey Guide Book, AHAI Guidebook and Insurance Forms (*as required by USA Hockey/AHAI*).
 - c. Any training manuals, films, coaching seminars, *etc.* provided by USA Hockey/AHAI.