

## VII. GAMES

### 1. Control of the Game:

- A. The referee may do anything in his power to control the game, including the premature termination. In such instances the P.A.H.L. Rules Committee will decide whether the game shall be canceled, suspended, forfeited, or considered complete.
- B. In addition to suspensions imposed under USA Hockey Rules, the P.A.H.L. Rules and Procedures Committee or the P.A.H.L. Discipline Committee, at their discretion, may investigate any incident that occurs in connection with any game. They may assess additional penalties and/or suspensions for any offense committed before, during or after a game, by a team, team player, team official, or parent, whether or not such offense has been penalized by a referee.

### 2. Coaches:

- A. The Head Coach or acting Head Coach **will initial the score sheet prior to the start of the game** to acknowledge a correct roster, documented player game misconduct's, and game curfew time.
- B. All coaches who are present on the bench for a registered P.A.H.L. team must have completed the required USA Hockey Coaching Certification.
- C. After a P.A.H.L. League game, it is the responsibility of the head coach to review all game score sheets to determine if any player has received a game misconduct, had five (5) or more penalties, or the team was in excess of fifteen (15) penalties during the game, then by signing the score sheet acknowledges that he/she has done so.
- D. Contact the P.A.H.L. Divisional Statistician and Vice President of Discipline within 48 hours of a game for any and all game misconducts.
- E. The Head Coach shall be responsible for the eligibility of his/her players.

### 3. Referees:

- A. Only duly registered officials holding USA Hockey Referee cards shall be authorized to serve as referees or linemen in any P.A.H.L. League Game.
- B. The on-ice official who assesses a match penalty must submit a written report to the P.A.H.L. Discipline Committee Chairperson within forty-eight (48) hours of the game.
- C. The name of any parent or fan and their Association, whose conduct is inappropriate or contradictory to the guidelines of USA Hockey and the P.A.H.L. shall be noted on the score sheet and any additional information must be included as necessary.
- D. A referee or linesman for a P.A.H.L. regular season game or a P.A.H.L. playoff game must satisfy the following requirements:
  - a. **Cannot** be a parent, brother, sister of a player, of any team in the same skill level of an age division.
  - b. **Cannot** be a coach of either team.
  - c. **Cannot** be a player in the same age division.
  - d. **Cannot** be a coach in the same skill level of an age division

1. Violation of the above rule must be reported to the P.A.H.L. Discipline Committee for consideration.
2. These rules may be waived by the mutual agreement of the coaches prior to the start of the game and must be written and signed by both coaches on the score sheet.
3. Failure to sign the agreement will result in a forfeiture of the game by the offending team.

**E.** Two officials are required at the Midget Boys and Girls U-19 levels. A third official may be scheduled at the association's discretion, and follow the USA Hockey rule of One (1) Referee and Two (2) Linesmen.

**F.** A minimum of two officials are required for all checking division games. If only one official shows up and the second does not arrive within 15 minutes of the start time, the game must be rescheduled. The teams are not permitted to scrimmage in place of the scheduled game. If the teams engage in an unauthorized scrimmage, both Head Coaches will be suspended.

#### **4. EMT:**

- A. An EMT (see rule V.4.) is to be present at all P.A.H.L. League games. At multiple ice surface facilities, there must be an EMT at each ice surface if there are separate games being played simultaneously.
- B. They are to sign the score sheet indicating their presence prior to the start of the game.
- C. If an EMT is not present for a game, the game **must be canceled and rescheduled**. The home Association will receive a \$25.00 fine for each offense. If a game is started and played to **ANY** extent without an EMT present the home association will receive a \$250.00 fine.
- D. The EMT must have at their disposal a suitable first aid kit or trauma bag.

#### **5. Parents/Spectators:**

- A. Parents must at all times before, after, and during the game, conduct themselves according to the USA Hockey "Spectator Code of Conduct" and "Zero Tolerance Policy".
- B. Failure to follow proper code of conduct will result in disciplinary action.

#### **6. Number of Players:**

- A. Each P.A.H.L. team must have the proper minimum number of players dressed and on the ice before the opening face-off, under penalty of forfeiture. The teams cannot waive this rule.
- B. A P.A.H.L. League game may be played without a team goaltender.
- C. A minimum of nine players are required to play a P.A.H.L. league game with the exception of the Midget boys and 19U girls age classifications where a minimum of eight players are required.
- D. The opening face-off shall not be delayed by more than fifteen (15) minutes by reason of insufficient players (to be defined as players on the way). The game must be played according to the scheduled start and curfew times.
- E. An insufficient number of players or inappropriate USA Hockey level Coach will be classified as a no-show subject to the appropriate costs and fines.

## 7. Team Documents:

- A. Each P.A.H.L. team coach and/or manager must have in their possession at every P.A.H.L. scheduled game the following documents:
  - a. A USA Hockey "Player Roster Form" that has been certified by the MidAm District USA Hockey Registrar to be true and correct.
  - b. USA Hockey IMR or current USA Hockey Membership card for each rostered player and coach (only required if the association did not register electronically).
  - c. A completed USA Hockey "Consent to Treat" form for each rostered player, coach, and Manager
  - d. A completed USA Hockey "Waiver of Liability, Release, Assumption of Risks" form for each player, coach, and Manager.
  - e. A copy of USA Hockey "Coaches Achievement Program" card for each registered coach.
  - f. Evidence of screening---Act 33/34 as required by USA Hockey for each coach and manager
  - g. Other USA Hockey or P.A.H.L. documents pertinent to players and coaches eligibility, including approved "Roster Changes".
  - h. PAHL Risk Acknowledgement and Liability Waiver form for any player that is playing up at an age level that is one year in age above USA Hockey's recommended guidelines.

**B. Birth Certificate copies shall be kept on file by the Association Registrar and not in the Team Book as per USA Hockey**

- C. Documentation will be available, upon request, to a team official of the opposing team prior to the game.
- D. Any challenge by an opposing team, of a player or coach's eligibility, shall be noted on the score sheet, and signed by the team official.
- E. The Division Statistician will review challenges of eligibility, and information forwarded to the P.A.H.L. Rule and Procedure Committee for final determination of penalties, including forfeitures and suspensions when found valid.
- F. A P.A.H.L. Credentials Verification form must be completed and sent to the P.A.H.L. to show evidence of compliance for all documents/requirements in P.A.H.L. Rule VII.7.A.

## 8. Protective Equipment and Uniforms:

- A. All P.A.H.L. Member Association Team players, at all levels are required to properly wear protective equipment at all practices, warm-ups, and games as required by USA Hockey Playing Rules with these additions:).
  - a. All players are required to wear an internal mouthpiece
  - b. An unaltered throat guard of a commercial type specifically designed as a slash guard. Socks, rags, handkerchiefs, etc., tied around player's throat are not adequate throat protection).
  - c. In addition, goalkeepers are to wear throat protection (" gobbler" style or and extension of helmet/mask) and throat guard.
  - d. Only a player who is recuperating from a facial and/or mouth injury, or who has permanent vision impairment, as certified by a doctor's certificate, may wear special face and/or mouth protection.
- B. All uniforms on a team, including the goalkeeper's shall be of the same color and shall be numbered (no duplicate numbers).
- C. In case of similar colors, the home team must make the change. (Coaches are to cooperate in the choice of colors. Home teams should get their choice but must accommodate visiting teams that have only one color jersey).

- D. All P.A.H.L. players must wear a “stop patch” on the back of their Jersey.
  - a. A player is not able to play in any game that the “stop patch” is missing.
  - b. The Scorekeeper will not start the game clock until the player without a “stop patch” leaves the ice.
  - c. Curfew times will not be changed.

#### **9. Game Time:**

- A. P.A.H.L. League games will be played using USA Hockey “stop time” rules
- B. Mini-mites and Mite B will use a 2 minute stop clock for shift changing. Penalty duration for Mite B and Mini-Mites shall be 1 (One) minute.
- C. When one team has a lead of seven (7) or more goals there will be a “running clock”.
  - a. The clock will run continuously except when a goal is scored, a penalty is called, the puck leaves the playing area, or a player is injured.
  - b. Penalties occurring with a running clock will also be on “running time” and will be consistent with USA Hockey Rules. There is no 3 minute penalty during the “running clock” time.
  - c. The game will return to “stop time” whenever the goal differential is six goals or less.
  - d. The “running clock” will not start prior to the second period even if the seven goal lead is attained in the first period.
  - e. A maximum goal differential of seven (7) will be the largest goal differential that can be displayed on the scoreboard.
- D. It is the responsibility of the home association to abide by all curfew times and to insure that each official game score sheet has a curfew time written in its proper space.
- E. Prior to the start of the game, the official timekeeper must notify both coaches of the curfew time and **both coaches initial the score sheet.**
- F. The **Official Timekeeper** is the only person that has the authority to curfew a P.A.H.L. League game. (**Officials/referees/coaches cannot curfew a game.**)
- G. Time outs are not permitted in P.A.H.L. Regular Season Games.
- H. Overtime is not permitted in P.A.H.L. Regular Season Games.

#### **10. Handshake and Exiting the Ice:**

- A. The handshake will take place **after** the game.
- B. If an incident occurs during the handshake, **both players and coaches** may be issued a game misconduct by the referee. If a player is involved in a second incident during the P.A.H.L. League season, the player(s) and involved coach(s) will receive a 3 game suspension.
- C. The referees are the only parties permitted to waive the handshake and send teams directly to the locker rooms. Refusal by the coaching staff to shake hands will result in a one (next) game suspension to the head coach.