

Hockey Rules

The following rules are effective immediately as of **September 9, 2010**

All 2010/2011 USA Hockey rules apply for the leagues at Clearwater Ice Arena. These rules can be found here:

http://www.usahockey.com/uploadedFiles/USAHockey/Menu_Officials/Menu_RulesEquipment/USAH%20Rulebook%200911_WEB.pdf

Registration:

Seasons will be run on a 24 week basis (2 seasons per year; 2 play offs with team T-shirts given out to the winning team from each league). TEAM registration must be entered 1 week prior to first session. Team registration will require the following:

- Team Name
- Captain Name
- Roster of all players with jersey numbers
- Signed acknowledgement of team captain stating these rules have been read, are understood, and will be complied with by the entire team.

If a PLAYER is not currently on a team and would like to be on a team, that player MUST attend one or more sessions of a Sunday clinic for skills evaluation and will be placed on to a “free agent” roster on our website.

If we have 10 players and a goalie in our free agent pool all of the same talent level, a captain will be picked and a team will be made and added to the appropriate league for play (based on ice availability).

Fees:

- Ice fees are billed on an 8 week basis.
- All players/teams must be paid in full by the 3rd game of the season NO EXCEPTIONS! If a team/player is not paid in FULL by the 3rd game, you will not play. Half session payment is due by week one, and remaining balance is due by week three.
- Discounts will be applied for Team/player payments paid in full on or before the first game of the season.
- There will be **NO REFUNDS** to any player/team for any reason.

Team payments are ENCOURAGED; however we will accept individual player payments as well.

Rosters:

- Captains are to evaluate rosters every 8 weeks. This is the ONLY time trades may be done, and players may be added/subtracted. If a player is not listed, they must wait until open signing time (every 8 weeks) before they can play.

- Every 8 weeks players will be evaluated, and if a player is over achieving they will be asked to move up to a higher league, and if a player feels they would like to move to a lower league, after speaking with team captain they may then move to a lower league receiving team. The **adult hockey director** reserves the right to make additions or subtractions to a roster, at any time during the season.
- If a team does not have enough players to play that game, (ex. four players or less), then the team will receive a forfeit for that game. The score will be a 1 to 0 game. The game may then be played as a pick up. No scores will be recorded other than win/loss and no stats will be kept.
- No players may be able to play in the playoffs if they have not played in more than half of the games for that season.

Game Format and Time Clock rules:

- There will be a 3 minute warm up then the game will start.
- Games will consist of 3 – 20 minute running time periods with a 30 second break in between periods.
- If there is a 3 goal differential with 3 minutes left in the third period, the clock will then stop during any stoppage of play.
- Only during the playoffs will teams be allowed to request a 30 second time out.
- The clock will not stop for any altercations at any time, even during the 3 goal differential in the third period.
- The clock will stop for injuries, except injuries deriving from altercations.

Referee communication during the game:

- Only the captains or designated captains, in the absence of the captain, can talk to the referees without being solicited by the referees.
- The captain and his jersey number will be on the score sheet at the beginning of the game.
- If the captain is absent for any game, a player will approach the referees before the game and let them know who the designated captain will be for that game.
- **ANY ABUSE OR DEROGATORY REMARKS TOWARDS AN OFFICIAL WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.** Abuse of officials will be cause for removal of that game. If the player continues to be abusive in any game after that, that player will then be suspended for the rest of the season, with **NO REFUND** given.

Player Conduct:

- Any player who acts in an unsportsmanlike manner will be subject to a one game suspension at the discretion of the hockey director and the team captains.
- The length of suspension is a 1 week MINIMUM, for fighting or abusing/being disrespectful to referees. No refunds will be given for such suspension.

Tie Breakers:

In the event of a tie in points at the end of the regular season, the tie will be broken based on the following criteria:

- 1) Most points
- 2) Head to head record
- 3) Fewest penalties (season)
- 4) Goals against
- 5) Coin flip.

League in-house rules:

- No player will be allowed on the ice or sitting on the boards while the Zamboni is on the ice and the zamboni doors are open. If a player disobeys this rule his or her team will start the game short-handed for 3 minutes with that player sitting in the penalty box.

*****ALL OF THE ABOVE RULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
WITHOUT NOTICE. RULES WILL BE POSTED AT
FRONT COUNTER FOR YOUR REVIEW AT ANY TIME.*****

Thank you for your participation this season. And
good luck to all teams.

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