

Original 6 Hockey Association Bylaws

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Revised 6/23/16 follow USA Hockey for game misconducts, new A player rule for B division and addition of accumulated transgression rule #33

Revised 6-22-17 designating anyone under 30 to be an A player unless petitioned down

Revised 8-28-18 amendment requiring anyone under 30 to be petition in to B league

Revised 9/9/20 per 8/26/20 Annual Meeting agreement. Section 14, roster size increased from 20 to 24; Section 34 paragraph 4, roster size increased from 19 to 24 and the following sentences no longer apply

Our adult hockey program is designed to be a recreational hockey league, where emphasis is placed on having fun and promoting safety for players and officials. The games are played under USA Hockey rules with the exceptions noted below.

THE ORIGINAL 6 HOCKEY ASSOCIATION IS A NON-CHECKING, NON-FIGHTING LEAGUE

1. All players must register with USA Hockey and provide proof of registration to the League President.
2. The league will follow USA Hockey's standard of play and rules enforcement. To learn about this please visit www.usahockey.com. This includes game misconducts which require the player to leave the current game and sit for an additional game
3. All teams must have matching jerseys with a unique number.
4. Unless Steel Ice Center is closed, we will not reschedule any games.
5. If a player receives five penalties in a game that player is ejected from that game as well as the next game of that team.

6. Any penalty assessed during or after the post-game handshake will be a game misconduct.
7. If a player leaves the bench during an altercation that player will receive a game misconduct.
8. Red line icing is in effect.
9. Tag-up offside is in effect.
10. Each team is allowed a 30 second time-out.
11. No player is allowed on the ice or in the player bench area until the Zamboni doors are closed.
12. Games will consist of 3 periods of 16 minutes stop time.
13. Games will begin promptly with as few as 6 players on the ice for a given team.
14. Rosters must be submitted in excel format provided by webmaster to the league registrar - **with team deposit representing 50% of estimated season fees by September 15** and include USA hockey # evaluation scores and jersey #. Teams will not be included on the schedule unless deposit is paid. Roster must include at least 10 players + goalie. No player may be added after the first game without league approval. Maximum roster size is 24 players + goalie.

Exception: children of rostered players may be included on roster and not be counted towards total. They must be at least 18 years old and may play a maximum of 4 games

Balance of season fees due December 15 Teams will be assessed a \$200 fine if payment made after this date. The fine will continue monthly until all fees are paid. Goalie subs can play in either division.

15. The league will be divided into 3 divisions - A, B and 45+ . Any "B Division" team may roster "A Division" players on their roster, but are limited to the amount of "A Division" players that can play in any single regular season or playoff game Definition- an "A Division" player is a player that is on any current or previous season "A Division" roster regardless of whether they've played a game or not. Any player who is under the age of 30 is also considered an "A Division" player, regardless of whether the player is on an "A Division" roster, or not. (please see note below on procedure for team captain to request exemption for any individual player under the age of 30)

1. Exception to the above rule:

1. Any player that is over the age of 40 that is rostered in both "A Division" and "B Division" is exempt from this by-law
2. Any player that has been rostered in the "B Division" and has played more than 10 games (playoff eligible) for the three consecutive seasons prior to the 2016-17 season is exempt from this by-law
3. Any player that is has been petitioned by that team's captain and has been approved by the remaining captains in the "B Division" to be exempt from being considered an "A Division" player is exempt from this by-law

Each "B Division" team is limited to playing no more than four (including goaltenders) "A Division" players in any game during that season. If a "B Division" team plays more than four (including goaltenders) "A Division" players, the game will be played, but the offending team will forfeit any points for a win or a tie. The opposing team would get two points regardless of the outcome. Therefore, any "B Division" team may roster as many "A Division" players as they want, but cannot play more than four "A Division" players in any game. If they do, the game is to be played, all stats count, but the team will not be awarded two points for a win or one point for a tie.

If both teams involved in the game violate the rule, then both teams forfeit the two points in the standings but all stats count.

A team captain can petition to exempt any player on his roster that is under the age of 30 from being considered an "A Division" player for purposes of the limit of four "A Division" players rostered for games. The player being petitioned must exhibit the playing ability consistent with an average "B Division" player. The player must play a minimum of five games before the captain petitions the player. The petition must be voted upon by the captains of the "B Division" teams and the vote needs to be approved by a

simple majority of the remaining captains in the "B Division". Any abstaining or non-vote within 48 hours of the petition will be considered an "approval for exemption" vote. The preferred vote is to be done by email or meeting - whichever is appropriate or convenient.

16. All players must be members of USA Hockey as a player. No exceptions. A forfeit will be issued to any team allowing someone to play without.
17. All players on a given roster must be 18 years of age or older by the first game of the season.
18. A player may not play on any other team in the same division.
19. All players must sign in before the game. Score keepers will confirm players during the game. Late arrivals must check in with score keepers before playing a shift. Any player signed in who is not in attendance will have 1 game removed from total game count and the player signing scoresheet shall be suspended for 1 game
20. A forfeit will be issued to a team who plays with an illegal player. The player signing the scoresheet will be suspended for 1 game. An illegal player is not of age, not rostered, playing in an inappropriate division, suspended, etc.
21. Playoff eligibility A and B Division: A division 5 games. B division 10 games.

If a player is on the roster at the beginning of the season and suffers an injury preventing him from playing the required number of games, and returns in time for the playoffs, that player will be permitted to play.

Injury must be reported to the league President in writing, within 1 week of occurrence. Exception: A new player to the league must play 25% of remaining games in A division and 50% of remaining games in B division

22. A player completing 1 game for a team may not move to another team in that division in the same season.
23. Fighting infraction: 1st offense USA Hockey rules calling for 5 minute major and a game. 2nd fighting call in the same season will carry an additional 3

- game suspension. 3rd infraction ;the player will be suspended from the league for 1 year
24. If a player is removed from a game that player is not to return to the arena for any reason. The player is to either remain in the locker room or leave the building. Failure to comply can only result in further disciplinary action.
25. A suspended player is not allowed on the bench for any reason.
26. The league office will review repeat offenders and assess additional suspensions or expulsion if necessary.
27. If a team is not on the ice and ready to play with 5 skaters and a goalie, or 6 skaters, after the 3 minute warm- up, and their one minute time-out, they will be issued a 2 minute delay of game penalty.
28. Tied Games: **Regular Season** - There will be no overtime during the regular season. If a game is tied after regulation it will be a tie and both teams will get 1 point in the standings. **Playoffs** - 5 minute overtime period, 5 on 5. If the game is still tied after OT, a 3 Man shoot-out will be used. If after the 3 Man round is complete and the game is still tied, a 1 Man sudden death round will be used until a winner is declared. Each team must go through their entire roster once before duplicating shooters. Any player receiving a penalty which has not expired at the end of regulation or the 5 minute OT period will not be permitted to participate in the shoot-out.
29. Match Penalties: Any player receiving a Match Penalty will be suspended for 30 days at the minimum from all USA Hockey sanctioned activities. Additional suspensions may follow at the discretion of the President. If a player participates in multiple leagues/divisions, and receives a Match penalty, he will not be permitted to participate in any of the League's games until the 30 day suspension has been served.

30. Complaints/Communication/Cooling off Period: If a player/captain has a complaint regarding a game, referee, opponent, etc., the complaint must be submitted in writing via email or letter and forwarded to the President after 24 hours. A written response will be provided within a reasonable time period.
31. Play-offs. A & B Division: Playoff series will be determine prior to beginning of season and based on the number of teams in each division. Standings for the regular season will be calculated as two points for a win, one point for a tie, and zero points for a loss.
32. Multiple Game misconducts in a season: For the first game misconduct that a player receives during a season the player will sit for the normal allotted time of the suspension. For a second game misconduct in the same season the suspension length will be automatically doubled. For anything past two suspensions in a single season the President will discuss further action.
33. Disciplinary Action for Accumulated Transgressions: If a player accumulates 25 minutes in penalties over a 10 game stretch, beginning with the first game of the season, that player or coach, will be assessed a 1 game suspension, to be served the following game after the 25 minutes has been reached or exceeded. Each player's 25 minute limit will then reset to zero minutes after the end of the 10th game of the season, to begin again with the 11th game of the season, continuing thru to the completion of the regular season. If the 25 minute limit is reached or exceeded in that last 10 game span by the end of the last game of the regular season, a 1 game playoff suspension will be imposed. Playoffs: Any player or coach accumulating 15 penalty minutes during a playoff year shall be assessed a 1 game playoff suspension, to take effect in the same playoff season.

- a. A player is not obligated to attend the suspension game, or sign-in to that game, in order to "serve" their penalty.
- b. If a player plays in a League game immediately after they have been notified that they have been suspended for that game, they will receive an additional 1 game suspension for this transgression, and their Team shall forfeit that game the suspended player played in.
- c. It shall be incumbent upon the League to notify the Team Representative, who then has the responsibility of notifying the Player of said suspension(s).

34. Amendment to bylaws eff with 2018 season

1. The Original Six B Division will be exclusively for players thirty (30) years old or over. Any player that achieves the age of thirty (30) years by October 1st of the calendar year of the prior to the upcoming season is eligible play in the Original Six B Division for that season. (ex: for a player to be eligible of the 2108-19 season, a player would need his thirtieth birthday to fall on or before October 1, 2018)
2. Goaltenders in the Original Six B Division need to be twenty-five years or older prior to October 1st prior to the start of the upcoming season are eligible to play in the Original Six B Division.
 - a. Goaltenders that are under the age of twenty-five (25) will be considered sub or emergency goalies and cannot play more than four games for one team during any season and are not playoff eligible. Sub or emergency goaltenders can play for multiple teams in the B Division
3. Team Captains are expected to ensure that the integrity of the Original Six B Division is always a priority in the selection of their team's roster. It is expected that the players chosen for each team's roster are to be competitive in the spirit of a B level hockey league. Players that have skillsets that are well above the talent level of the B Division should be directed to the A Division. If, during the season, it is felt that a player on a B Division team is playing well above the playing caliber of the B Division, the B Division captains need to discuss and find a resolution that will be satisfactory to both the player and the B Division.
4. Original Six B Division rosters are limited to 24 skaters (including subs). ~~Any roster addition after 19 skaters will need approval by vote from the captains within the B Division. Any team that adds players above the 19 skater roster limit will need to inactivate a current skater on the 19-player roster to make room for the additional player.~~ Original six B Division rosters will be frozen after a team has completed fifty per cent of their regular season games. Any player added to a team roster (regardless of roster size) after the halfway point in the season will need approval by majority vote from the rest of the captains in the Original 6 B Division. *Goaltenders are exempt from this roster rule and are covered by other rules in this proposal.

5. The Original Six B Division will allow new players that are below the age of thirty (30) that possess hockey skillsets that are not advanced enough to compete in the Original Six A Division. This provision will allow players under the age of thirty, but over the age of 21 to play in the Original Six B Division. Players considered for the B Division should be players that have played recreational hockey or local scholastic hockey, but not have played in college or youth travel hockey above the A Level. *Note: the age of 21 is being used so that all players in the B Division are of drinking age.*
6. **For the 2018-19 Season ONLY – the following exemptions would take place:**
 - a. Any player over the age of twenty-one (21) by October 1, 2018 **AND** was playoff eligible in the Original Six B Division for two seasons (non-consecutive) prior to the 2018-19 season is exempt from the above rule. Players that fall under this rule are grandfathered until that player achieved the age of thirty (30).
 - b. Any goaltender that is over the age of twenty-one (21) that **has played** in the Original Six B Division (no game minimum) prior to the 2018-19 season are exempt from the above rule. Any new goaltender will follow the rule listed above.
 - c. Teams in the B Division are limited to playing no more than **four (4)** players in any single B Division game **that are also rostered on any A Division team (grandfathered players under 30 count as an A Division player regardless of whether they are on an A Division roster or not – unless voted as exempt per Section 5 of this proposal)**. This provision will be in effect this season and all future seasons until all grandfathered players under this rule until achieve the age of thirty (30) by October 1st of the calendar year prior to the upcoming season.
 - d. Any player over the age of forty (40) by October 1st of the calendar year prior to the upcoming season will be exempt from the four (4) A Player restrictions.
7. Any player that has been petitioned by that team's captain and has been approved by the remaining captains in the "B Division" to be exempt from being considered an "A Division" player is exempt from this by-law. The petition must be voted upon by the captains of the "B Division" teams and the vote needs to be approved by a simple majority of the remaining captains in the "B Division". Any abstaining or non-vote within 48 hours of the petition will be considered an "approval for exemption" vote. The preferred vote is to be done by email or meeting – whichever is appropriate or convenient.