

ROSH League Rules and Bylaws

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League players are required to read and understand league rules and bylaws. Ignorance is not an acceptable defense if an issue arises.

League philosophy: League rules and bylaws are in place to help administer the league in a fair and consistent manner and to protect the player, integrity of the ROSH League and to have fun.

I. TEAMS

- A.** Teams consist of eleven players each (ten skaters and one goaltender).
- B.** Each team shall have a Captain and a Board Member (collectively known as League Officers), each elected the previous year.
- C.** All teams shall be formed each year by means of a draft.

II. THE DRAFT

- A.** The captain and board member pairings shall be determined at the preseason meeting. Previous captain/board member pairings may stay together with approval of league officers.
- B.** The order of draft selection is done by the captain's pulling numbers from a hat to determine the order of choice.
- C.** The team jerseys are to be assigned by the following criteria:
 - 1. Sponsors who are also league officers get first choice of team name and paired jersey.
 - 2. Returning team Captains get the second choice of team name and jersey.
 - 3. New team Captains will draw for remaining team names after the first two steps are satisfied.
 - 4. Trades are permissible between Captains who agree but must be done before the end of the draft meeting with the League President notified of such trades.
- D.** The draft will be conducted in a closed-door session, following play on the first night of the new season.
- E.** The draft will be conducted with the board member of each team making player picks for each team in the following snake draft order: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1, etc., until all player slots are filled.

III. PLAYERS

- A.** All players shall be over the age of forty-five except for goaltenders who must be 40 years of age or older. The board has the authority to approve new players under the age of 45 or goalies under the age of 40 if it is in the best interest of the league.
- B.** The league officers shall approve all new league members, one-year replacements and long-term substitute players.
- C.** New players invited to join the league as one-year replacements or new members must be on the substitute player list that is maintained by the Personnel Officer. Players must be in good standing. League officers will attempt to use substitutes with the most seniority but may use other criteria to select one-year replacements and new members.
- D.** Player names to be added to the substitution list should be submitted to the Personnel Officer. New players on the substitution list will have their start date documented in league files.

IV. FEES

- A.** The treasurer will submit proposed league fees to the League Officers for approval prior to the season.
- B.** The following is included in the player fees:
 - 1. Officials: 2 referees and 1 scorekeeper per game.
 - 2. All ice time and insurance premiums
 - 3. Uniforms
 - 4. League Parties (Holiday and end of season)
 - 5. League supplies (pucks, banners, etc.)
- C.** Player fees shall be paid in a maximum of two payments with half payment due prior to the first night of league play and the second half due prior to the end of the calendar year.
 - Penalty** – any player not submitting required payment by posted deadlines will not be permitted to play until payment is made.
- D.** Absent players will not be reimbursed.
- E.** Checks, cash and Venmo are acceptable payment methods.
- F.** Player assistance due to illness, injury, extenuating circumstances may be submitted to the league president for review.

V. BOARD MEMBER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

A. President

1. Convene and conduct league meetings.
2. Conduct draft.
3. Act as tiebreaker on tied votes.
4. Oversee the election process for League Officers for the next season.
5. Assist with ice contract.

B. Vice-President

1. Act as president in his absence.
2. Plan golf outing and league parties.

C. Secretary

1. Secure all league documents and communications.
2. Assist with the league website. Secretary shall have and secure all login information.
3. League communications.

D. Treasurer

1. Maintain records and coordinate all league finances.
2. Notify players/captains of delinquent ice bills.
3. Present board and league members with year-end financial statements.
4. Secure contract with ice arena for league play.
5. Submit proposed league fees to League Officers for approval at summer meeting(s).

E. Statistician

1. Maintain all league statistics.
2. Post team rosters and by-laws to the website.
3. Create a league schedule and post to the website.
4. Post league communications as requested by league officers.
5. Secure and maintain the league website.

F. Referee-in-Chief

1. Contract with officiating crew. Officiating crew to be approved by league officers.
2. Maintain a supply of pucks.
3. Keep informed of USA rule changes and make the League Officers aware of such changes.
4. Secure, maintain and schedule scorekeepers

G. Trophy Officer

1. Securing and engraving of all trophies.
2. Assist as needed.

H. Personnel Officer

1. Maintain player lists including league players, league members, substitute players and waitlist players.
2. Work with captains on rating of new players to the substitute player list.
3. Adjust player ratings as needed.

I. Sub Fee Officer

1. Coordinate with team captains to collect substitute player fees.
2. Maintain record of all sub fees collected during the season.
3. Submit fees to league treasurer for deposit.

VI. CAPTAIN'S RESPONSIBILITIES

1. League communications with players on their teams
2. Collection of player's fees and submit to the treasurer as needed.
3. Notify players of times for first skate of the season
4. Obtain substitutes by rating number to fill roster.
5. Rate substitutes and report to the Personnel Officer.

7. Rank all captains and board members for the draft process.
8. Any other function to help better the team or league.

VII. ABSENT PLAYERS and SUBSTITUTIONS

1. It is the responsibility of the individual player to either contact the team captain or board member by 12 noon on game day if going to be absent from the game. Failure to do so will be an unexcused absence. Two unexcused absences in a row or three in a season are grounds for dismissal from the league.
2. Players may not secure their own substitutes. Violation may result in game forfeiture.
3. Substitutes shall be selected from the substitution list first, followed by selecting players from other non-playing teams with approval of the captain of the league player.
4. There is no limit on the number of substitutes in a game.
5. Teams may not play with less than 11 players unless in the case of extenuating circumstances. Opposing captain must be contacted as soon as the situation arises.
6. Every attempt must be made to replace all missing players (if playing short, you may not double shift your #1 all night rather than replace a low round pick with another low round pick).
7. The captain who is missing a player is to call a substitute with the same or one lower rating as his missing player. The captain **MUST** call subs at least one round lower in the ratings.

Penalty for violation of substitution policy is game forfeiture. Captains violating the substitution policy may be suspended.

Example: If a 3 rating is missing, a 3 or lower rating must be used (i.e. 3, 4, 5, etc...).

8. If a substitute cannot be found at the missing player's rating or one lower, from either the substitution list or the other non-playing team's rosters, the captain is to call the opposing team captain to discuss alternatives.
9. Players drafted in rounds 9, 10, and 11 can all be replaced by any registered substitute rated as 9. Teams are not forced to use a 10 or 11.
10. **Long term sub** - If a team is going to be missing a player for long term (more than 3 games), the captain of that team is to inform the President. The Personnel Officer and the captain contact the players on the substitution list of the same rating as the missing player to determine whether they are interested in playing until the missing player is ready to return or until the end of the season, whichever comes first. In the case where the player's captain and the substitution officer are on the same team, then the president will be involved in the player decision. Long term substitute players must be approved by a vote of the captains.
11. If a player is suspended, team will be allowed a sub **two rounds lower** than the suspended player. **Example:** If a #3 rating is suspended, a #5 rating or lower must be used.
12. In the case where the Captain and Board Member both are absent, it will be the responsibility of the captain to designate an alternate to represent the team in all team issues.
13. Drafting of goaltenders, including rating of and substitution procedures, will be agreed upon by the League Officers prior to the season.
14. **Subbing in the playoffs** - Any player rated #1 thru #5 who is not playing a game must be replaced with a player who is one or more ratings lower. (I.E. #1 rated player must be replaced with a player no higher than a #2 rating)

VIII. OFFICIALS, PENALTIES, AND GAMES

1. The officials (referees) shall have complete control of the game.
2. Two officials per game.
3. Both officials may call penalties.
4. The official's decisions are final.
5. The scorekeeper will run the game clock and maintain game statistics.
6. Officials shall note any abnormal play or occurrence on the score sheet.
7. Penalties shall be in conjunction with USA Hockey rules:
 - A. Minor: 1.5-minute stop time.
 - B. Major: 4-minute stop time.
8. Any player incurring 2 major penalties in the same game will be ejected for the remainder of that game and his actions will be reviewed by the League Officers.
9. Either official may levy a misconduct penalty for any abusive language.
10. **Game disqualification penalty** may be called in lieu of a game misconduct penalty (the player is ejected from that game, but no suspension will be given).
11. **Match penalty** will result in immediate ejection for the balance of that game, with review by the League Officers with possible dismissal from the league.
12. **Fighting penalties may** be considered as a major penalty or a match penalty. The game officials shall determine the severity of the penalty at the time the penalty is assessed. If necessary, a report from the officials shall be forwarded to the league and further action taken as warranted.

13. **Intentional Checking Penalties** - Will be penalized as a double minor (3 minutes)
14. **Detrimental Behavior** - Player actions on the ice that are overly aggressive and/or harmful to other players can be reviewed for player discipline. The process for conducting this review is described in Addendum A: Detrimental Behavior.
15. **Protest Procedures** –
 - A. Protests must be filed within one hour after completion of the game being protested.
 - B. Captain and/or board member must notify opposing team captain, board member and league president.
 - C. Protests will be reviewed by the President and Referee in Chief.
 - D. If protest is valid for player substitution violation or a rule interpretation of an on-ice official, league officials shall vote on outcome.
 - E. If a team uses a substitute player that is ranked higher than the missing player, the game shall be forfeited.
 - F. If the President or Referee in Chief are involved in the protested game, the Vice President and Treasurer shall replace as needed in this order.
 - G. Second offense by a captain or board member violating substitution rules or playing short will be suspended for a minimum of one game.

IX. Statistics

1. The league shall post team and individual stats weekly determined from the submitted score sheets.
2. Each game shall consist of three 10-minute stop time periods, preceded by a three-minute warm up time.
3. The teams shall switch ends at the end of each period.
4. Games will be played by current USA rules with exceptions contained in this document.
5. Each team is allowed to use one time out per game. 45 seconds in duration.
6. Pucks that are shot from anywhere in the neutral zone shall not be called as icing. Icing will still be called if shot from inside the defensive zone and crossing the goal as specified in USA Hockey rules.
7. If a referee makes a mistake on an icing call, USA Hockey rules shall be followed. Last play face off, not center ice.

X. PLAY-OFFS AND TIE-BREAKERS

1. Playoff format will be determined at a League meeting prior to the start of the season.
2. Full substitution for all missing players is allowed in the playoffs. Teams must follow the rules for substitution during the normal season. Substitutes used in the playoffs must be on the sub list, must have a rating, and must have participated in a minimum of three league games in the league, unless approved by league officers.
3. If there is a tie in the championship game after regulation time is completed, full time periods of sudden-death overtime will be played until a winner is determined.
4. Play-offs will be the last 8 weeks of contract ice with the same schedule pattern applying, with the last week (week 8) to be a position night with the #1 and #2 teams playing for the Guirey Cup.
5. Ties in the standings will be resolved as follows:
 - A. Total number of Points (win = two [2] points, tie = one [1] point, loss = zero [0] points).
 - B. Total number of Wins
 - C. Head-to-head play between the tied teams
 - D. Difference between a team's goals for and goals against.
 - E. Goals against
 - F. Goals for

XI. LEAGUE OFFICERS (CAPTAINS AND BOARD MEMBERS) ELECTIONS AND BY-LAWS

1. Each Captain and Board Member will be elected to a term of one (1) year.
2. League Officers are to be installed prior to the season.
3. League Officers will be elected by a general election of all league members. If only one member volunteers for a position, the president may appoint by acclamation.
4. Nominations for League Officers will be accepted during the last 2 weeks of February.
5. Elections will be held on the first Sunday of April.
6. Changes to league bylaws or the structure format of the league will be made by a vote of the League Officers . Revisions will be posted on the league website for membership review and negative confirmation within 7 days of the posting date.
7. The League Officers will meet as needed.

The league officers have the authority to make a ruling or implement emergency rules, bylaws or procedures not covered in this document until a vote of the league can be held.

Detrimental Behavior

Intentional Checking Penalties

Will be penalized as a double minor (3 minutes)

Behavior Detrimental to the League

Any player demonstrating behavior deemed detrimental to the league may be penalized up to and including removal from the league.

Process

1. Request for Review

A captain or board member may report detrimental behavior by a player to the Referee in Chief (RIC) to be reviewed. RIC will only review incidents submitted by a captain or board member.

2. Review Committee (RIC, President and Vice President)

RIC will review incident on Live Barn and consult with President and Vice President. The review committee will decide if actions were detrimental in any way.

3. Review committee Recommendation

If actions are deemed detrimental, RIC will contact player involved to gather further details and any information that the player would like included in the review by captains.

4. Penalty Review by Captains

RIC will provide details to captains for review and vote on penalty. Penalties can include any of the following: 1. No action required, 2. Verbal warning that will be documented, 3. Written warning, 4. Probation with defined timeline, 5. Suspension (required to include a probationary period), 6. Removal from the league.

5. Appeal process.

Player receiving any level of penalty may appeal penalty to the board (league positions) for review and vote. Penalties may not be increased by board review, only upheld or rescinded. Player must appeal within 24 hours of being notified of penalty.

6. Final Decision

RIC will notify player of final decision within 48 hours of appeal meeting.