

JACKSONVILLE ICE AND SPORTSPLEX

AHL Hockey League Rules



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I. INTRODUCTION

A. Overview

Jacksonville Ice & Sportsplex offers adult hockey in a league format to all paying participants who are 18 years or older in age at the start of any given season.

B. Goal

The goal is to offer adult hockey to willing participants on a fun and safe, yet competitive, level where participants play against players of equal skill and ability.

II. DIVISIONS AND LEAGUES

Players and teams will be placed and/or registered to play in one or more of the following divisions and leagues. The divisions, leagues and player/team placement will be determined by age and skill level on a per season basis. The number of leagues available in each division per season will be determined by the number of registered participants. Not all leagues may be available in each division in each season. Team formation and league placement will be conducted as to create equal ability and performance.

A. Divisions & Leagues

The divisions and leagues are as follows:

1. 35 and Older Divisions (35+ Division)
 - a. 35+ A
 - b. 35+ C
2. 18 and Older Division (“Open”)
 - a. Open A League
 - b. Open B League
 - c. Open C League
 - d. Bevie League

B. Player & Team Placement

The Hockey Director reserves the right to place any player and/or team in a league the Hockey Director deems suitable for that player.

C. Seasons

There will be three separate playing seasons.

1. **Winter** – January until May
2. **Summer** – June until August
3. **Fall** – September until December

IV. TEAM ROSTERS

During the Winter and Fall Seasons, Team rosters will be completed and submitted by individual Team Captains. It will be the responsibility of the captains to form a team with players appropriate for the division and league they wish to play. During the Summer Season, due to a shorter season (per games), the Hockey Director will address all leagues on format of play.

A. Roster Due Date

1. Team rosters must be completed and submitted to the Hockey Director at least two (2) weeks before the beginning of the season. Roster templates are available on the website or obtained by the Hockey Director.
2. Rosters will be frozen after the second game of a season. Any roster changes after the second game will require the consent of the Hockey Director and majority of Team Captains in your league.
3. Every player on the roster must have similar colored jerseys with a unique number.

B. Number of Players

1. The minimum number of players per team is 13, plus a goalie. 2 Subs per team max.
2. All Teams must have a full-time goalie rostered. No goalie can play full-time in the same league for multiple teams. The Hockey Director will allow a fill-in goalie until one is available for the team or teams in question.

C. Substitute Players

1. A Substitute Player gets 5 games per registration. It is the captain's responsibility that substitute players play the allotted amount of games purchased.
2. Substitutes on a team's roster are eligible to play in any regular season game, up to 5 games.
3. Any team caught utilizing a registered substitute player(s), that are not on their roster, does not have games remaining, is an illegal player - will forfeit the game and be subject to suspension.
4. Captain and Sub player must monitor number of games played. If a Sub fills in for another team or plays with another team, that game will go towards Subs 5 games.
5. Any Sub playing more than 5 games will be suspended from further play and any games they played illegally will be forfeited.

D. Fill-In Players

1. Team(s) may only use up to two (2) fill in players to assist if attendance, at game time, if below ten players.
 - If a team has nine players in attendance at game time, the captain at his/her discretion may acquire one "fill in" player to assist.
 - If a team has eight or less in attendance at game time, the captain at his/her discretion may acquire up to two "fill in players" to assist.
2. All "fill in" players must be from the same division and not from one division above. Example: If a B league team needs a "fill in" player, they must gain a player from the other B teams in that division. No players from C or A would be allowed to play. (Unless currently on another B teams roster full time)
3. No outside "fill in" players are allowed. ALL players MUST be registered with rink, USAH registered, and in good standing with rink.

F. Game Sign In

1. The Hockey Department scorekeeper will do “roll call” prior to teams taking to the ice to play and will verify players with roster submitted to the Hockey Department. Any player not on a team’s roster at “roll call” will not be allowed to play in that game unless approved by the Hockey Director.
2. If player shows up late, they must see the scorekeeper prior to dressing and or before the period begins so he/she can be added to the official game sheet.
3. Any team caught signing in/ playing “illegal” players who are not full-time registered players with Jacksonville Ice Adult Hockey will forfeit the game and be penalized with one playoff game loss starting with their first playoff game. Any further offenses will result in subsequent playoff losses and or termination of the teams remaining play-off games.

G. Captain Challenges

1. Having players placed in the correct division is vital to having a fun and safe experience for all players.
2. Any Captain who identifies a potential player in the wrong division should voice their concerns with the opposing Team Captain regarding the player.
3. If after the discussion there is not an agreement regarding the player, the challenging Captain should email the Hockey Director. The Hockey Director will then contact all division Captains to vote if the player has been appropriately placed in the division.
 - a. All captains must vote, and the details of the vote will be kept confidential.
 - b. In the event of a tie the Hockey Director will break the tie. The Hockey Director will then notify all Captains the result of the challenge.

H. Player Responsibilities

1. USA Hockey
 - a. All players and referees must be members of USA Hockey. Each player’s USA Hockey number registration confirmation must be turned in to Jacksonville Ice & Sportsplex prior to first game of the season.
 - b. When registering with USA Hockey, request a duplicate confirmation be emailed to bloomer@jaxiceandsportsplex.com.
 - c. Prior to the player’s first game, a printed duplicate registration confirmation is provided to Jacksonville Ice & Sportsplex’s Customer Service Office.
 - d. Submit your USAH # to your team Captain prior to season, so they may submit on roster to Hockey Dept.
 - e. Any player that is caught playing without a USA Hockey number will be asked to leave the ice and the team that he/she plays for will forfeit any game the player participated in during the season.

I. Multi-League Play

Players are eligible to play in multiple leagues under the following conditions:

1. Players are not allowed to “play down” in other Divisions. Players may play “up”.
2. Players under the age of 35 are not allowed to play in the 35+ divisions.
3. Players can play in both 35+ divisions per the discretion and approval of the Hockey Director

V. GAME AND STATISTICAL INFORMATION

A. Game Time

1. Each game will consist of three 18-minute running clock periods, with no resurfacing between periods.
2. There will be a 30-second break between each period.
3. Teams have one 30-second timeout per game.
4. Each Team will have a 3-minute warm-up period.
5. **The time clock will NOT BE STOPPED for any reason.**

B. Game Statistics

Points will be awarded as follows:

1. Win 2 point
2. Loss 0 point

There will be no ties. If game ends in tie in regulation, there will be a 3 Man Shootout to determine a winner. Each team will quickly select 3 players to shoot. If Even after each team 3 shooters, it becomes a 1 to 1 Shootout until winner is determined. Players with a penalty, or in box at end of regulation, cannot participate in shootout.

C. Rescheduling and Cancellation

1. Games will not be rescheduled due to the lack of players, missing goalies, or refs.
2. Games will only be rescheduled due to unforeseen problems at Jacksonville Ice & Sportsplex which would cause ice events to be cancelled.

D. League Standing

1. League Standings will be posted each week on the website – www.jacksonvilleice.com
- Any correction request to Hockey Director must be initiated by the Team Captain.
2. In the event of a tie in the League Standings, the tie breaker will go as the following:
 - a. Total points
 - b. Head to Head - between two tied teams
 - c. Goals for vs. Goals against differential

VI. PENALTIES

Jacksonville Ice & Sportsplex reserves the right at its sole discretion to ask any Player/players to leave whose conduct is unfavorable to the conducting of the game. This includes behavior in the penalty box.

A. Game Rules

1. All USA Hockey Rules will be followed.
2. Zero Tolerance Rules indicated in USA Hockey Rule Book will always be enforced.
3. All Adult Leagues are non-checking.
4. The 5 Second Puck Drop Rule.

- a. Once the Referee is in position at a faceoff circle and is in possession of the puck, the official will then blow his whistle and count 5 seconds in his head.
 - b. He will then drop the puck to commence the next shift. It is the players' responsibility to line up and be prepared to play within this time frame.
5. Players are always to remain off the ice until the Zamboni doors are closed. The Zamboni will leave the ice if any player enters prior to the doors being closed and the game will be played on unfinished ice.
 6. All players must wear full equipment during the game. Referees will ask any player(s) to leave the ice if equipment is missing and or not properly attached (i.e.; chin straps). All gear is to be worn anytime on the ice (during warm-up or returning to the bench during play). Failure to do so will cause player to receive a penalty for delay of game.

B. Suspensions and Forfeitures

1. Any Players who earns 3 penalties in one game will receive a Game Misconduct and be suspended for the remainder of the game, plus the next game, this includes goalies.
2. The Score Keeper will notify the Hockey Director of a Player(s) game suspension the next day.
3. All Players that receive the suspension will be notified immediately by their Team Captain.
4. Players playing in multiple divisions will be ineligible to play any games until their suspension is served in the division in which they received the suspension.
5. Any team allowing a suspended player to play will forfeit the current game.
6. A team must have at least 6 players to officially start the game, 5 players and a goalie or 6 players and no goalie. A team starting with less than 6 roster players will forfeit the game. In the event of a forfeit, the game officials will not officiate or score any games.
7. Hockey Director has the right to suspend any player at any time based on on-ice or off-ice behavior.

C. Fighting

1. **Fighting will not be tolerated in any league games and will result in an automatic dismissal from the game and 2 (min.) future games based off the on-ice officials report.** If a player(s) is involved in a second fight of the season, it will result in an automatic suspension from the league and rest of the season. No refunds will be given for suspensions.
2. Any fighting before or after a game will result in an automatic dismissal from the game (if occurs before the game) or the next game (if occurs after the game) plus 2 additional games. This will be determined by the Hockey Director.
3. (Addendum to fighting) If any player(s) involved in a fight removes their gloves to engage in a fight they will be suspended for a total of two games. If a player(s) removes his helmet and gloves to engage in a fight or removes the helmet of another player during fight or scrum, that player will be removed from all league play for 30 days. Based on first offense. Repeat offenders will be removed from league with no refunds.

D. Referees

1. Any unfavorable contact with a Referee will result in immediate game ejection and one (1) game suspension. Second contact with Referee in unfavorable manor will be suspension for remainder of season.
2. The Referee makes the final call.
3. The Referee has the right to eject any player/players whose conduct is unfavorable to the conducting of the game. Any player who feels they can call a better game, please contact the Director of Referees, Kevin Hills, k5hills@aol.com to sign up for Referee Clinics.
4. Zero Tolerance on Abusive Language
 - a. All Referees have been informed to access a 2-minute minor for first offense, 10-minute misconduct for second offense and a game misconduct (ejection) for third offense of any swearing or threats directed directly to the Referee.
 - b. If a player receives three game misconducts for Abusive Language, player will not be able to play the rest of the season.

VII. PLAYOFFS

Playoffs will be in format designed by Hockey Director.

A. Ties

1. Any playoff game ending in a tie will go into 5-minute Sudden Death overtime with teams playing 3 x 3.
2. If the game remains tied after the second Sudden Death overtime a 3-man shootout will follow.
3. If the 3-man shootout does not result in a winner, a 1 to 1 shootout will determine the game winner.

B. Championship Games

1. Championship games will consist of 3, 18 min run time periods.
2. If the game is tied after regulation time, there will be a 5-minute (run clock) 3 x 3 overtime Sudden Death period (4th period). If the game remains tied after the overtime period, then there will be a three (3) man shootout, followed by 1 to 1 shoot out if still no winner. There will be no resurfacing of the ice. The two (2) official format will be used for all championship games.

VIII. FOOD AND BEVERAGE

Jacksonville Ice & Sportsplex has a Beer and Wine License. In order to continue providing this service to our customers, we are required to follow strict rules set by the State Department of Business & Professional Regulation. If abused, the service can be withdrawn.

A. The Policy

1. **No outside food or beverage, alcoholic or otherwise, will be permitted in the facility.**
2. Individuals who fail to comply with these rules will be issued warnings and suspensions based on the number of times the failure occurs. The chart is as follows:

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- a. 1st Offense - Verbal warning
 - b. 2nd Offense - \$100.00 individual fine & team game forfeit
 - c. 3rd Offense - Individual will be suspended for the remainder of season
3. If it is found that a team is not adhering to this policy and the individual who provided the alcohol is not identified, then the entire team will receive the suspension and forfeit the remainder of the season.
 4. No fees will be refunded for any suspensions or forfeits because of a failure to comply with facility rules and regulations.
 5. Individuals who bring beer or alcohol onto the benches that individual will receive a game suspension.
 6. Any player that arrives intoxicated or gets on ice intoxicated will be removed and not allow to play. If player does not leave ice, the game will be called a forfeit and player will be suspended from further play.

IX. Refunds & Late Registrations

A. Refund Policy

All requests for refunds must be submitted in writing (email or letter) to the Hockey Director – Jeff Bloomer bloomer@jacksonvilleice.com. The refund must be requested at the time of withdrawal from the program and will be given as either a credit for a future program or paid back in the same manner as the original payment.

1. A full refund will be issued if the cancellation occurs 10 business days before the program begins. Registration Fees are not eligible for refunds.
2. A partial refund will be issued if the cancellation occurs before the halfway point of the program. The refund will be prorated at the regular season rates for the remaining games. Refunds will be prorated from the time of notice given to the Hockey Department, and player will be removed from the roster.
 - Ex. “I stopped playing 2 months ago due to injury”. The prorated refund will be from date notified, not the date claimed was last game, and no refunds will be issued for any time pre-dating the request.
3. No refunds will be given if the cancellation occurs ½ way or more through the season. Special situations may be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Hockey Director of the respective program.

B. Late Registrations

Late registrations will be accepted for hockey programs if there is room in league and on a roster. The registration fee will be a prorated amount of “late registration fee” for the number of games remaining, based on the program cost, plus any late fees.