

PLAYING RULES AND REGULATIONS CENTRAL ILLINOIS HOCKEY LEAGUE, INC.

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Article 1--Team and Player Registration and Eligibility

1. To play for a Central Illinois Hockey League, Inc. ("CIHL") team player must be registered with USA Hockey and be eligible to appear on an official Member roster conforming to "districts" approved by the Board of Directors ("Board").
2. Member organizations shall submit to the CIHL a roster of each team to be registered in the league. The deadline for submitting such roster shall be a date established by the Board. Such roster shall be a CIHL roster or such other team roster as may be submitted to a State Governing Organization. Upon receipt such roster will be approved by the board and become the official team roster which will be retained by the Vice President of the Board and be made available in response to any future protest. After the filing deadline only players appearing on the official team roster are eligible to play on a such registered team.
3. Each member organization must declare annually by a date established by the Board ("Declaration Date") the number of teams that will be fielded at each age level. If a member organization fails to field a declared team or adds a team after the Declaration Date, that member organization shall be fined \$150 for each team involved.
4. During preseason scrimmages and/or practice games, movement of players between age group ability classification (AA, A or B) levels for purposes of balancing teams within the same member organization will be considered acceptable procedure. However, once a player appears on an official CIHL roster for a member organization team that player is frozen to that team and organization.
5. Players may not play for more that one (1) CIHL member organization.
6. Players may not participate in any CIHL game while under suspension by USA Hockey, AHAI, MAIHA, CIHL or other governing organization.

Article 2 Suspension and Expulsion

1. Any violation of By-Laws or Playing Rules and Regulations of the CIHL or any conduct detrimental to hockey, either on or off the ice, by any member organization or individual could render such member organization or individual liable to probation, suspension or expulsion by the Board upon recommendation of the Rules and Disciplinary Committee.
2. Abusive or threatening words or action, on or off the ice, before, during or after a game or practice towards any official or game official shall be considered conduct detrimental to hockey and shall be grounds for the immediate suspension of any individual guilty of such action.
3. A referee shall forward a written report to the President of CIHL against any player, coach or manager given a game or match misconduct or otherwise removed from the game due to extreme verbal or physical abuse. Such report shall be used in reviewing and making any recommendations for further action such as probation, suspension or expulsion as a result of such abusive action.
4. The team managers and coaches in charge of a team for a CIHL game shall be regarded as responsible for the team for that game as to eligibility of all players of the team, and for the conduct of the team officials, players and parents during the game and while at the place the game is being played.
5. Each manager and coach in charge and their assistants are obligated when requested to do whatever possible to assist game officials and others involved in controlling spectators at a game who are associated with the team. Suspension for the coach or manager or the entire team and a forfeit of the game could result from lack of such action in attempting to control any person or group.
6. All Complaints of violations of conduct or notices of disputes (including suspended roster violations) shall be in writing, on a member organizations letterhead, signed by an officer of the Member organization and reported to the President of CIHL.
7. Process of handling protests.
 - a. Any protest must be submitted in writing, must be received by the President of CIHL within seven (7) days from the date of the protested event, must be submitted by Member organization and accompanied by a \$25.00 check from the member organization.
 - b. The \$25.00 payment is refundable only if the protest is upheld and is forfeited to CIHL if the protest is denied. Protests that are based on a judgment call or mistakes by a referee will automatically be denied.
 - c. All protests will be reviewed by the Rules and Disciplinary Committee and all practical efforts to hear all sided of the issue(s) including a hearing, if needed, will be undertaken before a written response is forwarded to the involved parties.

8. In order to prevent forfeit games, the Rules and Disciplinary Committee shall have the authority to:
 - a. Review circumstances relating to possible forfeitures and the steps taken by the teams to play the game.
 - b. Determine when and where an unscheduled and potential forfeiture is to be played.
 - c. Make recommendations to the Board on how "points" for a forfeited game will be awarded.
 - d. Recommend disciplinary action to be taken if conduct of any individuals involved in a potential forfeiture is judged "detrimental to hockey," and
 - e. Assess a \$100 fine against any Member organization team that flatly refuses to play another team in League play.

9. In order to preserve the purity of Amateur hockey in CIHL, any recourse to the courts or legal action by a member organization or individual before all the rights and remedies under the By-Laws and Playing Rules and Regulations of CIHL have been exhausted shall be deemed conduct subject to immediate suspension of any such member organization or individual and further rendering the same liable to expulsion by the Board.

10. A player suspended in league play must miss a league game equal to the suspension time. The player must also serve the AHAI, USA Hockey, MAIHA, or other governing organization for the suspension. (Example: If player is suspended for a league game and the next game is a league game, the player must miss that game. If the player is suspended and the next game is a non-league game, the player must miss the next game plus the next league game.) All league game suspensions must be reported by the home team to the Vice-President. Failure to report a suspension or serve a suspension will be turned over to the Rules and Disciplinary Committee.

Article 3-- Playing Rules and Regulations

1. Not more than 20 players shall be rostered on any team except High School which may roster up to 35 players. It is recommended that a team have a minimum of at least twelve (12) players.
2. All players must wear numbered uniforms in the proper team colors.
3. All players must wear protective equipment recommended/required by USA Hockey during games and warm-ups.
4. Each year the Board shall establish the CIHL season. All games are to be played by or on the final day of the regular season. Final standings determining eligibility for and placement in the playoffs are to be based on games played by the close of the season and properly reported. If there is sufficient time between the close of the season and the beginning of the playoffs and if one or more games that could effect the participation in the playoffs have not been played, the play-off committee may give approval for the game(s) to be played and included in the standings.
5. Score sheets must be sent in to the CIHL statistician by the home team and postmarked within seven (7) days of playing the game. Failure to adhere to the seven (7) day requirement will result in fining of the member organization involved. The determinations of fines will be made annually and levies thereof will be made by the Board. The statistician will mail a league standing recap to each organization of Friday of each week. Such mailing will note any missing score sheets.
6. Playing Times/Penalty Times
 - a. Playing times for all games will be stop time periods. No times outs will be allowed during a game except for an "official Time Out". Time periods for games are as follows:

Mites ~~44~~42 minutes

Squirts ~~44~~42 minutes

Pee-Wee ~~44~~42 minutes

Bantam 12 minutes

Midget/High School 12 minutes

The minimum time for warm-up proceeding the game shall be no less that three minutes.
 - b. Slaughter Rule

1. At the point in time that a seven goal deficit exists in the third period the clock should remain running with the following exceptions:
 - i. Penalties – the clock should be turned off to list the penalty minutes and turned on at face-off.
 - ii. Injury and Official Time Outs – the clock should be turned off until the ensuing face-off.
2. At the point in the third period when a seven-goal deficit first arises, the clock should be turned off to record the goal and not restarted until the ensuing face-off.
3. The clock should remain running if a goal is scored and the seven-goal difference still exists.
4. If play is stopped and a penalty expires the penalized player should not return to the ice until play resumes.
5. Invoking the slaughter rule is mandatory and is not subject to negotiations between opposing coaches or referees.

c. Penalty times for all games will be as follows:

~~Mite, Squirt and PeeWee~~

~~Minor One (1) minute and thirty (30) seconds~~

~~Major Four (4) minutes and Seven (7) minutes respectively~~

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~~Bantam, Midget and High School~~

Minor Two (2) minutes

Major Five (5) and Ten (10) minutes respectively

d. Running time is permitted only under the Slaughter Rule. There are no other exceptions. Referees shall determine the amount of time to be put on the clock for the third period to allow the game to end within the allotted ice time using stop clock procedures. Referees decisions are final.

7. If stop time periods cannot be played because a team is late in arriving for the game it shall be considered a forfeit game against the team that was late unless the coaches agree to reschedule or play the game under a shortened time frame.

8. Playing time in excess of the minimum must be agreed upon by both coaches before the start of the game. The playing time for the game must be explained to the referee and the timekeeper by the home team before the start of the game.
9. Scheduling of CIHL Game should take precedence over all other games.
10. A scheduling meeting will be set by the Board. During the scheduling meeting each member organization will be limited to one scheduler per team plus one master scheduler.
11. The official CIHL score sheet, in triplicate, must be filled out, signed by both coaches and the referees. All players on a team roster must be included on each score sheet even if a player is absent or otherwise not playing (including players on suspension). The original copy of the official CIHL score sheet must be sent to the statistician, one copy to the visiting team coach and the other copy retained by the home team coach. The home team is responsible for mailing the original copy to the statistician.
12. The home team is responsible for furnishing a scorekeeper, a timekeeper and referees/linesmen. Referees/linesmen must be certified and a minimum of two age classifications older than the players in any game they officiate. For Midget and high school games, the minimum age for officials must be eighteen (18) years of age. No official may officiate a game in which a member of their immediate family (i.e. son, daughter, brother, sister) is a participant. In the event properly qualified are not present for a game, the home organization should explain the circumstances to the coach of the visiting team. Any question about qualifications of the officials must be raised before the start of the game. If the officials are not qualified to officiate the scheduled league game and the questions raised cannot be satisfactorily answered and agreed upon then the game should be played as a practice game or the visiting team may leave the rink and the home team conducts a practice. Once a game has been started with the understanding it is an official CIHL game the officials have been automatically accepted by both teams.
13. The home member organization supervisor of officials will assign registered IHOA/AHAI/USA Hockey officials for each game.
14. All timing clocks and score sheets must be made available to the visiting team.
15. The traditional handshake between team will take place after the game ends. Any penalty during the handshake shall result in automatic suspension from the next CIHL league game.
16. It is expected that all CIHL games will be played and forfeits avoided. Any CIHL game that is not played as scheduled is to be rescheduled as soon as possible. Any postponement of games must be done at least 24 hours prior to the game

time (except in the case of inclement weather). If a game is postponed for whatever reason, it is mandatory that the team making the request to postpone the game have the game rescheduled with the opponent immediately (same telephone call as the postponement) but must be rescheduled within 30 days of the original game or before the end of the regular season, whichever comes first. Both teams are responsible for rescheduling the game but the team canceling or causing a scheduled game not to be played has the greatest responsibility to make concession to the convenience of the non-canceling team. The home team has the responsibility of sending the rescheduling form to the CIHL statistician within seven (7) days. Late rescheduling forms have the same fines as late score sheets. Teams having difficulty in rescheduling a game should promptly notify their CIHL representative who shall contact the opposing team's CIHL representative to settle the matter between the organizations. If the matter cannot be settled between the CIHL representatives they should contact the Rules and Disciplinary Committee. Any potential forfeit is subject to the jurisdiction of the Rules and Disciplinary Committee.

17. Rules and regulations shall be governed by the Playing Rules and Regulations of the CIHL, or if not covered thereby, the Rules and Regulations of USA Hockey and AHAI shall apply.

Article 4--Rules and Disciplinary Committee

The Committee shall have original jurisdiction over the administration and enforcement of the By-Laws and the Playing Rules and Regulations of the CIHL. The Committee shall have the authority to suspend, place on probation or impose other disciplinary sanctions against any person, team or member organization which it determines to have violated the By-Laws or Playing Rules and Regulations of CIHL or for conduct deemed detrimental to the purpose and intent of youth hockey, A majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of holding a hearing and a vote of the majority present at such hearing shall be required for any disciplinary action. Decisions of the Committee shall be final unless a notice of appeal is filed as provided in the By-Laws or Playing Rules and Regulations. Any person team or member organization affected by a decision of the Committee may appeal as set forth in Article 5.

Article 5--Appeals

Appeal of any CIHL committee decision may be made to the Board by the following procedure.

1. Appeals for consideration by the Board must be submitted in writing to the President of the CIHL by the affected person, team or member organization through its officer and/or directors.
2. Appeals must be accompanied by a \$50.00 filing fee which shall be returned if the appeal is upheld
3. Appeals must be received by the President of the CIHL within ten (10) calendar days of the Committee decision and notification.
4. Individual, member organization team officers and/or directors must appear before the Board at the time and place specified by the Board and present the appeal. Non appearance is sufficient reason for denial of the appeal.
5. Decisions of the Board will be given to the individual, member organization team officer and/or board within forth eight (48) hours of the hearing.
6. All decisions of the Board are final.

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