



## **NYSAHA – North Section**

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# **NORTHERN NEW YORK STATE HOCKEY LEAGUE**

## **NYSAHA North Section Tournament Bound Hockey League**

# **ADMINISTRATIVE RULES and REGULATIONS 2022-2023**

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## NORTHERN NEW YORK STATE HOCKEY LEAGUE NYSAHA NORTH SECTION TOURNAMENT BOUND HOCKEY LEAGUE ADMINISTRATIVE RULES and REGULATIONS EST 2017

The North Section Tournament Bound League, NNYSHL or "the League" is subject to all the rules, regulations and policies of the New York State Amateur Hockey Associations, Inc. (N.Y.S.A.H.A.) and U.S.A. Hockey Inc. The following rules and regulations may further restrict those rules.

- 1) **Board of Directors:** Shall be comprised of the elected or appointed officers of the NYSAHA North Section Board of Directors. Including North Section 4 Area Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Referee in Chief, Tournament Coordinator and Registrar. Any decisions not specifically outlined in these rules are at the discretion of the Board of Directors (BOD). Any vote by the Board of Directors will pass by simple majority and the North Section President will serve as the appeal authority.
- 2) **Season:** The Board of Directors shall determine the exact date of the season for all divisions, as designated by NYSAHA Guidebook.
  - A. Each team must meet ALL league commitments. Any team and/or an association may be disqualified or suspended from the League by the Board, pending the outcome of a hearing, for not meeting league commitment(s)
  - B. Playdowns take precedence over any other commitments and no association shall schedule other conflicting play during these times. NYSAHA North Section playdown schedule/locations will be determined by the NYSAHA North Section Tournament Coordinator, on an as needed basis.
- 3) **League Membership:**
  - A. All organizations must be members in good standing with USAH and NYSAHA to participate in the League.
  - B. These rules apply to NYS Tournament Bound teams only.
  - C. All individual participants and teams in the league shall be properly registered with USA Hockey before the start of the league season.
  - D. Participants and teams will adhere to the classifications of USA Hockey. The classifications of a player shall be determined by his/her age at midnight on December 31<sup>st</sup> prior to or during the current playing season
- 4) **Team Declarations:**
  - A. **Team Declaration:** Each Association shall inform the League of their intention to register a team and the division in which they will play by the following dates: (These dates are final dates to declare, Associations may be asked to submit a tentative list of Tournament bound teams prior to this date)

Level	Date	Level	Date
Tier II 16U/18U	August 15 <sup>th</sup>	Tier III 16U/18U	September 15 <sup>th</sup>
Tier II 12U/14U	October 1 <sup>st</sup>	Tier III 12U/14U	November 1 <sup>st</sup>
Tier II G12U – G19U	November 1 <sup>st</sup>		

**For a team declaration to be official a roster must be submitted to the North Section Registrar for approval by the declaration date. If the roster is not submitted the team will be removed from Tournament Bound Status**

**Final management and coordination of divisions will be subject to the NYSAHA North Section BOD.**

- B. Declarations will be made on a form provided by North Section Staff.
- C. Any team, not declared by midnight of the declaration date, that wishes to be admitted to the League must submit a written request. The request will only be reviewed if submitted by the association president.



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### 5) Rosters:

#### A. General Information

- 1) All Players, coaches and manager must be properly rostered per USA Hockey and NYSAHA rules prior to participation in any team events. Any team(s) which begin league play and which have not registered with USAH and have not submitted a roster to the North Section registrar shall forfeit all league games prior to proper registration.
- 2) As per NYSAHA: Each Section shall establish a credentials committee that will certify each team that advances from their respective Section to the State Tournament. Each Section committee must conduct an initial roster certification no later than the second weekend in December to ensure that all team rosters are accurate. A final certification form, credential sheet and certified roster, shall be completed and forwarded to the State Tournament Director no less than 7 days prior to the start of the respective State Tournament.

#### B. Roster Changes:

- 1) Player movement and roster changes cannot be made after December 31st of the current playing season for the 12U-14U/G12U-G19U. 16U and 18U levels will adhere to the current NYSAHA and North Section rules on rostering at this level. Rosters for all Midget teams {Tier I, Tier II and Tier III} will freeze on the Sunday prior to the start of NYSPHSAA winter sports season.
- 2) All changes will be final as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current playing season. No player changes on rosters will be allowed for any team after December 31<sup>st</sup>.
- 3) The NYSAHA North Section District Registrar must be notified via the USAH Registration Portal at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to adding a new player or deleting a current player from the team roster. Associations are responsible for verifying roster changes have been made prior to the start of any Q-Game. Failure to do so may result in a forfeit.

#### C. Final Rosters:

A roster must be submitted to the NYSAHA North Section District Registrar no later than the declaration date above. All rosters will be linked to the league website by the North Section Registrar

### 6) Game Rules for Tournament Bound Teams:

- A. All games will be played per rules outlined in the USA Hockey rule book.
- B. All game count requirements as per USA Hockey and NYSAHA Rules must be met to qualify for State and National Tournament play.
- C. Games will begin to count for 12U-14U/Girls 12U-19U on September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current season and for Midgets 16U/18U on August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- D. In order to be eligible for a State tournament, a team must complete its entire league schedule. If a tournament bound team fails to complete its league schedule, they may no longer possess tournament bound status and may not be eligible for a State tournament as per NYSAHA Rules. North Section BOD has the authority to review on a case-by-case basis.
- E. All suspensions, imposed for incidents during a League game, must be served in league-games and/or the NYSAHA Tournament. Suspensions imposed in non-league games shall be served in the next schedule game for the team even if that game is a league game. Refer to USA Hockey rule book for further information.

### 7) League/Game Schedule:

- A. Each home team will be responsible for entering their game schedules online. All teams will verify their games for accuracy. Officials will be scheduled based the online schedule. Any changes within 7 days of the original scheduled date, including changes to time, location, date or qualifying game status **MUST** be communicated directly to the RIC to ensure proper coverage by qualified officials. **ALL GAMES MUST BE SCHEDULED AND ONLINE BY 12/1.**
- B. Games listed in the official master schedule shall be reviewed by each member team or association to assure that schedule is accurate. Discrepancies must be reported to the North Section Tournament Director within seven (7) days of publication.



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### 8) Record Keeping Responsibilities:

- A. Each registered team shall have a team manager. Each association shall appoint a League Representative. Contact information for the League Representative and team manager shall be provided to the League at the time of team declaration. The team manager, who may also be a head coach or assistant coach, shall be responsible for all record keeping of the team and shall have access to all documents necessary for credential review, tournaments, playdowns and championships. (Required forms can be obtained from the organization registrar and are also located on the NY Registrar website [www.nyregistrar.com](http://www.nyregistrar.com). Instructions on putting the credential book together can also be found on the NY Registrar website.)
- B. Required documents for Credentials shall comply with USAH and NYSAHA requirements for TB teams. Consult [www.nyregistrar.com](http://www.nyregistrar.com) or the current season guide book(s) for the complete list of requirements.
- C. Credential books need to be completed prior to league play.
- D. Player names on game sheets must match names as listed on the approved roster.
- E. Association name, Team name and Team ID# as shown on the roster must be included on each game sheet. Refer to the documents section of the North Section website or the NNYS Hockey League website for information on properly completing the game sheets.

### 9) Home Team Responsibilities:

- A. Supplying a suitable ice surface with proper equipment and gender equitable locker rooms for the game of ice hockey.
- B. Provide USA Hockey registered referees from an independent Referee Organization. Every home team shall arrange for the referees. Relatives of participants, coaches or team members should not be refereeing these games. It is also advised that younger referees are accompanied by a senior referee over the age of 21. Organizations are to communicate this with their assignor.
- C. Providing the proper playing time for each age group as defined in these rules.
  - 1) Any Association unable to provide the required ice times should bring the problem to the North Section Board of Directors
  - 2) In order to aid in the completion of games, all teams will be limited to
    - a. A three (3) minute on ice warm-up immediately following the exit of the Zamboni. The referee will call delay of game on any team not ready to play three (3) minutes after the ice has been resurfaced. The offending team then has two (2) minutes before a second delay of game is called. If the team is not ready after two (2) more minutes, the game is forfeited.
    - b. Each team will be granted (1) one minute time-out per game
- D. To maintain order and good behavior of the spectators and rink personnel.
  - 1) The League holds each member team/association responsible for policing the conduct of the coach, player, spectator, and parents at sanctioned events (games/practices).
  - 2) If the member team/association fails to act, the League reserves the right to have any person who causes a disturbance removed from the playing area.
  - 3) Parents or spectators who interfere with any game or become rowdy, obnoxious, abusive or exercises unsportsmanlike conduct in any way may be ejected from the arena and may be barred from further participation with the League.
  - 4) The referee may hold up the game until such person(s) are removed. Incidents of this nature will be noted by the referee on the official scoresheet and referred to the disciplinary panel for any necessary action. from competition. In ice arenas where referees go through a public area to the locker room, a team official should accompany them.
- E. To supply competent Off-Ice-Officials (18 years old minimum)- Including but not limited to timekeeper, scorekeeper, and a penalty box attendant for each box. (See USAHOCKEY Off-Ice Officials Guidebook for more information). Away team has the option to supply a penalty box supervisor and a scorekeeper, and these officials are to be in place before the of any game. The Off-Ice-Officials responsibilities include:
  - 1) Knowledge of proper usage of the clock
  - 2) Proper procedure for keeping the scoresheet.
  - 3) Asking the referees to clarify any confusion with game procedures and penalties.
  - 4) To provide a qualified scorekeeper and timekeeper, penalty box supervisor and all needed facilities including an extra stopwatch, whistle and first aid kit.
- F. Score Reporting
  - 1) Each HOME TEAM ONLY will report the final score of the game using website protocol **within 24 hours**. Each team will submit the name of the person responsible for score reporting to the League to gain access to the website.
  - 2) Any score discrepancies must be reported to the North Section Tournament Coordinator at [NorthSectionHockey@gmail.com](mailto:NorthSectionHockey@gmail.com), along with a copy of the scoresheet within 48 hours.



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### 10) Game Requirements:

In order for a League Game to be considered valid and recorded in our standings, it must meet the following:  
All games will be 3-15-minute periods No Exceptions. No Overtime shall be played. Games shall start on fresh ice  
No ice resurfacing is allowed Q games.

- A. 12U/G12U (3) 15 minute periods
- B. 14U/16U/18U/G14U/G16U/G19U (3) 15 minute periods
- C. 2/5/10 minute penalties at ALL levels.
- D. One minute break between each period
- E. For all age classifications except 16U and 18U regular season league games must be **completed by 21 days prior to the start of the State Tournament for the appropriate classification. 16U and 18U must complete all regular season league games by the Sunday prior to the start of NYSPHSAA winter sports season. No Exceptions Refer to section 6D above.**
- F. Advancing teams must meet their 10/20, 10/14 or 8/10 game counts 21 days prior to respective State Tournament.
- G. Any classification split into (2) divisions must complete regular season League games by the Sunday (5) weeks prior to the State tournament for that classification. This is required to facilitate a playdown as outlined in section 7.

### 11) League Play/Playdown Format:

- A. Tier I, II, and III 16U/18U
  - 1) Teams will play (2) games against all teams that have declared to be tournament bound. Standings will determine the team or teams to represent the Northern Section in the state tournament. Rosters will freeze on the Sunday prior to the start of NYSPHSAA winter sports season.
  - 2) Any level with (1) team declared by their deadline will have until Dec. 31 to change their rosters.
- B. Tier I, II, and III 12U/14U; Girls Tier I and II 12U/14U/16U/19U
  - 1) **Tier III ONLY** – Any team declaring Tournament bound status that has (8) or more players on the roster that were not registered with that association the previous season must have the roster approved by the North Section BOD prior to league play.
  - 2) If (9) or more teams declare to be tournament bound, the teams will be divided into two divisions based on geography for league play. Teams must play two games against each team in their division. The top (2) teams from each division will play in a (4) team playdown to determine the teams to represent the North Section in the state tournament. Format of the playdown will be determined by the North Section Tournament Coordinator on an as needed basis.
  - 3) If less than (9) teams declare to be tournament bound, each team will play (2) games against each tournament bound team. The standings will determine the team or teams to represent the Northern Section in the state tournament. The number of teams advancing may be dependent on other considerations at the state level. No playdown will be played.
- C. North Section representation in State Tournaments in determined by NYSAHA (refer to NYSAHA Guidebook).

### 12) Forfeits:

- A. Forfeits – As per NYSAHA: Where the registered team is a member of a recognized league of USA Hockey members, and the league schedule leads directly to a position in the respective State Tournament, the team must play its entire league schedule. All “Q” games are to be considered as league scheduled games. Forfeits are not allowed.
- B. Postponement of games
  - 1) Delays, weather conditions
    - If unavoidable delays occur and games are postponed due to hazardous driving conditions, they must be rescheduled as soon as possible. **FOR THIS PURPOSE, FAILURE OF A TEAM TO REASONABLY CONCLUDE THAT THERE IS A WEATHER OR TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM WILL BE CONSIDERED A FORFEIT, AS DETERMINED BY THE NORTH SECTION BOD.** The home team is responsible for notifying the opposing team of the available date(s) and time(s) for the rescheduled game. The home team should contact the opponent and a rescheduled date and time must be made within seven days of postponement. If the game is not rescheduled in this time frame both teams will submit their entire schedule to the North Section Tournament Director. If the game is not played prior to the season’s end, a forfeit will be awarded against the team causing the delay. The game does not have to be played within seven days.



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- 2) Rescheduling of games
  - a. A re-scheduled game MUST be re-scheduled within 7 days of the original game date and must be completed by the end of the regular season as defined in section 10E/G.
  - b. If the teams cannot agree to a date and time to play the game after a cancellation or unavoidable delay, both teams will be required to submit schedules to the North Section Tournament Coordinator and the game will be scheduled at their discretion. If ice has to be purchased the teams will split the cost.
3. *The League may, at their discretion, extend or reduce the season to accommodate games postponed to inclement weather if deemed necessary.*

### 13) Scoring/Tie-Breakers

- A. NYSAHA has modified their district/state championship tie breaking rules to fall in line with USAH. Teams that qualify for the NY District/State championships should be aware that the games played during the championships will be played based on those rules and may be different than the tiebreakers used by the League. The NYSAHA North Section Playdown (if necessary) will be played, as outlined in the NYSAHA guide book.

Note: NYSAHA North Section BOD will not apply or advise on any tiebreakers until the season is over and a tie actually exists between two or more teams in a division.

- B. A two-point scoring system for standings to will be used for all qualifying games: (As determined at the end of regulation time, no OT in League Q-games)
  1. Win – 2 points
  2. Tie – 1 point
  3. Loss – 0 points
- C. Tie Breaking Policy (at the conclusion of regular season play)– The League will utilize the tie breaking policy recommended by NYSAHA which is detailed in the USA Hockey Tournament Guidebook (the guidebook can be found on the NYSAHA website –www.nysaha.com).

### 14) Protests

- A. A protest may only be lodged by an Association’s President. No protest may be lodged by a coach, manager or parent regardless of their position.
- B. The official USA Hockey playing rules shall be used. No Protests shall be permitted on the playing rules or for referee calls or penalties assessed before, during or after the game are not allowed.
- C. The Association President shall notify the NYSAHA North Section BOD of the impending protest within 24 hours of the completion of the game.
- D. All the facts of the incidents, including why the protest is being filed and the desired outcome need to be stated precisely in the protest. Do not be vague in any statements.
- E. Both parties will be notified of the decision of the NYSAHA North Section BOD within 10 days.

### 15) Disclaimer:

In order to preserve, as far as possible, the integrity of amateur hockey and the League, any recourse to the courts or legal action by a member or individual before and/or during all the rights of the Bylaws and Rules & Regulations of this corporation have been exhausted, shall be considered ungentlemanly conduct entailing the immediate suspension and disqualification of any such member or individual(s). Refer to USA Hockey, Inc., Bylaws, Suspensions and Resolution of Disputes for additional information.

The NYSAHA North Section BOD reserves the right to change and modify these rules at any time to promote the best interest of hockey in our Section.



