

Wings West Adult Hockey League

Official Rules and Regulations
Fall/Winter 2017-2018

All players are reminded that they are participating in a recreational league. The goal of the WWAHL is to ensure that all patrons have an enjoyable experience while participating in the league.

It is the responsibility of each team's manager to ensure that all players on his/her team are made aware of the WWAHL Rules and Regulations. A copy of said Rules and Regulations will be posted on the boards at Wings West by the Ice Events office. A copy of the Rules and Regulations will be available in the "Team Manager's Kit" that will be accessible on the Wings Event Center website under the WWAHL file. A blank copy of the team roster and individual player registration form will also be included.

ALL GAMES WILL BE GOVERNED BY USA HOCKEY PLAYING RULES UNLESS SPECIFICALLY NOTED IN THESE WWAHL RULES. USA HOCKEY RULES ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT <http://www.usahockeyrulebook.com/>.

Registration and Rosters

1. Registration begins on August 4th, 2017. Registration ends on September 22nd, 2017. **(Some nights may close sooner due to demand)**. League play will begin the week of October 1st, 2017. Cost is \$2,200 per team for the Fall, or \$4,250 per team for both Fall and Winter.
2. Teams will not be able to participate until they have been completely registered. Complete Registration includes:
 - a. Managers must sign payment agreement form.
 - b. Completed Team Roster, with name, light and dark jersey numbers, e-mail address for **each** player, and USA Hockey Confirmation #. Complete Roster is due by September 22nd, 2017. **Teams must use the roster sheets provided by WWAHL.**
 - c. All participants **MUST** be **USA HOCKEY** registered with a copy of the registration turned in to the league director. **(No one is eligible to play until their USA Hockey information is on file with the director)**
 - d. Roster changes can be made up until the 5th game of the season.
 - e. Teams will NOT be scheduled if all players are not **USA HOCKEY** registered.
 - f. The schedule will be posted to **pointstreak** one week at a time. The tentative schedule can be found on our website at **iceschedule.wingsstadium.com** for months in advance; however, game times that have not been sent out by the director are subject to change.
 - g. Each team is allowed to have **20 total players (including goalies)** on the roster at the time the roster is frozen.
 - h. **All players must be a minimum of 18 years of age prior to October 1st, 2017. (1999)**

Team Equipment

1. Each team must have a set of *numbered jerseys* for rostered players. Subs must wear a similar colored jersey with a **non-duplicate number**. All jerseys *numbers* must be visible from behind and not covered by any hockey equipment. A player with no number on their jersey will be considered number 0. Temporarily taped on numbers must be large enough to read and adhere well to the back of the jersey throughout the entire game. The designated home team has the choice of jersey color.
2. All players must wear USA HOCKEY approved helmets with chin straps attached and used.
3. All players must wear at least a half-shield on their helmets (full cages are preferred). Players will be sent off the ice until they can provide one.
4. Elbow pads and shin guards must be completely covered with no areas exposed to prevent possible injury to another player.
5. USA HOCKEY equipment rules will be followed.

Jersey Regulations

- *All players are required to wear the same primary color as the rest of their team.*
- *Every player must wear a readable number on their jersey at all times, according to USA Hockey rules. **Only one player per number per team.***
- ***All player numbers must correspond with the sign-in sheet and score sheet.***

Playing Rules

Note - All players must sign in at the Ice Events office prior to each game. A valid picture ID will be required each time or the player will not be eligible to play. Teams must be dressed and ready to play at game time. Players must not enter the ice surface until the zamboni doors are closed. *Any team violating this rule will immediately receive a 2 minute penalty that will be served by the team manager at the beginning of the game.*

1. USA HOCKEY rules are in effect unless otherwise noted. USA Hockey rules are available at: http://assets.ngin.com/attachments/document/0042/4244/2013-17_USAH_Rulebook.pdf
2. ***There will be a three (3) minute warm-up at scheduled game time. If a team can't field the minimum of six (6) players, five (5) minutes after scheduled game time, the game will be forfeited.***
3. Teams can use their one (1) minute time out to wait for skaters and or goalie.
4. Games will consist of three (3) 12 minute periods with a one (1) minute break between periods.
5. A running clock will be in effect starting at the beginning of the 3rd period if the goal differential is six (6) or more goals. "Stop-time" will go back into effect when the goal differential is reduced to three (3) goals.

6. Run clock will be allowed in the 2nd period if both teams agree and with a difference of six (6) goals.
7. **Blue line** icing is in effect.
8. Each team is allowed one (1) timeout per game. The timeout must be taken at the stoppage of play at any time during the game.
9. A shootout will consist of 3 shooters per team; if it is still tied after that it goes into sudden death.

Eligibility

1. Non-rostered goalies from any WWAHL league can play as a sub during the regular season.
2. Rostered players must play in at least six (6) regular season games with their team to be eligible to play in the playoffs.
3. *Subs must participate in six (6) regular season games with the same team to be eligible to play for that team in the playoffs.*
 - a. *Subs must have a USA Hockey Number.*
 - b. *Subs must wear a jersey number.*
4. **Players under the age of 18 are considered ineligible and cannot play as a regular or a sub in any league under and circumstances.**
5. **Team Eligibility** – At the discretion of League Management, any team that wins a League Championship may be required to move to the next highest league prior to the start of the next season.

Player Eligibility

1. *The League Director has the final authority on any and all matters of player eligibility and any other matters relative to the league.*
2. *Any exception may be granted on an individual case by case basis, only by the League Director.*
3. *The penalty for using illegal players may include but is not limited to one or more of the following; suspension of the player(s), removal of any goals scored or assisted goals, forfeit of the game, or suspension of the Manager of that team.*
4. *Players shall provide a PHOTO I.D. when asked by the League Director or any league official, including but not limited to the referee(s) or scorekeepers.*
5. *The league does not differentiate substitute players from full time players. Only players on the official roster may play in a game. The official roster is the one printed which all players sign before each game. Rosters are frozen after the 5th game has been played for that team. In order to add a player after the 5th game, that addition must be approved by the League Director before that player hits the ice. (e.g. a team has lost a player due to illness or injury, or other uncontrollable situation where that player will be out for the remainder of the season. Please note that a player who has been suspended for the remainder of the season cannot be replaced.)*

6. *All players must be at least eighteen (18) years of age prior to the start of the 2016 USA Hockey Registration season to be eligible to be rostered and/or participate in any adult league games. There are **NO EXCEPTIONS** to this rule for any reason.*
7. ***League Director has final say in moving teams up or down based on skill level during any part of the season.***

Point System

Wins = 2 points

Shootout win= 2 points

Shootout loss= 1 point

Loss = 0 points

Playoffs

1. A team eligible for the playoffs can use a goalie from a team in the same league that is not in the playoffs.
2. If a playoff game ends in a tie, there will be additional 8 minute **sudden death** overtime period.
3. If the game is still tied after overtime a 3 man shootout will determine the winner.
4. Any player involved in any type of game misconduct penalty during a playoff game the game misconduct will carry over to next playoff game or season.
5. *In the event of a tie in points at the conclusion of the regular season standings, the following tie breaker protocol shall be used:*
 1. *Wins*
 2. *Head to Heads*
 3. *Goal differential (Overall)*
 4. *Coin toss*

Penalties

1. Any player receiving a fighting penalty will be suspended for three (3) games with no appeal plus officials or league director's ruling. Additional action may be taken by WWAHL on a case by case basis. WWAHL will make the final decision.
2. Any player receiving a major penalty will be ejected from the game.
 - a. Any player receiving two (2) major penalties will receive a game misconduct.

3. **Any off-ice fighting on Wings Event Center or Wings West property will result in permanent suspension from the WWAHL.**
 - a. **Any player involved in stick fighting, kicking, or deliberately attempting to injure an opponent, official, off-ice official, or Ice Events employees, will be permanently suspended from the WWAHL.**
4. **Three (3) penalties by one (1) player in a game will result in an immediate game ejection. A game ejection requires the player to sit out the remainder of the current game only.**
 - a. Players receiving a game misconduct will sit out the remainder of the game along with the team's next game.
 - b. Any abuse of scorekeepers or Ice Events office employees will be considered a game misconduct or match penalty.
5. **Run-clock will start in any game with the 15th combined penalty, regardless of period or score, the clock will continue to run until the game is completed.**
6. Participation of an ineligible player.
 - a. If a team is found to be participating in a game with an ineligible player, they will forfeit that game and the team manager will also receive a game misconduct. The game may be completed with a score of 1-0.
 - b. ***Any team found to be participating with an ineligible player may forfeit their eligibility for the playoffs.***
 - c. Any ineligible player found to be participating will be terminated from the league for the remainder of the season.
 - d. No ineligible player will be allowed on the bench.
 - e. Ineligibility includes any rostered player that plays in a game that they should not be participating in due to a game misconduct or other penalty. This also includes subs playing in the wrong league, ie; "Advanced" player playing on "Novice" team.
 - f. Any player who appears to be intoxicated will be ejected from the game. WWAHL will consider any additional penalties. If a player is caught smuggling alcohol into Wings Stadium or Wings West, their team will forfeit that week's game and the team will not be eligible to play again until a \$100 fine is paid to Wings Stadium Ice Events. **All bags are subject to search by Wings staff.**
 - g. It is the responsibility of the team manager or captain to check the score sheet immediately after each game to see if any of their players has received any game misconduct or match penalties. The manager or team captain must immediately notify the player/players involved.
7. **Conduct Detrimental to League** – Wings West Adult Hockey League reserves the right to refuse service to any patron who does not meet the behavioral expectations set forth in the rules. Any player who shows a pattern of unnecessary infractions on or off the ice will be subject to permanent expulsion from the program.

Suspensions and Unruly Players

1. *Suspension from the regular season will carry over to the playoffs and future seasons*

2. *Players who are deemed to be continually dangerous, unruly or unsportsmanlike may be suspended at the sole discretion of the League Director and/or referees.*
3. *Any physical or verbal assault on an on-ice official or an off-ice official is unacceptable, and may result in a Game Misconduct or Match Penalty.*
4. *Players who receive a Match Penalty will be suspended for thirty (30) days, pending an investigation. The player will be notified by the League Director about any reinstatement and is not allowed to resume playing prior to receiving written notice from the League Director. **In addition, the player will not be eligible to play on any other team until their suspension is served.***
5. ***If a player receives more than 2 game misconducts in one season then that player will not be eligible to play on any other team until their suspension is served.***
6. ***If a player receives 3 game misconducts in one season then that player will be suspended for the remainder of the season.***
7. *Any player still serving his penalty when time expires may not participate in the penalty shot shootout. However, a player serving a penalty for a bench minor, for another player or whose penalty time has expired before the expiration of the overtime may participate in the shootout.*

No refunds will be given for league fees paid.

Schedule and standings will be available online at:

<http://www.pointstreak.com/players/players-leagues.html?leagueid=1>

Rule changes and amendments are the sole discretion of League Management, and are subject to change at any time.

The undersigned team representatives agree to the above league rules and regulations:

Team Name

Representative's signature

Date

