

## **Revised League Rules 2016-2017 Season**

**Effective Starting November 20th, 2016**

### **I. Philosophy**

The Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation Adult Ice Hockey Program provides its participants with an opportunity to play ice hockey in a competitive but recreational environment. This program promotes the ideals of sportsmanship and physical fitness to all participants regardless of sex, race, creed or color. More important than any game are the participants and their needs. The Adult Ice Hockey program strives to bring area residents closer together through their common interest in sportsmanship, cooperation and appreciation of the game.

### **II. Sportsmanship**

It is expected that participants in the Salt Lake County Adult Ice Hockey program exhibit good sportsmanship, which includes respect for the officials, teammates, opponents and facilities. Salt Lake County Adult Ice Hockey program follows the rules provided in the USA Hockey rulebook and the Salt Lake County Patron Standards of Conduct. It is the manager's responsibility to ensure all players know and adhere to these rules.

The Salt Lake County Recreation Division has the authority to disqualify, suspend or remove any team manager, coach, player, spectator or team which behaves in an unsportsmanlike manner before, during or after a game.

### **III. Program Administration**

- A. Team establishments - Team Managers are responsible to manage their respective team and obtain their own players.
- B. Facilities – Acord Ice Center, County Ice Center and Salt Lake City Sports Complex
- C. Schedule – The League Administer and Salt Lake County Hockey Committee will organize the season schedule. For the 2016-2017 season there will be one preseason game, 14 regular season games and double elimination playoffs. Every effort will be made to evenly rotate time and arenas for the teams to play.
- D. Scorekeepers/Off-Ice and On-Ice Officials – Salt Lake County will contract the services of the Wasatch Ice Hockey Officials Association (W.I.H.O.A.). W.I.H.O.A. is responsible for the training and scheduling of the scorekeepers and officials. They will be an extension of the league organization and have decision-making powers to ensure the games run smoothly in accordance with County guidelines and USA Hockey rules and regulations of play.
- E. Team Manager Meeting – League Administer may offer a team manager's meeting before or after each hockey season.

### **IV. Fees**

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- A. Fees are assessed based on a team fee, not individual fees. The per player fee charged by a Team Manager may be different with each team based on the # of players per team or other fees charged by a particular team over and above the County fee.
- B. The Team Fee is \$3575.00 due Friday **September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016**
  - a. Optional payment installment plan:
    - i. First payment of \$1175.00 due by **September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016**
    - ii. Second payment of \$1200.00 due by **October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016**
    - iii. Third payment of \$1200.00 due by **October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016**
  - b. If installment payment is not received on the due date listed above, the team manager will be sent to collections and the team will forfeit the remaining games.
- C. The Team Manager is responsible for making payment(s) to the Acord Ice Center. Individual team members do not pay individually at any County facility. Players are to pay their Team Manager.

### V. Uniforms

- A. It is mandatory for all players to have matching jerseys. The jersey must be the same color and design with at least an 8 inch contrasting number on the back. Team jerseys may not have duplicate numbers. Every player must have an individual number.
- B. Matching hockey socks are highly recommended.
- C. All teams must have jerseys by **October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016**.
  - a. PENALTY: After **October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016**, any player out of uniform will be assessed a minor penalty as soon as he/she steps on the ice for the scheduled game. The penalty will be assessed to the player and will be eligible to play after serving the minor penalty.
- D. It is suggested that team managers carry extra jerseys for team members who may have forgotten or lost their jersey.

### VI. Division of Teams

The League Administer and Salt Lake County Hockey Committee reserve the right to split divisions as needed. Not all divisions will be offered each season.

- A. Division 1 – designed to be the top caliber division of play. It is typically comprised of former pros, college and junior players, and players who were at the travel team level as they progressed through the youth hockey ranks.
- B. Division 2 – designed for players who may have played at a higher level
  - a. Any player that is currently playing or has played the past season at a Junior or Midget Major level will not eligible to play in this division.
  - b. Any Player who is currently or has played the past 5 seasons at a Professional or NCAA College level will not be eligible to play in this division.
- C. Division 3 – designed for the intermediate level player.
  - a. Any player who is currently playing or has played the past 2 seasons at a College Club, Senior Check, Junior or Midget Major level will not be allowed to play in this division.
  - b. Any Player who is currently or has played the past 10 seasons at a Professional or NCAA College level will not be eligible to play in this division.

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- D. Division 4 - designed for the beginning level player (5 years or less playing experience) or over 40 players who have not played travel team, college, junior or professional hockey in the past.
- E. Division Over 40 – designed for will for players who are 40 and older. The only exception will be goalies.

### **VII. Team Placement**

- A. League Administrator/ Hockey Committee reserves the right to move teams up or down a division depending on how the team finished the past season.
  - a. The first place team in each division may move up to compete in the next division for the following season. The last place team in a division may move down for the following season.
- B. Players are encouraged to play on a team at their skill level.

### **VII. Player Eligibility**

- A. No more than 20 players may roster on a team.
  - a. No additional substitute players are allowed.
  - b. Any substitute player must be taken from the team roster of 20.
    - i. A player must be dropped and replaced with the substitute player.
- B. The minimum number of rostered players on a team is 11.
- C. Team managers must send a roster list to the League Administrator before the season starts.
- D. New players must be registered on-line with Salt Lake County by 12:00 pm on the Thursday before the next scheduled game.
  - a. Salt Lake County : [www.oldtimehockey.slco.org](http://www.oldtimehockey.slco.org)
    - i. Players must click on the player registration link then Salt Lake County Adult Summer Hockey Player registration.
- E. No player will be allowed on the ice without being registered with Salt Lake County.

### **VIII. Team Managers and Team Rosters**

- A. Rosters are open for adding/deleting players until the roster deadline of **December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016**. The League Administrator must be notified by fax (385-468-1976) or e-mail ([cbilleter@slco.org](mailto:cbilleter@slco.org)) by noon on the Thursday before the next scheduled game. Team managers are responsible for the adding/deleting of players.
- B. Rosters will be frozen on **December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016**.
- C. Prior to the start of each game, the Team Manager or designee will provide the Scorekeeper a list of the eligible players in attendance for the scheduled game.
  - a. The Scorekeeper has the right to request identification of players from any team to ensure eligibility.
  - b. PENALTY: If a player is found to be ineligible, the game will be declared a forfeit.

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- i. The player's team will incur the loss.
- D. An unrostered player may not play under the name of a rostered player.
  - a. PENALTY: If this occurs, the manager and the illegal player both become ineligible for the remainder of the season.
- E. All players must have reached their 18th birthday by **December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016**.
  - a. A player must be 18 years old in order to be rostered and eligible to play on a team.
- F. Players may be rostered only on one team in the division. Players who wish to roster on more than 1 team can only roster on another team in an adjoining division.
  - a. Example: a player may roster on one team in Division 1 and 2 or 2 and 3 but not 1 and 3.
- G. A player must play in **3** regular season games to be eligible to participate in playoffs. If a player is rostered with two teams, he/she must play in **3** games for the higher division team and **7** games for the lower division team.
- H. It is the responsibility of the Team Manager to keep his/her roster current. Any changes must be transacted in writing between the Team Manager and the League Administrator.
- I. Goaltenders may be freely substituted from team to team only in the event the team's regular goalie cannot play in a regular season game or playoffs. **It is recommended that the sub goalie be of comparable skill level for the division he/she is filling in for.**
- J. Salt Lake County reserves the right to remove player/players from a team if their skill set is not in harmony with the division and team they are rostered on.

### VIII. Rules and Regulations

- A. The USA Hockey rule book is enforced with the following modifications:
  - a. Warm-up: 5 minutes with the warm-up beginning at the scheduled game start-time not when the players get on the ice.
  - b. Game Format: games will be 1 hour and 15 minutes in length. This consists of three 13-minute stop-time periods. There is no overtime during the regular season.
  - c. Penalties:
    - i. **Minor Penalty – 2:00 minutes**
    - ii. **Major Penalty - 5:00 minutes**
    - iii. **Misconduct Penalty - 10:00 minutes**
  - d. There will be a 1 minute break between periods with an ice-make after each game.
  - e. Five Second Rule: After every whistle, the referee conducting the faceoff will allow both teams 5 seconds to make a line change simultaneously (there will be no designation of home team during the regular season). The referee will then blow the whistle and at the end of 5 seconds, the centers for each team must be in position WITH THEIR STICK DOWN and THEIR BODY SET ready to take the faceoff. Failure to do so will result in the puck being dropped without the center being there OR the center's expulsion from the faceoff if he/she is there but is not down and set. The puck will be dropped if both centers are in position WITH STICK DOWN and BODY SET OR if neither center is in position and down and set OR if one center is in position and down and set and the other center hasn't arrived yet.
  - f. Any player who receives 4 penalties in a game will result in a game ejection.
  - g. Any team during the preseason or regular season (excludes playoffs) receives 13 penalties in a game, the game will be stopped and declared a forfeit. The non-offending team will be declared

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the winner and the score will be marked as a 1-0. If both teams reach the 13 penalty mark at the same time the game will be stopped and the game will be declared a tie 1-1.

- h. Any team receiving their second Match Penalty against their team will forfeit the next scheduled league game. If a team receives 3 or more match penalties against their team in a season, that team will be suspended for the remainder of the season (including playoffs).
- i. One time out (1 minute) allowed per team per game (including playoffs).

### B. Fighting

- a. The County will have a progressive policy towards fighting. First fighting incident is a one game suspension. The second fighting incident for the same team in the same season will incur a three game suspension. If a player receives his/her third fight for the same team in the same season, the player shall also be suspended for the remainder of the season from that team and a disciplinary hearing will be conducted by league administration. Salt Lake County reserves the right to remove this player from another division if necessary.

### C. Abuse of Officials

- a. The County will have a progressive policy towards Abuse of Officials. First Abuse of Officials Game Misconduct is a one game suspension. The second Abuse of Officials Game Misconduct for the same team in the same season will incur a three game suspension. If a player receives his/her third Abuse of Officials for the same team in the same season, the player shall also be suspended for the remainder of the season from that team and a disciplinary hearing will be conducted by league administration. Salt Lake County reserves the right to remove this player from another division if necessary.

### D. Match Penalties

- a. Any player/coach who is assessed a match penalty will be immediately removed from the game is suspended from any other Salt Lake County games and practices pending a hearing. All Match Penalties will receive a hearing. The player/coach will be notified of the hearing panel's decision and the appeal process.

### E. Game Ejection Rule

- a. If a player/coach is ejected from the game for misconduct, game ejection, game misconduct or match penalty he/she must go to their locker room and leave the facility after changing.
  - i. PENALTY: If the player/coach is found in the facility, including the stands or lobby after he has changed, the team will receive a forfeit. The player/coach's team will incur the loss.

## IX. Zero Tolerance Policy of USA Hockey, Inc

(Adopted by Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation Adult Ice Hockey Program)

- A. "In an effort to make ice hockey a more desirable and rewarding experience for all participants, the USA Hockey Youth, Junior and Senior Councils have instructed the Officiating Program to adhere to certain points of emphasis relating to sportsmanship. This campaign is designed to require all players, coaches, officials, team officials and administrators and parents/spectators to maintain a sportsmanlike and

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educational atmosphere before, during and after all USA Hockey sanctioned games. Thus the following points of emphasis must be implemented by all On-Ice Referees and Linesmen":

- a. **PLAYERS** - A minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be assessed whenever a player:
  - i. Openly disputes or argues any decision by an official.
  - ii. Uses obscene or vulgar language at any time, including any swearing even if not directed at a particular person.
  - iii. Visually demonstrates any sign of dissatisfaction with an official's decision. Any time a player persists in any of these actions, they shall be assessed a misconduct penalty. A game misconduct shall result if the player continues such action.
- b. **COACHES** - A minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be assessed whenever a coach:
  - i. Openly disputes or argues any decision by an official.
  - ii. Uses obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time.
  - iii. Visually displays any sign of dissatisfaction with an official's decision including standing on the boards or standing in the bench doorway with the intent of inciting the officials, players or spectators. Any time a coach persists in any of these actions, they shall be assessed a game misconduct penalty.
- c. **OFFICIALS**
  - i. Officials are required to conduct themselves in a businesslike, sportsmanlike, impartial and constructive manner at all times. The actions of an official must be above reproach. Actions such as "baiting" or inciting players or coaches are strictly prohibited. On-ice officials are ambassadors of the game and must always conduct themselves with this responsibility in mind.
- d. **PARENTS/SPECTATORS**
  - i. The game will be stopped by on-ice officials when the parents/spectators displaying inappropriate and disruptive behavior interfere with other spectators or the game. The on-ice officials will identify violators to the coaches for the purpose of removing parents/spectators from the spectator's viewing and game area. Once removed, play will resume. Lost time will not be replaced and violators may be subject to further disciplinary action by the local governing body. This inappropriate and disruptive behavior shall include:
    1. Use of obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time.
    2. Taunting of players, coaches, officials or other spectators by means of baiting, ridiculing, threat of physical violence or physical violence.
    3. Throwing of any object in the spectators viewing area, player's bench, penalty box or on the ice surface, directed in any manner as to create a safety hazard.
- e. **LOCKER ROOMS**
  - i. Locker rooms are assigned to a team. It is the responsibility of all team members to make sure the locker room is left the way it was when they arrived. A \$50.00 cleaning fee will be assessed if the room is left a mess. Teams will be held responsible for any damages to the facility. Remember, this is a public facility and it is used by many children. As with all public county facilities, **NO ALCOHOL IS ALLOWED ON THE PREMISES.**

## **X. Playoffs**

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- A. Each team will be eligible for double elimination playoffs. Teams will be seeded in the playoffs by place they finish during the regular season. If at the end of the season teams are tied for points, the placement for playoffs will be determined by; wins vs. losses, then head to head and then goals for and goals against.
- B. A player must play in **3** regular season games to eligible to participate in playoffs. If a player is rostered with two teams, he/she must play in **3** games for the higher division team and **7** games for the lower division team.
- C. One time out (one minute) allowed per game per team in playoffs only.

