

SDAHA PLAYING RULES

The most current edition of the OFFICIAL PLAYING RULES of USA Hockey, Inc. shall govern all play in the SDAHA with the following exceptions:

1) Age Classifications: These classifications will be updated each season as necessary.
The following are the classifications of teams and the earliest birth date for eligibility in each classification:

Youth

2013-2014 Season

Mites born on 7/1/2004 or thereafter
Squirts born on 7/1/2002 or thereafter
Peewees born on 7/1/2000 or thereafter
Bantams born on 7/1/1998 or thereafter.
Midget* born on 7/1/1995 or thereafter.
Varsity/Jr. Varsity born on 7/1/1994 or thereafter

Girls

2013-2014 Season

12-under born on 1/1/2001 or thereafter
14-under born on 1/1/1999 or thereafter
16-under born on 1/1/1997 or thereafter
19-under born on 1/1/1994 or thereafter.
Varsity/Jr. Varsity born 1/1/1994 or thereafter

*SDAHA does not officially recognize the Midget classification. All players in this group will be registered as Varsity/Jr. Varsity.

A waiver permitting a player to participate in a younger age classification shall be permitted only for medical reasons and upon approval by the SDAHA Board of Directors and USA Hockey, Inc.

2) Officials

- A. Referee System - In SDAHA play, the one referee-two linesman system will be used for all but Girls Varsity/Jr. Varsity. They will use a two referee system. (9/03) A two referee officiating system will not be used for other levels except under extenuating circumstances, such as failure of the third official to show (9/01).
 - I. If, for whatever reason, there are no officials in attendance at the time a game should be beginning, the steps outlined in USA Hockey Rules will be followed: Coaches of two teams will agree on a referee and linesman, or they shall appoint a player from each team (home team/referee, away team/linesman). At the time the scheduled officials appear, they shall assume those responsibilities. If the referee is in attendance, but the linesmen are absent, the referee shall have the authority to appoint a linesman if he deems necessary, or at the request of either coach. (9/03)
- B. Minor Officials - Minor officials (timekeeper/scorekeeper/announcer and 2 penalty box keepers) shall be provided by the home team for each SDAHA league game

3) Equipment

- A. Helmets - All helmets will be uniform same color for teams at the peewee, bantam and varsity levels. All coaches/on ice instructors must wear helmets during practices and scrimmages. Penalties for non-compliance with this rule will be handled within the associations. (9/06)
- B. Jerseys - All jerseys must conform to the USA Hockey, Inc. numbering specifications (USA Hockey, Inc. Rule 203(d)), i.e. 10 inch for varsity, 8 inch for bantam, 6 inch for peewee and below. Additionally, 4 inch numbers are required on both sleeves for varsity and bantam, and 3 inch numbers are required for peewee and below. All jerseys for a team must be of uniform color.
- C. Mouthpiece - All players are required to wear colored mouthpieces.

4) Players/Teams

- A. Registered and Dressed Players - A team may register, as many players with USA HOCKEY, INC. as permitted by USA HOCKEY, INC., but only 20 may be dressed for any league or tournament game. This rule applies to all age groups engaged in SDAHA league play.
- B. Individual players on Peewee, Bantam, Girls and Jr. Gold A & B teams attending invitational tournaments are limited to two games per day. (4/05)
- C. Goaltender - Teams may dress only one goaltender and utilize 19 skaters on their 20 man roster for SDAHA games; provided, however, that any registered player may be dressed. Any rostered player may act as a substitute goalie
- D. Team Composition (11/00)
 - I. The maximum number of players on a team roster is twenty (20). The maximum number of players from that team who can dress as skaters for a single game is eighteen (18). The maximum number of players who can dress as goalies is two (2).
 - II. SDAHA teams compete in play downs for the USA Hockey National Tournaments. A maximum of eighteen (18) skaters and two (2) goalies may dress for each game. Rostered players in excess of the dressed limit are not allowed on the player's bench.

- E. Each and every team shall register and roster at least one adult coach. A rostered coach must be present at all scheduled team events. If all the rostered, registered coaches for a team are unable to be at any league game, that association may apply to the SDAHA president to allow them to have a registered and rostered coach from another league team within their association act as a coach for that team. The coach must be CEP level appropriate for the game he/she will be covering. (4/07)
- F. All coaches (head and assistant) present, from each team, are required to sign the designated area of the scoresheet in order to verify the accuracy of the playing roster, as it appears on the scoresheet, for that game. They must include their USA Hockey CEP number, level and year that level was attained (legibly). (9/03)
- G. Only eligible players/goaltenders and coaches currently registered with USA Hockey are allowed behind the bench. (9/03)
- H. **Criteria listed below will be used to determine at what level each association should be playing their teams each season, unless petitions to play at lower levels are made to the SDAHA Board of Directors.**

Petitions to the Board of Directors to play teams at a lower level than listed in criteria below must be made before **August 15th for Varsity levels and decided before September 1st** of each year for varsity levels (this includes all jr. varsity levels). Petitions regarding all other level teams must be made **before September 15th and decided before October 1st** of each year. Reasons for petitions may include low registration numbers and skill levels/ages of involved players.

NEW SDAHA ASSOCIATION MEMBERS WILL BE REVIEWED REGARDING THEIR SKILL LEVELS. THOSE THAT ARE DETERMINED TO BE AT LEVEL BELOW THE SDAHA SKILL LEVELS MAY PETITION TO PLAY **ANY** TEAMS AT LOWER LEVELS ONLY FOR A MAXIMUM OF THEIR FIRST 5 YEARS AS MEMBERS OF SDAHA. After 5 years, or earlier if the SDAHA Board determines it is necessary, each level must be petitioned and determined individually.

Unless a petition has been made by an association and decided upon by the SDAHA Board of Directors prior to the listed deadlines, the following criteria shall be used:

- When an association has one team at any one age group, that team shall be determined to play at the A or Varsity levels.
- When an association has two teams at any one age group, the second team may play at either the A or varsity level, or at the B or Jr. Varsity level.
- When an association has three teams at any one age group, two teams shall play at the A or Varsity level and one may play at the B or Jr. Varsity level. **
- When an association has four teams at any one age group, two teams shall play at the A or Varsity levels, and two may play at the B or Jr. Varsity levels. **
- When an association has more than four teams, the determination of levels of these additional teams may be determined by the local association and the SDAHA Board.

***Associations may always petition to play one team at the A level and other teams at the B level, but it must be approved by the SDAHA Board of Directors. (4/13)*

5) Games

A. Warm-up and Starting Times

- I. **In SDAHA play, warm-ups shall be 5 minutes for peewee, 8 minutes for bantam, and 10 minutes for JV and Varsity levels (4/12)**
 - II. Initial resurfacing for the Varsity level will be done AFTER warm-ups and prior to the start of the game. (9/06)
 - III. All YJV games will immediately precede their youth varsity game and GJV games will immediately precede their girls varsity game when being played on the same day, in the same arena. (4/08)
 - IV. Teams shall be dressed and prepared to take the ice at the start of warm-ups. No team shall take the ice for warm-ups until so notified by the on-ice officials. The on-ice officials shall start each game at the scheduled starting time or as soon thereafter a possible if the game cannot start at the scheduled time by reason of an unavoidable delay, e.g. an injury in a preceding game, mechanical problems, etc.
 - V. The home team shall provide a minimum of twenty (20) pucks for the visiting team to use for warm-ups.
 - VI. No league game may start after 5:00 pm on Sunday unless agreed upon by both towns. (4/99)
 - VII. No league games may start before 6:00 pm on Friday unless mutually agreed upon by both local associations. (4/05)
- B. Period Length – All levels except the youth varsity/jr. varsity and girls' varsity levels will have 15 minutes stop time periods. The youth varsity/jr. varsity and girls varsity will have 17 minutes stop time periods.(4/08)
- C. Resurfacing – As a standard, when the players leave the ice, the clock should be set at 15 minutes for resurfacing. Play is to resume at the end of the 15 minutes. (4/03) When players return to the ice there shall be NO warm-up time. All players, except the starting lineup, should go directly to their benches. (4/05)
- I. Peewee games shall be started on clean ice and need not be resurfaced during the course of the game; resurfacing will be at the local association's choice and must be declared prior to game time. (4/05)

- II. Jr. Varsity, Bantam and Girls Jr. Varsity games shall be started on clean ice and need only be resurfaced between the 2nd and 3rd periods. (4/05)
 - III. If the ice is not resurfaced between periods, a 5-minute rest period shall be allowed.
 - IV. All varsity games shall start on clean ice, following warm-ups (9/06), which shall be also be resurfaced between the periods but not between the end of the 3rd period and the start of an overtime period.
 - V. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the on-ice officials shall have the discretion to direct that the ice be resurfaced between periods if they shall deem the same necessary for the safety of the participants.
- D. Running Time - Any time there is a 6 goal differential, running time shall be implemented and continue until the goal differential drops to 4, at which time stop time will resume. When running time is in effect, the clock shall not stop except for a stoppage in play due to rink problems, injury, the scoring of a goal, a penalty or for any other cause as directed by the referee. In the event of a rink problem, injury, or for any other cause as directed by the referee, the clock shall resume running as soon as the cause of the stoppage has been corrected or removed from the ice. In the case of a goal or a penalty, the clock shall stop only long enough to record the goal or penalty. In the event of any question, the referee's direction shall be final.
- E. Delayed Offsides - At the bantam (4/12), varsity/jr. varsity levels, a delayed offside will be allowed. The offending player(s) will be permitted to negate the offside by "tagging up" with the blue line. In the case of a non-intentional offside, the defending team will be allowed to play the puck. All offensive players must exit the zone and can reenter only after the last player to exit the offensive zone has touched the blue line with skates or the puck has been moved to center ice. (9/06-Cont'd 9/07)
- F. Tie Games - State games that end in a tie at the end of regulation time will be decided after a five minute rest period, with the use of one 10-minute overtime sudden death period. The first team to score will be declared the winner. If neither team scores during the overtime period, the game will be declared a tie.
- G. Termination of Game - The referee will have the right to terminate a game, if he/she feels the conditions of the game, crowd or other circumstances warrant such action (USA Hockey, Inc. Rule 502(a)).
- H. Timekeeping
- I. Time on the score clock shall be kept on descending time.
 - II. Time on the score sheets for goals and penalties shall be kept by recording the same time as shown the score clock.
- I. Scheduling Games
- I. SDAHA will use a block scheduling concept, having two or more games in each arena each day and avoiding isolated games. Bantams will be scheduled in blocks with youth varsity if possible. (4/08)
 - II. All changes to the SDAHA issued schedule must be approved by all associations involved and the SDAHA scheduler.
 - III. All Varsity level changes must be completed by SEPTEMBER 1st of each year, all other levels must have all changes done by OCTOBER 1 of each year. (9/11).
- Petitions to the Board of Directors to play teams at a lower level than listed in criteria on 4H (Page2) must be made before **August 15th for Varsity levels and decided before September 1st** of each year for varsity levels (this includes all jr. varsity levels). Petitions regarding all other level teams must be made **before September 15th and decided before October 1st** of each year. (4/13)
- IV. Adding or dropping teams and times of games must be completed by November 1st of each year.
 - V. Rescheduling of games delayed due to weather shall be done promptly by the teams involved. If they are unable to come to an agreement quickly on rescheduling, the SDAHA president will make the decision. If possible, at least 48 hours notice shall be provided to the official's scheduler. (4/07)
- J. Number of League Games - If there are seven teams or less in the peewee or bantam league, they will follow a three game schedule. If there are more than seven teams, a two game schedule will be used. (4/06). If there are eight or fewer teams in a varsity level, either youth, youth jv, girls, or girls jv, they will follow a three game schedule. If there are nine or more teams at a level, that level will follow a two game schedule.

6) State Tournament

Once a team has registered for the tournament, failure to appear for a scheduled game will constitute forfeiture unless the team is prevented from appearing on time for its first tournament game by reason of an act of God.

7) Game Misconducts/Suspensions

A. Game Misconduct

- I. 1st game misconduct - 1 (USA Hockey) game suspension with notice sent to local president.
- II. 2nd game misconduct - 2 game automatic suspensions (1 USA Hockey, 1 SDAHA) with notice sent to local president.
- III. 3rd game misconduct - season suspension. A conference call is held with the Discipline Committee to collect input from the coach and player, and to review the player's prior misconducts. The Committee may opt to withhold the season suspension

depending on the severity of the prior game misconducts. If the player were allowed to continue play in the SDAHA, it would only be after an automatic 3 game suspension.

IV. 4th game misconduct - Season suspension. Notice of suspension sent to local president.

B. Suspensions: If a player or coach receives a game misconduct penalty and is required to serve an additional game suspension under USA Hockey or SDAHA rules, the following general rules apply:

- I. Under SDAHA league play, a game disqualification shall be automatically assessed when a player receives a third penalty during a single game. Enforcing this penalty is the joint responsibility of the referees, the scorekeeper, the coach, and the player. The official scorer will notify the referee when a player has received their third penalty under this rule. The referee will then notify the head coach of the offending team, and that player shall immediately leave the game and go to their locker room. If it is determined during a game that a team allowed a player to continue to participate after receiving their third penalty, the player must leave the game immediately and go to the locker room. Both the player and head coach are assessed a one league game suspension. Suspensions will follow the same guidelines as set forth in 7B above for game misconduct penalties. If it is determined after a game is completed that a team allowed a player to continue to participate after receiving their third penalty, the player and head coach are still assessed a one league game suspension. No forfeit of game results from violation of this rule. The game disqualification shall not count as an additional penalty for the player or team, and no penalty minutes will be added to a player's statistics. (9/06)
- II. If the suspension occurs during a league game, it must be served in the next league game. *If a player/coach does not sit their penalty in the appropriate game immediately following the game in which their penalty occurred, whether league or non-league, the player will sit the penalty and the coach goes before the chairman of the discipline committee for possible disciplinary action.* (9/05)
- III. If the suspension occurs in a league game, and the next regularly scheduled game is a non-league game, the player/coach may participate in the non-league game. League suspensions must be served in league games.
- IV. If the suspension occurs during a non-league game, it must be served in the next scheduled game, either league or non-league.
- V. Suspensions can be served only in previously scheduled games. A pickup game cannot be inserted in the schedule to allow a player or coach to serve a suspension.
- VI. All suspensions should be noted on the game score sheet when the suspension is being served. If the suspension is not noted on the score sheet, the coach will need to serve a game suspension. (9/06)
- VII. Players receiving a major penalty in a game where a game misconduct should have been assessed by the referee per USA Hockey rule, but wasn't, will be assessed a game misconduct penalty by the Discipline Committee Chairperson. Likewise, any referee's description of a USA Hockey rule violated that automatically carries a Match Penalty, and a Match was not called, will be referred to the Discipline Committee for further action. (9/06)

C. VARSITY/JR. VARSITY VARIATIONS

- I. If a suspension occurs in a JV game, the suspension must be served in the next JV game (see numbers 1, 2, and 3 above).
- II. If a varsity game is scheduled before the JV suspension can be served, the player or coach may not participate in that varsity game. The player or coach may not participate in varsity games until his JV suspension is served; however, this number of varsity games cannot exceed the number of JV games the player/coach has been suspended. For example, if the player/coach has a one game JV suspension, the varsity suspension cannot exceed one game. (4/04)
- III. If a suspension occurs in a varsity game, the suspension must be served in the next varsity game. (See numbers 1, 2, 3 previously)
- IV. If a JV game is scheduled before the varsity suspension can be served, the player or coach may not participate in the JV game. The player or coach may not participate in JV games until his varsity suspension is served; however, this number of JV games cannot exceed the number of varsity games the player/coach has been suspended. For example, if the player/coach has a one game suspension, the JV suspension cannot exceed one game. (4/04)
- V. If the varsity or JV player or coach must serve a game suspension in a league game, and there is a non-league varsity or JV game before the next league game, the player or coach may participate in the non-league game (s).

D. Locals having players or coaches receiving a game misconduct during non-league games or tournaments must submit a copy to SDAHA of the score sheet in which the infraction occurred and a copy of the score sheet (signed by the referee) in which the game suspension was served. The non-league major and match penalties are cumulative with any league suspensions. If the non-league penalty is not reported to SDAHA prior to the next scheduled league game, the head coach shall receive an SDAHA game misconduct to be served in the next scheduled league game for the local not reporting the penalty, plus the local will be assessed a \$200 fine. For the second and subsequent offenses during a season, the local's fine goes up \$200 for each occurrence. (9/06)

E. Players ejected from any hockey contest, league or non-league (9/06), must be accompanied by an adult to the locker room. This adult may be a coach, team manager, league official or a parent of the same team. The accompanying adult should remain with the

player in the locker room or other appropriate area until the game's end or until the player leaves the ice arena and grounds. (9/02) If a team fails to comply with this rule, the head coach of the offending team shall receive a SDAHA game misconduct to be served the next scheduled league game. (9/03)

8) Rink Safety

- A. Four-Foot Rule - Spectators must remain at least four (4) feet from the rink boards. Play may be temporarily suspended to insure enforcement of this rule. It will be the responsibility of the on-ice officials and rink management to enforce this rule.
- B. Spectator Safety Rules
 - I. Spectators shall not be permitted on the ice before, during or after a game unless adequate safety precautions are taken, e.g. a carpet or mat is provided to walk on the ice.
 - II. Spectators shall not be permitted in the vicinity of any dressing room at any time players are coming to, going from or in the dressing room.
 - III. It shall be the responsibility of rink management to enforce these rules.
- C. Air Quality - Each local association shall be responsible to establish its own procedures to monitor the air quality in its home arena.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

The following are administrative rules of the SDAHA

1) Players/Teams: “A” league would consist of those players with the highest level of skill. If an association has only one team, it would be placed in this league. “B” would consist of those players with the lower level skill. Any association has the right to apply to the SDAHA board of directors seeking permission to play at the “B” level. See Playing Rule 4H for procedures on applying to play at a lower level. (4/13)

- A. Varsity/Jr. Varsity Age Group - All varsity/jr. varsities must follow age classifications (Playing Rules 1 A) for league play. In addition, they must be enrolled in an accredited school at a level of 12th grade (high school senior) or younger, or in a school board approved home educational program at those equivalent levels, during the entire time of participation (9/01).
- B. Home Town Rule - All players and parents must be residents of the community for which the player participates. In the event a community does not have a SDAHA program, a player may participate in the hockey program of the nearest community with such a program.
- C. Drug, Tobacco and Alcohol Policy - Each local association will adopt a drug, tobacco and alcohol policy for its association and send a copy to the secretary of the South Dakota Amateur Hockey Association.
- D. Varsity/Jr. Varsity - Within SDAHA league play, a varsity/jr. varsity format will be used.

For each scheduled SDAHA league game, each association shall field a varsity and a jr. varsity team, each comprised of no more than 20 eligible players from their respective SDAHA varsity rosters. SDAHA will provide league schedules and team standings/statistics for all league levels, and individual statistics for any youth varsity television coverage. Games played outside of SDAHA league play must be played with teams registered in accordance with USA Hockey, Inc.

- 1. *Throughout the season, the varsity coach will “freeze” 10 varsity players for each Jr. Varsity and Varsity regular season league game. These may be different players for each game, but must be always be a total of 10 players.*
- 2. *The names of these frozen players will be **clearly designated** on the JV score sheets for those games and they may not play the Jr. Varsity game being played on that date.*
- 3. *For the Jr. Varsity State Tournaments, each varsity coach must designate which 10 players will be designated “varsity only” prior to the Jr. Varsity State Tournament. Those 10 players may not participate in the Jr. Varsity State Tournament.*
- 4. *~~This rule shall apply to both~~ For girls and boys Jr. Varsity and Varsity team, to the extent this rule would cause a Jr. Varsity girls team to play with less than 11 players, this rule does not apply and that team shall freeze whatever number of girl players are in excess of the 11 players.(9/2013)*

These rules will eliminate the Tournament Rule and Administrative rule currently in effect requiring that players playing the JV State Tournaments must have played in at least 50% of JV games. Frozen varsity names for the Jr. Varsity state tournaments must be presented to the SDAHA President at a date to be determined by the state president. (4/13)

- E. Junior Varsity Rule Violation Consequence (September 28, 2003 (Revision 5))

The primary purpose of the SDAHA Jr. Varsity Tournament is to provide a state tournament for the Jr. Varsity players. Coaches, players, parents and board members need to be ethical and use integrity regarding state Junior Varsity tournament players.

~~In order for a player to play in the State Junior Varsity Tournament, a player must be present on the bench or participate in 50% of the JV state league games as validated by the scorekeeper. JV Varsity Coaches and the President from each local association will sign off on the roster that those players listed have participated in 50% of the JV league games during the year. The roster will then be sent to the SDAHA President.~~

- I. ~~1st Association Violation: Junior Varsity Head Coach will receive a suspension of 6 state league games. Each ineligible player will receive a 3 game suspension. The local association will be fined up to \$800.~~
- II. ~~2nd Association Violation: Junior Varsity Head Coach will receive a suspension of 10 state league games. Each ineligible player will receive a 6 game suspension. The local will be fined up to \$1,600.~~
- III. ~~3rd Association Violation: Junior Varsity Head Coach will receive a one-year suspension. Each player will receive a suspension of 10 state league games. The local will be fined up to \$2,000. They will also lose their rights to host any state tournaments the next year.~~
- IV. ~~Violations would be enforced during or after the State Tournament depending on when the association is found to be in violation. Teams found to be in violation during the tournament will have all games forfeited. (4/13)~~

- F. A player participating on more than one SDAHA or USA Hockey, Inc. team roster (dual rostering) is not allowed except for the following two cases:
 - I. Female Participant – Except for the exceptions listed below, girls may be rostered on only one league team
 - II. High School Teams/GU14 - For SDAHA league games and state championship competition, a player may be rostered on

both a SDAHA varsity and junior varsity or G U14 team. . In addition, pending approval by the USA Hockey registrar, two or more associations may join together to form one U-14 team when the numbers are not adequate to have their own team in each association.

- III. For all other games (pickup games and invitational tournaments), only USA Hockey team rosters (Jr. Gold A and B, Girls U-19, U-15, etc.) and rostering procedures shall be used.
- IV. Girls 12 and under may be rostered on a G U12 team and dual rostered on a mite or squirt team.

- G. Metro Areas – If an association is located in a city with a population of 100,000 or greater, it must file a plan to geographically split into two teams by high school or other defined boundary. This plan must be delivered to the SDAHA Board of Directors for approval by May 31st in the year following determination of exceeding population threshold. (4/11)

2) Clinics

- A. Rules - All SDAHA coaches and players at the peewee, bantam and varsity level shall attend a Rules Clinic each USA Rules Change year in order to be eligible to coach or play during that season. SDAHA shall offer such Rules Clinics, at no separate charge to any coach or player, prior to the commencement of the SDAHA schedule each year in no less than two communities participating in SDAHA competition. Each local association shall be responsible for presenting a Rules Clinic for those of its coaches and players who are unable to attend either of the SDAHA offered clinics.
 - a. *First year Peewee parents and players are required to attend a clinic on league play and expectations to help them better understand what is a legal check/non-legal check and to answer questions they have regarding league play. This clinic shall be scheduled and conducted by the local Official's Supervisor with criteria established by SDAHA and the Referee in Chief, prior to the player's first game.*
- B. First Aid - Each participating SDAHA local association shall provide a mandatory first aid clinic for all coaches in its program each year.
- C. CEP Certification - Each coach (head and assistant) of a team participating in SDAHA league competition shall have completed the minimum USA Hockey Inc. required certification for the level they are coaching by attending a CEP Clinic and passing the required courses. Each association is responsible for their own CEP expenses. (9/02) Any association that allows a person behind the *bench without a current registration/ certification and rostered to coach at that level* shall be referred to the SDAHA Executive Board for review. Allowing for extenuating circumstances, such as failure of rostered coach to show, illness, emergency, etc., a determination shall be made as to the penalty to that association. Penalties may include a monetary fine up to \$500.00. (9/03)

3) Officials

- A. No South Dakota Officials' Association (SDHOA) referee shall work SDAHA varsity games as a referee unless he is certified as a level 3 referee by USA Hockey, Inc. and he passes a skating test implemented by the SDHOA Referee in Chief and Supervisor of Referees. Linesmen for all varsity/jr. varsity games must also meet the same requirements, unless a level 3 is not available. In those circumstances, a level 2 official may be used as a linesman (9/01).
- B. Officials will set the nets at the beginning of each period and the associations will take the nets off after the periods. (9/00)

4) Fees

- A. On Ice Officials - In the event a scheduled SDAHA games is canceled and the assigned on-ice officials are not notified of the cancellation sufficiently in advance thereof so as to avoid the necessity of traveling to the scheduled contest, the on-ice officials appearing at the scheduled time and place for the contest shall be entitled to receive the game fee, plus their mileage at the rate of 22.5 cents per mile, round trip. This fee is to be paid by the association causing the cancellation.
- B. Discipline Committee - Any association involved in a Disciplinary Committee proceeding shall be assessed the actual cost of the conference call for each incident requiring Disciplinary Committee proceedings under the USA Hockey, Inc. Official Playing Rules and/or the SDAHA Playing Rules. If a Disciplinary Conference call involves more than one association, each association will be assessed for the actual phone time necessary for that player's discipline discussion.

5) Registration Process

- A. Team - All traveling and house teams - The team registration fee and team registration form shall be submitted to the SDAHA Registrar seven days prior to their first game.
- B. Non-League Traveling Teams Policy (05/02/09)
 - I. Affiliate Agreement: Per Article III.A. Team Membership, all teams of Affiliate shall register with SDAHA.
 - II. Bylaws: Per Article 3.1.A. Fees, Dues and Assessments, the registration fees, dues and assessments for a Participating Member, and dues for Non-participating and Sustaining Members, of SDAHA, shall be established by the SDAHA Board of Directors annually.
 - III. Non-League Travel Team Assessment:
 - IV. The team fee shall be \$400.00 per season, payable by November 1 of each year. This will be for all travel teams from peewee level and higher that do not participate in SDAHA league play.

C. Individual

- I. Traveling teams - Individual registration forms for all participants on SDAHA traveling teams shall be completed at the local association level and signed by each participant no later than November 15 of each year. All individual registration forms and any individual registration fee shall thereafter be received by the SDAHA Registrar no later than November 25 of each year.
- II. After the deadline to submit rosters (7 days prior to first league game) has passed, no player may transfer from a team to any other team without permission from the SDAHA president and the South Dakota Registrar. When reviewing these requests, some of the criteria considered may be the following: some reasons for requests may include season ending injuries, players dropping out, etc, affect on team(s)/players, timing of request, etc. (4/05)
- III. Once a player has moved up an age level, the player must remain at the upper age level for the remainder of that season. The player cannot move back to the lower age level without SDAHA approval. (4/05)

D. In-house teams - All individual registration forms and any individual registration fee for in-house teams shall be received by the SDAHA Registrar no later than December 1 of each year.

E. Rosters

- I. Traveling teams - All team rosters for traveling teams shall be completed and received by the SDAHA Registrar at least 7 days prior to that team's first SDAHA league game of each hockey season. A single SDAHA varsity roster listing all varsity eligible players for SDAHA league games shall be filed in addition to any individual varsity or jr. Varsity rosters filed with USA Hockey, Inc. for non-league games.
- II. In-house teams - Rosters shall be completed and received by the SDAHA Registrar no later than December 1 of each year.

F. Birth Certificates - Each member of a team participating in SDAHA league competition must have his/her birth certificate on file with the SDAHA Registrar no later **than 7 days prior to** the first SDAHA league game for that team of each hockey year. Any participant who does not have a birth certificate on file by that date shall be an ineligible player until that certificate has been filed. The participation by that player in any SDAHA sanctioned competition subsequent to that time shall result in a fine to the local association as listed under E. Sanctions below. (5/09)

G. Sanctions

- I. Traveling Teams - Any traveling team which does not meet the foregoing registration requirements will be fined \$100.00 for the first occurrence. Subsequent violations of the registration process will be a \$200.00 fine for each occurrence. (5/09)
- II. In-house teams - Any in-house team which does not meet the foregoing registration requirements will result in the same fines as stated for traveling teams. (5/09)
- III. Background checks - will be done on all new applicants and a 10% random check of those returning. The SDAHA Risk Manager will complete the check with SDAHA billing back to the local for these checks. Deadline for receipt of release forms will be October 31. Coaches must be "cleared" before they are on ice with players
- IV. Every coach and referee must complete a form yearly, stating they authorize a background check.

6) State Tournaments (Additional state tournament rules will be found in "SDAHA State Tournament Rules".)

A. Player Eligibility - All players must be rostered and registered with the SDAHA Registrar on the team for which the player participates, and be enrolled in an accredited school within that community, by January 15 in order to participate in State Tournament competition for that year with that team. Provided, however, that any player registered with an SDAHA team who moves to another community following January 15 in any year and who receives a transfer pursuant to Section 2.9 of the By-Laws shall be permitted to participate in State Tournament competition with the player's new team in that year.

B. Seeds - Teams shall be seeded in the SDAHA State Tournaments in the order of their finish in SDAHA league play (ranked by points with two points for a win and one point for a tie or an overtime loss). If two (2) or more teams have an equal number of points, their position in the final league standings shall be determined by **the team with the fewest total losses (end of regulation losses plus overtime losses) being the higher seed, then using the** following tie breaking format. If one tie-breaker establishes a position for one or more teams, each team is placed in the applicable position. Once a team is placed, the remaining tied teams shall start the tie-breaking process over again at step 1a. The tie-breaker formulas are as follows (SDAHA State Tournament Rules 16):

- I. The results of the head-to-head games played between the tied teams in the following order:
 - a. Most points
 - b. Most wins
 - c. Differential – Subtracting goals scored against from goals scored in these games, the positions being determined in order of the greatest surplus.
 - d. Quotient – Dividing the goals scored in these games by the goals scored against, the positions being determined in order of the greatest quotient.
- II. If after applying the above tie-breakers the tie still exists, the results of all SDAHA league games played by the teams tied in

the following order:

- a. Most wins
- b. Most ties
- c. Differential – Subtracting goals scored against from goals scored in these games, the positions being determined in order of the greatest surplus.
- d. Quotient – Dividing the goals scored in these games by the goals scored against, the positions being determined in order of the greatest quotient.
- e. Least penalty minutes.
- f. Least match and game misconduct penalties
- g. Coin flip. (5/09)

C. Team Eligibility - A team must play its entire SDAHA schedule in order to be eligible for State Tournament competition for that year, e.g. any team which fails to play a regularly scheduled or rescheduled SDAHA league game will be deemed to have forfeited that game and thus will be ineligible for State Tournament competition for that year.

- I. However, the President of the SDAHA shall have the administrative power to waive this requirement for all non-Varsity competition should the initial cancellation be the result of inclement weather creating hazardous weather conditions. A determination of hazardous weather conditions shall be made if any stretch of the Interstate Highway system between the towns shall be closed. For towns not lying on the Interstate Highway system, reference to the Interstate system shall be a controlling factor. Such decision whether cancellation falls within this subsection shall be within the exclusive discretion of the SDAHA President or his designee.
- II. Varsity competition cancellation shall be upon the same criteria, but shall be made up at a date, time and manner approved by the President in his sole discretion. Criteria that the President shall consider are the length of travel, whether school shall be missed, conflicts with the host site ice availability, and referee availability. Each team may propose their position and solution to the President in writing.
- III. All associations and teams must be prepared to participate in any SDAHA sponsored and guaranteed appearance events, such as the Minnkota Cup, if they are the eligible team. Failure to participate could result in a monetary fine of not less than \$250.00 or more than \$500.00. This also assumes that their team shall consist of players that have participated on that team for the majority of the season, with exceptions as noted in the specific event rules.

IV. **Termination of League Play During Season or Failure to Participate in State Tournament Policy (05/02/09) Affiliate Agreement:** Per Article III.A. **Team Membership**, all teams of Affiliate shall register with SDAHA.

Bylaws: Per Article 3.1.A. Fees, Dues and Assessments, the registration fees, dues and assessments for a Participating Member, and dues for Non-participating and Sustaining Members, of SDAHA, shall be established by the SDAHA Board of Directors annually.

V. Team Assessment: In addition to the team fee assessed for general expenses (\$300.00 in 2009-2010 season), the team will be assessed 50% of the team fees approved for state tournament expenses (3 games) at the applicable level of play.

D. State Tournaments will be held for both the A and B divisions of each age level. **Beginning in 2011, the site of the boy's varsity tournament will be determined by rules listed in the SDAHA Tournament Rules.**

E. State Tournament Officials - Only officials who have worked at least fifteen (15) SDAHA varsity games during the current SDAHA season are eligible to work the SDAHA Varsity State Tournament. Officials must have worked four (4) week end days outside their home base city if they wish to work at state tournaments (9/01).

F. League Champions - In the event that two teams are tied in points at the end of the season, their head-to-head competition during the regular season will determine the league champions. If still tied, they will be co-champs. (4/99)

G. Goal Judges are mandatory for state tournaments involving Varsity/Jr. Varsity teams. Goal Judges will be game officials not scheduled to be on the ice during the game or retired game officials. (9/06)

7) Non-Exclusive Rules - The foregoing Administrative Rules are not a complete listing. In addition to those set forth above, there may be administrative rules and policies which have previously been adopted by the SDAHA Board and which remain in effect.

8) Expense Reimbursement Policy (05/02/09)

A. ~~Travel:~~ Mileage: Seventy percent (70%) of current IRS rate for mileage both ways from hometown to any SDAHA/District/USA Hockey approved event. The 2009 IRS rate is \$0.55 per mile. 70% of this amount is \$0.385 per mile. The SDAHA reimbursable rate will be adjusted concurrently with IRS rate changes.

I. ~~Personnel are, as much as possible, requested to drive together.~~

II. ~~SDAHA Treasurer will figure all mileage totals, as per Yahoo / MapQuest.~~

III. ~~**Air Travel:** In the case where air travel would be more practical, original receipt for ticket.~~

B. ~~**Per Diem:** _____~~

I. ~~\$30 per day. Paid as \$8 breakfast, \$10 lunch, & \$12 supper.~~

II. ~~Exp. \$12 Friday night, \$8, \$10, & \$12 Saturday, & \$8 & \$10 Sunday = \$60 weekend~~

C. ~~**Motel:** SDAHA to cover full amount of rooms. Original room receipts must be turned in reimbursement, room rate & taxes only.~~

D. ~~**SDAHA Personnel Eligible for Expense Reimbursement, if expenses are not covered by Northern Plains District or USA Hockey:**~~

President _____	Vice President _____	Executive Assistant _____	Officials Scheduler _____
Webmaster _____	ACE Director _____	Past President _____	Coach in Chief _____
Girls Development _____	Treasurer _____	Secretary _____	Associate Registrar _____
Referee in Chief _____	Risk Manager _____	Player Development Director _____	Others – SDAHA President Approval _____

8. Financial Reimbursement and Policy (9/2013)

A. Reimbursements

1. Any approved request for reimbursement that is not an approved per-diem rate or mileage rate must be accompanied by receipts or invoices.
2. Mileage reimbursement is to be based on actual mileage driven not estimates. If actual mileage was not recorded the SDAHA Treasurer will figure all mileage totals, as per Google using reasonable routes. Individuals are, as much as possible, requested to drive together.
3. Reimbursements may be requested only after the expense has been incurred.
4. Reimbursements will usually be processed by the treasurer within a 7 business days of being verified.
5. If the expected reimbursement is over \$400 an advance of not more than 75% may be requested prior to the individual incurring the expense. The balance of the advance must be returned if the advance exceeds the total reimbursement amount.
6. Individuals who accepts an advance must return the advance if the expense is not incurred.

B. Purchases

1. Any purchases paid directly by SDAHA must be accompanied by an invoice or itemization of the purchase. Proper authorization of the individual overseeing the purchase must accompany the request. Requests must include: (i) Name and phone number of the vendor, (ii) addresses where payment is to be sent, (iii) Account number and/or invoice number, if available.
2. Initials or signature of the individual overseeing the purchase must be on the invoice in recognizable form.

C. Payments to individuals not specifically authorized by the board of directors.

1. Referees & Goal Judges: Requests for payment to referees must be accompanied by the payor copy of the game sheet. Request for payments to goal judges for state tournaments must be made by the tournament director, SDAHA referee scheduler or the RIC of SDAHA.
2. Stipends for individuals or payments for specific tasks must be accompanied by a reason for the stipend or payment that includes a description of the expectations and task(s) to be completed. It must come from the authorized individual who is overseeing the disbursement. This person will be responsible to see that the agreed upon expectations of the individual receiving payment are completed.
3. Unless other arrangements are approved by the finance committee, stipends or payments of \$500 or more may be prepaid by at most by 50% before the tasks and expectations are completed.

D. Deposits

1. Deposits into SDAHA accounts shall only be made by individuals authorized by the treasurer.
2. After the deposit, a receipt and itemization of the deposited funds must be sent the treasurer.
3. The individual who made the deposit is responsible for collection of any deposits rejected due to insufficient funds or closed accounts.
4. No cash back is permitted when depositing funds.

E. Documentation and Request Methods.

1. The treasurer has authority to specify acceptable method of requests and documentation submission.
2. Receipts, invoices, etc., may be submitted as original scanned copies of the original documents.
3. If requested the original documentation must be mailed to the treasurer for verification prior to release of funds.

F. Specifically authorized reimbursements rate and eligible personnel.

1. Mileage: Seventy percent (70%) of current IRS rate for mileage both ways from hometown to any SDAHA/District/USA Hockey approved event. The SDAHA reimbursable rate will be adjusted concurrently with IRS rate changes.
2. Air Travel: Cost of ticket when where air travel would be more practical, original receipt for ticket required.
3. Per Diem:
 - a. \$30 per day. Paid as \$8 breakfast, \$10 lunch, & \$12 supper.

- b. Exp. \$12 Friday night, \$8, \$10, & \$12 Saturday, & \$8 & \$10 Sunday = \$60 /weekend
- 4. Motels: SDAHA to cover full amount of rooms. Original room receipts must be turned in reimbursement, room rate & taxes only.
- 5. **SDAHA Personnel Eligible for Expense Reimbursement, if expenses are not covered by Northern Plains District or USA Hockey:** President, Vice President, Executive Assistant, Officials Scheduler, Webmaster, ACE Director, Past President, Coach-in-Chief, Girls Development, Treasurer, Secretary, Associate Registrar, Referee-in-Chief, Risk Manager, Player Development Director, others require the SDAHA President's approval.

G. Any other financial policy interpretation will be determined as necessary by the finance committee.

9) Zero Tolerance Policy

In an effort to make ice hockey a more desirable and rewarding experience for all participants, the USA Hockey Youth & Girls, Junior and Adult Councils have instructed the Officials program to adhere to certain points of emphasis relating to sportsmanship. This policy is designed to require all players, coaches, officials, team officials and administrators, and parents/spectators to maintain a sportsmanlike and educational atmosphere before, during and after all USA Hockey sanctioned games, events, and practices.

A. Players

- I. A minor penalty for un-sportsmanlike conduct (Zero Tolerance) shall be assessed whenever players:
 - a) Openly disputes or argues any decision by an official.
 - b) Uses obscene or vulgar language at any time, including any swearing, even if it is not directed at a particular person.
 - c) Visually demonstrates any sign of dissatisfaction with an official's decision. Any time that a player persists in any of these actions, they shall be assessed a misconduct penalty.
 - d) A game misconduct shall result if the player continues such actions.

B. Coaches

- I. A minor penalty for un-sportsmanlike conduct (Zero Tolerance) shall be assessed whenever a coach:
 - a) Openly disputes or argues any decision by an official.
 - b) Uses obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time.
 - c) 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 or players or spectators.
 - d) Any time that a coach persists in any of these actions, they shall be assessed a game misconduct penalty.

- C. Officials - Officials are required to conduct themselves in a businesslike, sportsmanlike, impartial, and constructive manner at all times. Actions of an official must be above reproach. Actions such as "baiting" or inciting players or coaches are strictly prohibited. Officials are ambassadors of the game and must always conduct themselves with this responsibility in mind.

D. Parents/Spectators

- I. The game officials will stop a game when the parents/spectators displaying inappropriate and disruptive behavior interfere with other spectators or the game. The game 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/state governing body. The Locals have the primary responsibility for crowd control behavior. This inappropriate and disruptive behavior shall include:
 - a) Use of obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner at anyone at anytime.
 - b) Taunting of players, coaches, officials or other spectators by means of baiting, ridiculing, threat of physical violence or physical violence.
 - c) Throwing of any object in the spectators viewing area, player's bench, penalty box or on or off ice surfaces, directed in any manner as to create a safety hazard. Spitting at players, officials, off ice officials, minor officials, or fans/spectators is also prohibited.
- I. Basic rule of thumb: If you think it might be offensive to you or someone else, it probably is and should be dealt with.
 - a) 1st Offense: Removal from the Ice Arena for the remainder of the day and evening and a report with name, address, and reason of the person or persons is recorded and sent to the SDAHA Discipline Committee Chairperson. A written warning will be issued to the local association. The local will give a written warning to the person or persons in violation and a copy to the Discipline Chairperson.
 - b) 2nd Offense: Removal from the Ice Arena and All USA Hockey games, events, and practices for a Minimum of but not limited to a period of two weeks. If the offender violates the two weeks an additional two weeks will be added to the offender. A report with the

offenders name, address, and reason for getting removed is sent to the SDAHA Discipline Committee Chairperson. A written warning will be issued to the local association. The local will give a written warning to the person or persons involved in their local and a copy to the Discipline Chairperson.

- c) 3rd Offense: Banned for the rest of the hockey season with a minimum of six weeks from all USA Hockey games, events, and practices. If there is not six weeks left in the hockey season, the remainder will be carried over to next season. A report with the offenders name, address, and reason for getting removed is sent to the SDAHA Discipline Committee Chairperson.

E. Local Associations

- I. 1st Local Association Offense: Locals in 1st violation of not following the above rules, the locals will be fined up to a maximum of \$500.
- II. 2nd Local Association Offense: Locals in 2nd violation of not following the above rules, the locals will be fined up to a maximum of \$1,000.
- III. 3rd Local Association Offense: Locals in 3rd violation of not following the above rules, the local will be fined up to a maximum of \$1,500 and may also lose their rights to the next eligible state tournament.

F. Cyber Bullying (9/2010)

SDAHA will not tolerate cyber bullying or threats made through electronic means of communication. Each local association will be asked to deal with each situation as a serious matter and take the appropriate disciplinary action. If the incident involves two or more locals, and an agreement as to discipline cannot be met by the locals, the case may be referred to the SDAHA Discipline Committee to hear and render a decision.

The SDAHA Discipline committee will treat the incident as any other discipline issue that comes before it. A hearing will be scheduled to hear the case, at which time, all parties involved will have their opportunity to address the committee. The SDAHA Discipline Committee will render a decision. The decision may be appealed under rules already in place for appealing a decision.

G. Personal Digital Assistant (PDA)/Cell Phone/Camera Policy (05/02/09)

The use of any device that can take photos is prohibited from any locker room area. Enforcement of this policy is up to each local Affiliate of SDAHA.

Playing Rules and Administrative Rules : As Adopted 9/15/1990 Amended: 9/14/1991, 9/19/1992, 9/18/1993, 10/8/1994, 11/28/1994, 12/8/1995, 9/28/1996, 9/27/1997, 9/26/1998, 9/01, 10/01, 4/02, 9/02, 4/03, 9/03, 4/04, 4/05, 9/05, 9/06, 10/06, 4/07, 10/07, 4/08, 9/08, 5/09, 10/09, 4/10,9/10, 4/11, 9/11, 4/12, 4/13, 9/13