

SOUTH SHORE CONFERENCE REDBOOK

PROGRAM DIRECTOR AND COACHES MANUAL AND RULES

2021 - 2022 SEASONS

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REVISED RULES FOR THE CURRENT SEASON

THE SOUTH SHORE CONFERENCE WILL RUN AND OPERATE ALL DIVISIONS UNDER THE RULES LISTED BELOW:

1. All rules established and published by USA Hockey/Mass Hockey shall apply except as amended herein.
2. All games will start on time. Two (2) minutes will be allowed for warm-ups. After 1 ½ minutes the buzzer sounds, signifying only thirty seconds remaining for warm-ups. The buzzer will sound thirty seconds later signifying the conclusion of warm-ups. All players must return to their bench area immediately. The first two periods will be twelve (13) minutes stop time. The referee will determine the length of the third period with the last two minutes being stop time. If a team is leading by more than five (5) goals, the two-minute stop time in the last period will be waived
3. Penalties
 - A. Length: Minor – 1.5 minutes (90 seconds)
Major – 5 minutes
Misconduct – 10 minutes
Game Misconduct – ejection from the game and a one game suspension
Match Penalty – suspension, determination by the board and disciplinary committee.
A player receiving three (3) penalties in a game will be ejected from that game
 - B. All players must proceed to the penalty box immediately after a penalty is called. Otherwise, another minor penalty (may) be assessed.
 - C. There will be no stick throwing, stick banging or profanity by the players or coaches in the player's box during games. A minor penalty will be assessed to the offending team with the coaches designating who will serve the penalty. No player is allowed to sit on, lean on or lean over the boards during game action.
 - D. The South Shore Conference will NOT tolerate MAJOR FIGHTING!
 - E. If an official calls a major penalty for fighting in any period of the game, the player will receive a game misconduct for the current game plus a minimum of three (3) game suspensions will be assessed. The player may not participate in any other South Shore Conference game until his/her suspension is served. The suspension must be served in the next scheduled South Shore Conference game(s). The five minute major penalty must be served by a teammate, unless offset by a similar penalty against the opposing team. There is no right to appeal for the first fighting penalty.
 - F. If an official calls a second major penalty on the same player for fighting, the player will be suspended from the game (with the five minute major being served by a teammate, if necessary) plus, the remainder of the season, pending a hearing.
4. Deliberate intent to injure another player will result in immediate dismissal from the league, following a decision from the district where incident occurred.
5. A player receiving two (2) fighting majors in a given season, including playoffs, is automatically suspended and is subject to a hearing to determine further participation in the league.
6. A "third man in" penalty is a South Shore Conference three (3) game suspension. Additional discipline may be assessed by the Executive Committee.
7. During a suspension of a player, if a forfeit (win) is credited to his/her team, the game will be counted against the suspension. Cancelled games are NOT counted.
 - A. The South Shore Conference, Inc. reserves the right to suspend a team, coach, player or parent for any cause that in its opinion is not in the best interest of the league. The Executive Committee may assess fines, subject to a review.
 - B. A suspension list will be posted on the SSC website. If any suspended or illegal player is playing in a SSC game while under suspension by the Conference, the following action will be taken:
 1. The game will be forfeited to the other team. Coach will be suspended.
 2. If a program has a coach put on suspension for using an illegal player, that team is put on probation for the rest of the year. If a program has 2 coaches on different teams put on suspension in the same year, that program is put on probation for the balance of

the year and must appear before the Executive Board before being able to register for the following season. Any additional coaches caught playing illegal players from the same program, that program may be dismissed from the SSC, pay all game fees for the balance of the year and not be accepted into the SSC in the future. Subject to a hearing, any illegal player will come before the Disciplinary Committee to review the incident. Coaches and Officials using illegal players will be suspended for thirty (30) days, subject to a hearing and could be suspended up to a minimum of not less than one (1) year by the USA Hockey rules.

3. The South Shore Conference tries to post the standings and suspensions on the website on a frequent basis. Player suspensions posted are subject to our receiving the game reports at the time of the posting. It is the responsibility of the coach to enforce any suspension shown on the game sheet. If a question exists, the game scheduler should be called, if not available, call the president.
 - C. Relative to the dispute involving illegal or suspended players, the South Shore Conference will go back to the two previous weeks from the time the incident report is received. ALL INCIDENT REPORTS MUST BE RECEIVED WITHIN 72 HOURS OF THE TIME OF THE GAME/INCIDENT OCCURRED. IF NOT RECEIVED WITHIN 72 HOURS, IT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.
 - D. No South Shore Conference player, coach, official or fan shall use profane, abusive language; use obscene gestures or show unsportsmanlike conduct on or off the ice. The penalty is a South Shore Conference 2 game suspension. (i.e.: abuse is defined as an insult, vilify, mistreatments, profane language, swearing, etc.)
 - E. Any abuse to the officials by a player or person will result in a South Shore Conference 3 games suspension. The Executive Board can review the incident and add additional disciplinary action.
 - F. Any person going onto the ice without permission from the referee will be assessed a South Shore Conference 2 game suspension.
 - G. The shaking of hands will be permitted following the conclusion of the game and then both teams will leave the ice immediately. During the handshake after the game or while leaving the ice the following penalties will be assessed to the player(s) involved:
 1. Fighting and third man in – 3 games
 2. Verbal abuse – 3 games
8. Teams not able to place a full squad on the ice at game time will forfeit the game. Five (5) skaters and a goaltender will constitute a full squad. A maximum of twenty (20) skaters are allowed to dress for the game.
9. Only players registered for the team will be allowed to skate (except a goaltender may be substituted until the registered player arrives). A team skating a non-registered player will forfeit the game and the coach is suspended pending a hearing. Stamped rosters must be submitted on a USA Hockey team registration form to the Roster Committee chairperson, as designated by the president, by November 1st or all games after that date will be forfeited until rosters are properly submitted. Alternates for an "A" level team must appear on the "B" or "B2" roster as submitted to the South Shore Conference. Programs that have "C" teams must submit a separate copy of that roster prior to using any "C" players or "B" alternates. If a hardship exists, the Executive Committee will review each case.
10. Only teams with a responsible coach in charge will be accepted. Each team must have a coach who is responsibly patched and having completed the module for the appropriate level prior to the 1st game. To avoid congestion at the player's entrance, keep the team in the locker room until five (5) minutes before scheduled game time. Other than players, up to four coaches are allowed on the bench during the game. The Executive Committee has the right to revoke the 4 coach on the bench privilege due to any incident.
11. It is the intent of the South Shore Conference to have all players from the same team in the same team colored uniform with permanently assigned numbers. If a team has two sets, the program will try to match the original number. In the case of a conflict of colors, visiting team (listed second on the schedule) must provide an alternate jersey color or wear pullovers. Players on the same team cannot wear duplicate numbers on the jerseys. (Goalies are exempt)

12. In accordance with USA Hockey rules, all players must wear helmets and full-face guards. No player will be allowed on the ice without these items. Where required, a mouthpiece not in proper position while on the ice is a misconduct penalty. Approved USA Hockey face shields must be worn.
13. During the course of the season, if a coach is requested to prove the age of any player registered, he must do so. Birth certificate will be given to the president or designee.
14. There will be minimum of two (2) officials assigned for each game; said officials are to be supplied by the South Shore Conference, Inc. The South Shore Conference will also provide time keepers for each game. Due to unforeseen circumstances if only one referee is present, the game will be played and counted in the standings. If there is a USA Hockey patched official on the premises, the official can referee the game if agreed to by each coach.
15. All coaches should report to the rink office for locker room keys. Keys will be issued to coaches, not to a player.
16. Referees have complete control of the penalty boxes and the ice. Rink management and/or South Shore Conference Officers will control all the other areas.
17. Coaches, officials and scorekeepers may communicate their suggestions, complaints, etc. to the South Shore Conference, Inc. by filling out an incident report and forwarding it to the appropriate league vice president and/or league president within 72 hours of the incident. If the incident is a complaint, it will either be acted upon or you will be contacted by phone to explain why it cannot be acted upon. All incident reports will be picked up at the designated place in each rink where the game sheets are picked up or may be given to the scorekeeper who will place them at the designated pick-up location.
 - A. The president will assign the incident to a disciplinary committee to schedule a hearing as needed.
18. Game Cancellations:
 - A. A team or teams cannot agree to NOT play a game or take a tie. THIS IS NOT PERMITTED. Every game scheduled must be played.
 - B. Chance of scheduled game:
 1. Must be approved by the scheduler.
 2. Team responsible for a change will also be responsible for all ice costs. SSC will provide referee and scorekeeper costs for the rescheduled game. If more than 1 game is rescheduled, program will be responsible for referee and score keeper costs.
 3. The team that is not making the change will have the regularly scheduled game ice for its own use.
 4. All requests for game changes must be made to the scheduler at least 30 days prior to the regular scheduled game by the Program South Shore Conference Director. Coaches are not allowed to make calls or make changes with the division vice president. In a case where the schedules are not available 30 days prior to the request for change, requests must be made within one week of the release of the schedule.
 5. Games must be rescheduled and played within 30 days after the regularly scheduled game. If not, a forfeit will be issued. (Game must be played by last day of regular season.) Any problem with scheduling the game will be resolved by the division vice president.
 - C. Procedure for rescheduling a game:
 1. REQUEST PERMISSION FROM THE SCHEDULER by the Program Director.
 2. Contact the opposing coach to propose an agreeable alternative to the regular scheduled game.
 3. Receive the approval for rescheduling the game from the opposing coach and his definite intended use of the ice from its originally scheduled game. The non-cancelling team/program has the first option to use the regularly scheduled ice, plus referees if needed. If the non-cancelling takes the ice and does not use it, they will have fines of \$100.00 and the Executive Board could assess any other costs incurred. If the non cancelling team does not use the ice, the cancelling team/program has the 2nd option to use the ice as they see fit, subject to the above rules. If the ice is not going to be

used at all, the ice reverts back to the conference, not less than 7 days prior to the cancellation.

4. Call or email scheduler to get final approval of:
 - Date of proposed game change, rink and time
 - Commitment from non-cancelling team/program or cancelling team/program ice use
 - Whether referees or scorekeepers will be needed for the regularly scheduled ice
 - Send a copy of the game change to pschwabe519@yahoo.com
 5. Scheduler will then notify the referee-in-chief of the game change and the need for referees/scorekeepers at the original ice time. In NO case will the coached be allowed to call the referee-in-chief to schedule referees/scorekeepers.
 6. Game sheets for the rescheduled games must, upon completion, be mailed or emailed by the cancelling team's coach to the conference scheduler within one week of the date the game is played.
 7. Scheduler must be advised of the place and time when a make-up game will be played.
 8. The league must always be paid for all scheduled games and practice ice. This is enforced with NO exceptions.
 9. Violation of the above rules will result in a forfeit.
19. The member towns and the coaches of each team are responsible for the behavior of the spectators from their town. If the spectators get unruly or abusive during the game, it is up to the direction of the referee to stop the game and determine who is at fault. If it can be determined who or what is at fault, that team will forfeit the game. If it cannot be determined who is at fault or it is unsafe to continue the game, it will be stopped and the Disciplinary Committee will make a determination.
- A. The South Shore Conference will establish a discipline committee to investigate and conduct a hearing, if appropriate, concerning any major incident involving a spectator or parent. An officer of the SSC can chair the Discipline Committee. The Discipline Committee will be comprised of three members and a chair.
 - B. A major incident shall be defines as, but not limited to, the use of obscene or vulgar language, verbal abuse, taunting of players, coaches, officials or throwing objects in the viewing area, team benches or ice surface, etc.
 - C. When a major incident of the ice rink property used by the SSC involving a parent or spectator is brought to the attention of the SSC Executive Board by rink officials, ice officials (referees, scorekeepers), incident reports or other programs, the affected programs will be notified by the SSC president or designee.
 - D. The program will have 48 hours to respond to the chairperson of the Discipline Committee with recommendations for discipline. The program will identify everyone involved. If the program's action is deemed acceptable, no further action shall be taken. If the chairperson of the Discipline Committee deems the program's recommendation unacceptable or inadequate, the individuals involved will immediately be suspended from all SSC activities until the incident is resolved. The Discipline Committee will convene to investigate the incident and hold a hearing within one week. All parties involved in the major incident will attend the discipline hearing.
 - E. Annually, prior to the start of the hockey season, each program will be responsible for sending written or electronic notice to the membership advising them of Rule #19, a copy of the letter will be submitted to the South Shore Conference president, no later than the September director's meeting.
20. The member towns will pay for any damages or defacing done in any rink used by the South Shore Conference, Inc. when it is determined whose players/coaches caused the damage.
21. Request for a player or goaltender to skate at a higher level and/or for an additional game, must be approved by the appropriate division president.
- A. After the first two scheduled games a player or goaltender skating at a higher level for four (4) consecutive games or a total of eight (8) games, including playoffs, will belong to the higher level team.
 - B. NO PLAYER OR GOALTENDER MAY PLAY ON A LOWER LEVEL

- C. With the permission from the vice-president of the division of the higher level, a team may play a player for two games in one weekend, providing the team requesting the additional player does not have more than 13 skaters, Mites through Bantams.
- D. All teams must use goaltenders from within their town program in all SSC games. If no goaltender is available from the town program, a team can use a goaltender from another SSC team. If there are no goaltenders available from the SSC teams, then a Metro South goaltender from another program can be used. Roster Chair must approve.
- E. The coach's selection of a goaltender outside his program, either another SSC program or a Metro South program, is subject to review by the division vice president. The coach must demonstrate that: a. it was unforeseeable that a team's goaltender was not available to play the subject game b. the town program goaltenders from the SSC were not available and c. the coach used his best efforts to use goaltenders from the SSC teams. In the event that a coach fails to demonstrate the aforementioned criteria, then the SSC may take disciplinary action against the coach, including but not limited to, forfeiting the subject game and/or suspension.
- F. Any relief from these rules must be petitioned to the Executive Board prior to September 1st of any year in the season to be played.
- G. The approval by the appropriate division vice president in moving a player or players to a higher level for a given game takes effect with the first scheduled SSC game. This applies for all levels. Failure to follow this rule can result in game forfeits and suspension of the coach based on a decision of the Executive Board.

Amended Goaltender Policy:

In an effort to promote the growth of the position of goaltenders, the following policy is in place:

Understanding the lack of goaltenders at the Y12U and Y10U levels, as well as the Girls Divisions (12U & 10U) if a player has the desire to try out the position of goaltender then he/she will be allowed to continue to skate out on one team and play goal on another. This player must be rostered on the team he/she skates out for and a supplemental roster must be filled out for the team for which he/she is playing goal.

Example: A player plays forward for a Y12U A team but there is a need for a goaltender on a Y12U B team and that player wants to try goaltending. That player will be allowed to skate out ONLY on the A team and be rostered on that team and will play ONLY as goaltender on the B team with the approval of the league and a supplemental roster for that B team.

(A player here can only move down one level – A to B or B to B2)

- 22. Any player, coach, assistant coach or member of the conference who has been given a suspension of 30 days or more, has the right of appeal. The president or discipline chair will appoint a three member appeal committee to the original discipline committee which heard the case. The appeal decision will be final.
- 23. A coach must submit a roster listing only those eligible players participating in that game. Names of suspended and/or absent players must not be listed on the game sheets. Violations of this rule will result in a minimum of a one game suspension of the coach. A player reporting late to a game must advise the referee to have his/her name put on the game sheet.
- 24. All coaches participating in the South Shore Conference must be patched as prescribed by the USA Hockey/MASS Hockey Article II, section 1 and 2 (page 23 of the Mass Hockey book) This rule applies Mites (Y8) through Midgets (Y18). All coaches also must have an age appropriate module and safe sport training.
- 25. Multiple teams, within their respective level, cannot draw players from each other. (I.e: Y12U B White to Y12U B Gold) Multiple teams within their respective levels are required to roster their teams on an equally balanced basis. The division vice president will review the goaltender policy.
- 26. Programs cannot send a lower team level to play in place of their higher team. (i.e.: Y12U B team cannot play a regularly scheduled game in place of their Y12U A team). This applies to all levels, including playoffs.

27. A Y18 player(s) receiving his /her three game suspensions for fighting can result in an additional one or two game suspension.
 - A. A player must serve the minimum three game suspensions, no appeal but can appeal for a hearing on the additional suspension.
 - B. A written letter must be submitted to the SSC President and SSC Y19U Coordinator within seven days following the dates of the first suspension.
28. A SSC director cannot miss attending 3 monthly meeting from August through June. The SSC director is responsible to designate an alternative officer or director of the program. Failure to do this will count as an absence.
29. A check from behind/head contact and/or head butt results in a 2 game suspension. If a check from behind, head contact or head-butt results in injury, the suspension will be reviewed by the SSC and is subject to additional suspension and/or hearing.
30. Any team having more than the number of major penalties as stipulated below WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PLAYOFFS:
 - A. All short season teams- maximum of 7 game misconducts
 - B. All full season teams – maximum of 15 game misconducts
31. The Shore Shore Conference will not tolerate cyber-bullying. If evidence is found through any type of media, the individual(s) will be turned over to the proper authority. (i.e.: law enforcement, SSC Executive Board and/or home town program.
32. Team movement: If a program requests that a team be moved down to another level starting from December through the end of the season, that team will be eligible for playoffs.
33. On the Girl's roster, only three (3) out of a program's town players are allowed on a G10U through G14U roster, which is the state rule currently. Any more than that would have to be:
 - A. Be approved by the district of the member program
 - B. Be approved by the SSC directors via a 2/3 vote
34. The use of "cow bells" will not be allowed before, during or after any SSC sponsored event. The conference is following a long line of organizations that have banned these devices, (i.e.: MIAA, College Hockey and the NHL.
35. All elected officials have the right to vote for any new membership.
36. Dynamo Teams must abide by SSC and League Rules.

SOUTH SHORE CONFERENCE, INC. CURRENT SEASON POLICIES

1. In order to give every program a chance to balance out their teams in the beginning of the season, the following policy is in effect:
 - A. Coaches are allowed to bring no more than three (3) players up for one (1) game in order to determine if they are capable of skating at the A or B level. In order to do so the coaches must abide by the following:
 1. Coaches must advise their SSC representative in advance of the player(s) name. The representative must then notify the divisional vice president, prior to the game for approval.
 2. At the end of the game the coach must advise the SSC representative, who then must notify the divisional vice president of the placement of the player(s).
 3. Player tryouts will not be allowed or approved after the teams second scheduled league game.
 - B. Any violation of the above will result in a two game suspension of the head coach. Suspension will be imposed as soon as the violation of this policy is known. (Team players should not be punished as a result of a violation by their coach.)
2. In order to begin the monitoring of rosters early in the season the following policy is in effect:
 - A. By September 1st, each program must submit on a USA Hockey Official Player Roster Form for Y18U and Girls 19U players. Failure to comply with this policy may result in a team forfeiting the next game or games until the roster is binding.
 - B. Prior to first game, all programs must submit an the USA Hockey Player Roster form the remainder Of their teams skating in the SSC, as well as their "C" team rosters. Failure to comply with this policy can result in the team forfeiting their next game or games until the SSC roster is binding.
 - C. If stamped official rosters are not received by due date, the following can apply:
 1. A \$100 fine up to 15 days
 2. A \$250 fine if 16 to 30 days after due date
 3. After 30 days, games are forfeited with appropriate fines. Program can be suspended or dismissed from the league for the following season
 4. Due Dates:
 - a.) Y18 and Girls 19U – September 1st
 - b.) All other divisions – Prior to 1st game
3. Any and all roster changes during the season must be reported immediately to the divisional vice president on a "change roster" form. Failure to comply with this policy will result in a fine of \$100.00 for each incident of the program.

NO PLAYER WILL BE ALLOWED TO PLAY IN A SSC GAME UNTIL THE SSC ROSTER COMMITTEE RECIEVES A COPY OF THE "CHANGE OF ROSTER" FORM. THE MASS DISTRICT REGISTRAR MUST STAMP THE CHANGE.
4. Roster Committee: The roster committee will consist of the President and Vice President of both levels:
 - A. A copy of the SSC game sheets will be forwarded weekly to the divisional presidents in order to review the game sheets.
 - B. This will enable the verification of the roster/game sheets to be less time consuming and any questions or problems can be resolved immediately.
5. Any programs that violate these policies on a consistent basis (to be determined) will be subject to probation.
6. All programs must have an A and a B team in Y10U and Y12U. If a program does not have an A team and it is approved by the executive Committee, that team will not be eligible for playoffs (highest team in level). A program may have multiple A, B or B2 teams.
7. A coach writing on a game sheet will be issued a warning for the first infraction. Following a second infraction, the Executive Committee will suspend the coach.

8. In the Y19U Division (short season only), a player or goaltender skating to a higher level on one of these teams for 2 consecutive games or a total of 4 games, including playoffs, will belong to the higher-level team.
9. There is no "time out" in regular season games in the SSC.
10. During an injury, the clock will continue to run up to the 2-minute mark remaining in the game.
11. Forfeit assessments: If a team forfeits a game, they are assessed a fine of \$100 plus pay the opponent's game cost for that game. If a team forfeits a third game during the season, they can be dismissed from the league and pay all costs due for the season.
12. Bye Policy:
 - A. All teams are permitted to draw up to a maximum of 2 byes for the season. This is in addition to any team that qualifies for the State Tournament.
 - B. Conditions attached to Bye requests for the State Tournament are as follows:
 1. One bye is allowed prior to December (maximum)
 2. One bye is allowed from December to the end of the season
 3. The coach of a team must request the bye through his program director. The specific director will advise the scheduler of this request on the proper "bye request" form prior to the deadlines below. Requests made after the deadline WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Bye requests from September 1st through November 30th must be received prior to August 1st.

Bye requests for December 1st through February 17th must be received prior to the October Director meeting.

Note: There are no games scheduled for the weekend of February 19-21, 2020.

Bye requests from February 26th through March 14th and the end of the season must be received by January 15th. (Only one per team is allowed this period.)

Byes are NOT allowed in the playoffs.

13. Y19U Player Policy:

If a member program places more than one team in the Y18U B levels, then, at times, when the coach knows that he/she is going to have less than 10 skates and a goalie, then that coach can borrow from the other Y18U B team. Only the amount of players needed to bring the roster to 10 skaters and a goalie is allowed. The coach can borrow a player two (2) times during the season, including playoffs. The borrowing of players latterly will be monitored by the SSC Y18U Coordinator and the "B" vice president.

14. Y19U Division Mission Statement:

Y18U A - It is the intent of the level to have all older players (players of age 18) and all players who will be playing for their high school varsity teams on line 1,2 and 3. This level should be viewed as a "tune-up" or "get in shape" for the high school season.

Y18U B Short Season- It is the intent of this level to have players who will be playing for their high school hockey teams on lines 4 and 5; also, those players who will be playing for their high school junior varsity on lines 1 and 2. This level should be viewed as a "tune-up" or "get in shape" for the high school season.

Y18U B – Full Season- It is the intent of this level for players who are entering the Y18U level for the first time. It is designed for those players who might not make their varsity or junior varsity teams. It is not designed for players who have graduated from high school and are seeking a place to play hockey. It is not designed for players who have not met high school eligibility because of grades or other issues or have been cut by the varsity team. Players at this level who make their varsity team will be evaluated by the SSC Y18U Coordinator and the SSC vice president of the Y18U B Division.

**14A. Y18 Short Season a Girls 19 Short Season –
NO PLAYOFFS IN 2020**

The following will apply for next season:

-All teams will play 13 games during the 12 week season.

-Season will start Fir 8/23 and end Sun 11/10.

-Playoffs will be either weekend of 11/15 or 11/22 depending which weekend State Tournament will be held.

-Top 4 Teams in each division will make Playoffs.

To Participate in playoffs, teams are subject to the following:

-Teams that have 9 or more Games Misconducts will not be eligible for Playoffs.

-Teams that have more than 2 forfeits during season will not be eligible for Playoffs.

-Players must play in 7 games to be eligible for Playoffs.

-Players with 2 ore more game misconducts will not be allowed to play in Playoffs.

-1st forfeit will be charged as per Red Book. 2nd will be charged at \$300 plus opponent game cost, 3rd at \$500 plus opponent game cost and team will nto be allowed back for following season and coach will be suspended immediately and for following season.

-Each team will be allowed 1 bye that needs to be submitted by 8/1.

-From 3rd weekend in September through end of regular season, most games will be on Sunday if possible. Weekend with 2 games will be prior to the 3rd weekend in September. 1 per team will occur but could be more depending on byes.

15. Girl's Division:

Rules and Policies:

- A. Girl's Division follows all South Shore Conference rules, policies and regulations. Playoffs, also, follow all South Shore Conference rules, policies and regulations. Girls 19U are short season divisions.
- B. Girls 10U, 12U and 14U – all teams make the playoffs. Girls 19U – only the top 6 teams will make the playoffs. (single game elimination)
- C. Girls rostered on a Girls 12U B Team may play as substitute players on a Girls 12U team during the regular season games for up to 8 games per season. Girls on a 12U B2 division team may play as substitute players on a 12U B1 team for up to 8 games in a season. (no more than 3 consecutive games)
- D. Girls on any 12U team may play as a substitute player on any Girls 14U team during the regular season for that team, up to 8 games per season.
- E. Girls rostered on a higher division team are not permitted to play "down" at any time on a lower division team, even if age eligible for the lower division.
- F. Girls on a lower division team are not permitted to play on a higher division team for playoffs. The South Shore Conference requires a minimum of 15 league games to be played with a team for any player to be eligible for the playoffs, which disqualifies girls from playing as a substitute player for a higher division in the playoffs.

16. Team Placement

- A. Girls will be placed in divisions based on program requests for A or B divisions or in the case of Girls 12U A, B1 and B2 divisions. Adjustments to the team placement in divisions may be made by the South Shore Conference at its discretion either on program request or on its own action prior to December 1 of each season for full season teams.
- B. All teams will be scheduled for games based on program team placement from early September to the end of November for each division. Appropriate program team placement is important for the start of the season games to ensure the best experience possible for all of the girl's teams.
- C. Programs should look to placing teams in A or B divisions based on consideration of the teams competitiveness from the prior season, age of the players and the skill level overall of the players. Programs should not automatically place a Girls team in the A division (or

- B1 Division in the case of the B2 Division) if the program only has one team in that division. Consideration should also be given to lower level division placement for that team. Similarly, programs should not place a team in a B division (or B2 division in the case of U12 B Division) on the basis that the team can move to a higher division in December if the team will be competitive with some or all of the higher division teams. Both situations can lead to poor competition for that team and other division teams until the end of the first game schedule to end in November.
- D. If the team will be competitive with some of the A division teams but not all of the A division teams, the team should be given A level placement for the start of the season. The same applies for Girls 12U B1 and B2 Division – if the team will be competitive with some of the B1 Division teams but not all B1 teams, the team should be given B1 placement for the start of the season.

South Shore Conference Y8U – A, B, and B2 Divisions

Playing Rules for Age-Specific Ice ($\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ Ice)

1. All games will be 4 on 4 with a goalie.
2. Game Time: There will be two periods or halves. A two-minute warm up will be given. A 25-minute runtime first half will be played. A one-minute break on the scorekeeper's buzzer will be given between periods. Second half may be lengthened or shortened to fill the time remaining at the discretion of the Y8U Administrator.
3. Face-offs: Use all five locations as follows:
 - a. After goal at center ice
 - b. After penalty at center ice
 - c. After goalie cover-up at nearest circle
4. Penalties: Penalties will be called in accordance with USA Hockey Rules. Referees will explain infraction to the player. The player must then go to the bench for one complete shift. The player will be immediately substituted for and four on four play will continue.
5. Scorekeepers: Game sheets must be filled out. Scores will be kept, with individual statistics. Game sheets must include only the players that are present.
6. Referees: Each game will have one certified Referee.
7. Pulling the goalie for an extra skater is not allowed.

On Rinks with Dividers:

8. Locker Rooms: Home teams will share a locker room. Visiting teams will share a locker room. One parent per player in the locker room is recommended.
9. Teams will share bench using one door each. Teams may switch ends of the bench for second half.
10. Referees and home teams will be responsible for setup and breakdown of dividers. It is recommended that all teams be equipped with a coach's helmet in case needed.
11. Coaching Courtesy: While sharing a bench with another team, coaches must respect and not inhibit the ability of their counterparts to be able to coach their own players. Simply put, "take it down a notch" during shared bench games so all coaches and players may easily communicate.
12. All $\frac{1}{2}$ ice Y8U games, at all levels prior to December, will be played with USA Hockey approved "Intermediate" size nets (36"x48"). After expanding to $\frac{3}{4}$ ice in December, A-full ice and A and B age appropriate divisions will go to full size nets. The B2 division will continue to play the full season with "Intermediate" nets.
13. Ice will be made between back to back games on age appropriate ice surfaces during play-offs only.

SOUTH SHORE CONFERENCE Playoff Format and Rules

A. **Qualifications** (Tie Breakers)

The top team in each division, as indicated below, will qualify for the playoffs. In the case of a tie in the standings for any position (i.e. 3rd, 6th, etc.), the tie will be broken as follows:

1. Most wins in head-to-head competitions of the teams tied, the one with the best record in the head-to-head competitions places higher
2. Most wins – the team with a 13-5 record places higher than a team with a 12-5-2 record
3. Goals against – team with the lowest goals allowed in league games places higher
4. Goals for – team with the lowest goals allowed in head to head league games places higher
5. Goals against – team with the lowest goals allowed in league games places higher
6. Goals for in head-to-head competition- the team with the most goals scored in head-to-head competition places higher
7. If uneven number of games were played, percentages will be used.
8. League and playoff committee decision- will be based on one or more of the following criteria: best record against the top four teams, best record against play-off teams, playoff games or league play off committee

B. **Full Season Divisions** – when any division is split in two (Herman and Re) the following criteria applies:

1. All teams make the playoffs (except if a program doesn't have an A team in Squirt or PeeWee)
2. All girls U10, U12 and U14 teams make the playoffs

C. **Short Season Division** – Top 4 teams in each division will make playoffs.

D. **Rules** - Current SSC rules and Mass Hockey rules and regulations are in effect, including suspensions, in addition:

1. A player participating in full season team playoffs must participate in at least 15 league games on the roster team to be eligible to participate in the playoffs.
2. A team wishing to protest a playoff game only, must submit a \$200.00 cash bond along with the written protest. This must be done within one hour of the completion of the game in question. A refund is given only if the protest is won.

E. **Ties** – There will be no ties in the playoffs. Any game ending in a tie during regulation time will proceed to break the tie by sudden death overtime as follows:

1. All divisions – a 6 minute overtime period will be played
2. First team to score a goal is the winner
3. Y8U – If game is still tied after 2 6-minute 5 on 5 overtime periods, game will go to a 6 minute sudden death 4 on 4 overtime period. If game is still tied, game will go to a 6 minute sudden death 3 on 3 overtime until winner is declared.
4. Y10U and Y12U Divisions – If game is still tied after 2 6-minute sudden death overtime periods, game will go to one 6-minute 4 on 4 sudden death overtime period. If game is still tied, it will go to one 3 on 3 6-minute sudden death period. If still tied, it will go to a shoot out per Mass Hockey State Tournament Rules.
5. Y14U, Y19U, and Girls Y19U, sudden death 6-minute stop overtime periods will continue until there is a winner.

F. **Home Team** – The home team in all playoffs is the highest seed.

G. **Game Time** – In all playoff games three (3) twelve (13) minute stop time periods will be played. One time out per team will be granted per game. If used in regulation, none will be allowed in overtime.

H. **No game changes allowed** – Games will not be rescheduled or postponed for any reason. This includes trips, tournaments, commitments, lack of players, etc. If, prior to the start of playoffs, a team decides it cannot appear, the next highest ranking team will take its place. The decision must be given one week prior to the end of the regular season.

I. **On-site directors** – On-site directors will be appointed by the president whenever possible during the playoff games. If a player is abusive in any manner to the on-site director, that director will file an incident report. A member of the coaching staff must be present during the player sign-in if conducted in the confines of the locker room.

J. **Y8U**- All Y8U teams will have 2 playoff games. Each division will have groups of approximately 4 teams as needed with all players receiving a trophy after the last game (champion or finalist)

K. Playoff and League Awards –

1. Division winners: each team who wins its division will receive a trophy or appropriate award for each player and coach. This will designate them as SSC Champions.
2. Playoffs – the two finalists will be awarded trophies as follows:
Champions – Individual player and coach trophies or appropriate award
Runner-up/Finalist – individual player and coach trophies or appropriate award
3. Trophies will be presented on-ice whenever possible, to each team and individual players by the SSC officers, officials, and directors as designated by the president of the SSC.

L. **Forfeit Rule** – If a team forfeits any playoff game, that team will be disqualified from any other playoff games and will pay any and all expenses incurred. The Executive Committee has the right to review this rule.

Girls Division: follow all the South Shore Conference rules, policies and regulations. Playoff also follows South Shore Conference guidelines.

Girls 19U A and B – short season division. No playoffs in 2020.

Inclement Weather – In the event that games will be postponed due to inclement weather or any other unforeseen circumstances, the SSC will first contact the program director, second – the program president, third – the program coach. It will also be posted on our website.

Your cooperation is asked in NOT calling the SSC officers, officials. This only delays the outgoing notification process. If you have any questions, call your SSC director. The names and phone numbers are included in this manual.

Program Directors - Each member program appoints or elects a director to the South Shore Conference. They become the key go-between in all conference matters with the hometown programs. Coaches should always contact their director on any questions, policy, rule clarification or other information. Program directors are responsible for the passing of rules that govern the SSC both in play and operations.

Home Teams - The home team for each game is the first team listed on the schedule. That team is requested to take the bench marked "home". All rules affecting home teams, including line changes, apply to the team identified as the home team on the schedule.

Number of Games - This season the SSC is attempting a 30 game regular season schedule for all full season divisions. This can be affected by inclement weather, though we try to maintain an equal number of games per level. (No less than 29 or no more than 31 games are anticipated to be played prior to playoffs in each division.)

Y8U will play a 26 game schedule, plus two playoff games.

Y18 short season will play a 13 game schedule, top 4 teams in the A and top 4 in each B division will have playoff games (NO Playoffs in 2020)

Girls 19U A – short season will play a 13 game schedule

Girls 19U B – short season –will play a 13 game schedule

Phil Re Annual Program of the Year Award

Purpose: The purpose of this award is to recognize member programs that displayed outstanding sportsmanship throughout the season.

Scope: This award will be presented annually to the program who has displayed outstanding sportsmanship and is based on at least number of penalty game suspensions, including gross misconduct and match misconduct, etc. received throughout the season, any forfeits incurred, spectator/parent problems raised through incident reports, financial status and overall performance of the program during the regular season. * A major incident during the playoffs can become a determining factor.

Procedure:

1. The Shore Conference treasurer or other designated officer will be responsible for collecting and maintaining the major penalties, including: gross misconduct and match misconduct, etc. suspensions, forfeits, spectator/parent incidents, financial status and overall performance of each member program.
2. At the completion of the season, all data will be presented to the South Shore Conference Executive Board for review and final selection of the program that best meets the criteria set forth.
3. The program that received the least major penalties during the season (which included additional penalties assessed from the above categories) will be eligible for the Phil Re Annual Award for Outstanding Sportsmanship.
4. In the event of more than one program receiving equal assessed penalties from all categories, the executive board will review additional statistics to determine:
 - a. If any program has had bench minors, the removal of coaches from games, or any incident before or after a game
 - b. Any other condition or event that may preclude those programs in contention from being the recipient of the Phil Re Annual Award for Outstanding Sportsmanship
5. Upon the completion of the data review, the South Shore Conference executive Board will announce the winner(s) of the Phil Re Award for Outstanding Sportsmanship
6. A trophy will be awarded to the program and a master plaque will be displayed in the South Shore Conference meeting room

Definitions:

Gross misconduct/match – the player receiving these penalties will be initially assessed a 4 game suspension (including a 30 day suspension) plus any additional district and South Shore Conference penalties.

Parent incident – The team/program will be assessed a 2 game penalty for each incident (not to be served, for record only)

Forfeit incident – The team/program will be assessed a 5 game penalty for each incident (not to be served, for record only)

Financial status delinquent – The team/program will be assessed a 5 game penalty (not to be served, for record only)

Overall performance – includes:

- A. Attendance at meetings
- B. Meeting financial obligations on time
- C. Communications from the program to the conference

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ANNUAL PROGRAM OF THE YEAR AWARD

1993-1994 – Hanover Youth Hockey
1994-1995 – Milton Youth Hockey
1995-1996 – Milton Youth Hockey
1996-1997 – Hingham Youth Hockey
1997-1998 – Taunton Youth Hockey
1998-1999 – Seahawks Youth Hockey
1999-2000 – Braintree Youth Hockey
2000-2001 – Canton Youth Hockey
2001-2002 – Norwood Youth Hockey
2002-2003 – Milton Youth Hockey
2003-2004 – Milton Youth Hockey
2004-2005 – Falmouth Youth Hockey
2005-2006 – Coastal Stars Youth Hockey
2006-2007 – Plymouth Youth Hockey
2007-2008 – Pembroke Youth Hockey
2008-2009 – Brewins Youth Hockey
2009-2010 – Braintree Youth Hockey
2010-2011 – None Awarded
2011-2012 – Canton Youth Hockey
2012-2013 – Hingham Youth Hockey
2013-2014 – WHK Youth Hockey
2014-2015 – Canton Youth Hockey
2015-2016 – South Shore Eagles
2016-2017 – Westwood
2017-2018 – K/P Walpole
2018-2019 – Barnstable
2019-2020 – Norwood

PAUL A SCHWABE AWARD
OUTSTANDING SOUTH SHORE CONFERENCE DIRECTOR

1996-1997 – Roger Maiolini, Cape Cod Canal
1997-1998 – Michael O’Shea, Norwood
1998-1999 – Joe Griffin, Hingham
1999-2000 –Russell Madden, Pembroke
2000-2001 – Michael Cantwell, Duxbury
2001-2002 – Frank O’Brien, Canton
2002-2003 – Ernie Nadeau, Brockton
2003-2004 – Peter Feloney, Milton
2004-2005 – Glenn Taylor, Cape Cod Canal
2005-2006 – Steve Foohey, Coastal Stars
2006-2007 – Mark Zayac, Plymouth
2007-2008 – Andrew Potts, Canton
2008-2009 – Carol Flaherty, Norwood
2009-2010 – Dan McGlone, Weymouth
2010-2011 – Bob Christian, Hanover
2011-2012 – Tom Sousa, Falmouth
2012-2013 – Jack Diamond, Hingham
2013-2014 – Courtney Brock, Plymouth
2014-2015 – Glen Strier, Franklin
2015-2016 – Tom Welch, Cape Cod Canal
2016-2017 – John Lombardo, Plymouth
2017-2018 – Alan Sheehan, Duxbury & Chris Shaw, Canton
2018-2019 – Todd Brown, Hanover
2019-2020 – Tim Falasca, Weymouth

REFEREE OF THE YEAR – NORM CANELIAS AWARD

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| 2005-2006 | Jim Troupe |
| 2006-2007 | Ernie Beard |
| 2007-2008 | Norm Colson |
| 2008-2009 | Jim Manning |
| 2009-2010 | Scott Peterson |
| 2010-2011 | Darryl Church |
| 2011-2012 | Todd LeMay |
| 2012-2013 | Richard Dray |
| 2013-2014 | Rick Holmberg |
| 2014-2015 | David Mitchell |
| 2015-2016 | Bill Lusky |
| 2016-2017 | Pat McCloud |
| 2017-2018 | Dave Mazarella |
| 2018-2019 | Shane Cantone |
| 2019-2020 | Ben Ethier |

RINKS USED BY THE SOUTH SHORE CONFERENCE

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Alexio Rink | 1 Gordon Owen Parkway | Taunton MA 02780 | 508-824-4987 |
| Armstrong Arena | 103 Longpond Road | Plymouth, MA 02360 | 508-746-8825 |
| Asiaf Rink | Forrest Ave | Brockton, MA 02302 | 508-583-6804 |
| Bavis Arena | 180 VFW Drive | Rockland, MA 02370 | 781-982-7070 |
| Bog | 188 Summer Street | Kingston, MA 02364 | 781-585-2111 |
| Bridgewater Arena | 20 Bedford Street | Bridgewater, MA 02324 | 508-179-0600 |
| Canton Sportsplex | 5 Carver Circle | Canton, MA 02021 | 781-821-0304 |
| Canton Ice House | 65 North Street | Canton, MA 02021 | 508-613-8900 |
| Connell Rink | 220 R Broad Street | Weymouth, MA 02188 | 781-335-2090 |
| Falmouth Rink | 9 Technology Park Dr. | E. Falmouth, MA 02536 | 508-548-7080 |
| Foxboro Sports Center | 106 Belcher Road | Foxboro, MA 02035 | 508-698-0505 |
| Gallo Ice Arena | Route 6A | Bourne, MA 02532 | 508-759-8904 |
| Hetland Skating Arena | 310 Hathaway Blvd | New Bedford, MA 02740 | 508-999-9081 |
| Hobomock Rink | Hobomock Street | Pembroke, MA 02359 | 781-294-0260 |
| Hyannis Rec Center | 141 Bassett Lane | Hyannis, MA 02601 | 508-790-6345 |
| Pilgrim Arena | 75 Recreation Road | Hingham, MA 02043 | 781-749-6660 |
| Quincy Youth Arena | 60 Murphy Memorial Dr | Quincy, MA 02169 | 617-479-8371 |
| Raynham Iceplex | 1568 Broadway | Raynham, MA 02767 | 508-880-3311 |
| Rockland Rink | 599 Summer Street | Rockland, MA 02370 | 781-878-5591 |
| Shea Rink | 651 Willard St. | Quincy, MA 02169 | 617-512-8402 |
| Tony Kent Arena | 8 South Gages Way | South Denis, MA 02660 | 508-760-2400 |
| Ulin Rink | 11 Unquity Road | Milton, MA 02186 | 617-696-9869 |
| Zapustas/Randolph | 240 North Street | Randolph, MA 02368 | 781-961-0938 |

SCHEDULE RELEASE DATES

September 7: Coaches Meeting – All games through Thanksgiving

November 23: All games from December 4 – February 17

February 10: All games from February 26 – March 14

March 16: Directors Meeting – Playoff Final Grids with Teams

USA HOCKEY LOCKER ROOM SUPERVISION

USA HOCKEY is concerned with the locker room activities between minor players; minor players and adult players; adults being alone with individual minor players in the locker rooms; and with non-official or non-related adults having unsupervised access to minor participants at sanctioned team events.

It is the policy of USA HOCKEY and USA HOCKEY INLINE that all affiliates, Districts, leagues, and local hockey programs have at least one responsible adult present directly monitoring the locker room during all team events to assure that only participants, coaches and players, approved team personnel and family members are permitted in the locker room and to supervise the conduct in the locker room. Any individual meetings with a minor participant and a coach in a locker room shall require a responsible adult to be with the coach. Further, responsible adults must personally monitor the locker room environment at all times while participants are present and also make sure the locker room is appropriately secured during times when minor participants are on the ice.

SOUTH SHORE CONFERENCE

INCIDENT REPORT

Teams Involved: _____

Date: _____ Day: _____ Time: _____

Rink: (Check One)

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| Asiaf | Bridgewater | Canton | Connell | Babson |
| Falmouth | Gallo | Hobomock | Mark Bavis | Pilgrim |
| Armstrong | Randolph | Rockland | Sportsplex | Alexio |
| The Bog | Ulin | Quincy | Hyannis | Foxboro |
| Hetland | | | | |

Location: (Check One)

On Ice _____ Off Ice _____ Inside Arena _____ Outside Arena _____

Level: (Check One Level and A or B)

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| Y14U | A | B | B2 | Y19U | A | B | BF | Y10U | A | B | B2 | Y12U | A | B | B2 | | | |
| Y8U | A | B | | Girls 10U | A | B | | Girls 12U | A | B | | Girls 14U | A | B | | Girls 19U | A | B |

Player Involved: Name _____ # _____ Program _____

Player Involved: Name _____ # _____ Program _____

Player Involved: Name _____ # _____ Program _____

Others involved if any: (Describe – parent, coach, etc.)

Describe Incident Completely: _____

(Use back side of white copy if needed)

Submitted by: (Name of coach/referee/other)

Program or referee #:

Date:

SOUTH SHORE CONFERENCE

Change of Scheduled Game Form

Date: _____

1. All game changes must be approved by the League Scheduler
2. The team responsible for the change will also be responsible for all ice costs and all referee and scorekeeper costs for the rescheduled game. The referee and scorekeeper must be paid prior to the start of the rescheduled game.
3. The team that is not making the change will have regular scheduled game ice for its own use.

NOTE: When complete, mail this form with check to Paul Schwabe and send copy to Division VP.

A \$25 Fee applies for each change and should accompany this form.

Scheduled Game

Level _____

Date: _____ Time: _____ Location: _____

Team Requesting Change: _____ Town: _____

Coach: _____ Town: _____ Phone Number: _____

Opposing Coach: _____ Town: _____ Phone Number: _____

Does the opposing team want the ice? **YES** **NO**

Does the opposing team want the referee & timekeeper? **YES** **NO**

If the opposing team does not want the ice, will your program use the ice? **YES** **NO**

Does your program want the referee and timekeeper? **YES** **NO**

RESCHEDULED GAME

Date: _____ Time: _____ Location: _____

Approved by Division VP: Name _____ Date: _____

Referee Notified: **YES** **NO**

Time Keeper Notified: **YES** **NO**



SOUTH SHORE CONFERENCE WEBSITE

www.sschokey.org

- Game Schedules
- Results
- Standings
- Suspension Lists
- Team Contacts
- Rink Directions
- Red Book Online
- Documents/Forms
- Links to USA Hockey and Mass Hockey
- Bad Weather Cancellations
- Dynamo Information

Also:

- SSC Directors Restricted Site
- Administration Restricted Site
- Meeting Minutes

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