

# Niagara Frontier JV Hockey Association

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## Eligibility and Game day Procedures

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### General Information

- Each Team can roster up to 30 players, only 20 can dress per game of which no more than 18 skaters and 2 goalies
- In order to be eligible for playoffs, players need to play in ½ the league games plus one (1) additional game. Long-term Injuries count towards games played. Players must be marked as injured in the comments section of the scoresheet
- Player eligibility:
  - Player must attend the high school that he/she is rostered
  - Freshmen, sophomores and up to 5 Jr's are eligible to play on an NFJV Team. Only 3 Jr's can dress per game.
- Head Coaches must be level 3 or higher. All coaches must be USA Hockey Registered, background screened, and complete Safe Sport
- League website is <http://www.NFJV.org>, all schedules, rosters and stats will be on this site
- Tryouts and team activities can begin on the NYS section winter start date (same as the Federation Varsity).
- We can only play other USA Hockey Teams. All non-league scrimmages must be with USA Hockey Teams. Gary Panek is the referee scheduler for these games and can be reached at [Garyp805@roadrunner.com](mailto:Garyp805@roadrunner.com). The cost associated with Referees for non-league games will be paid in cash by the participating NFJV teams.

### Game Procedures-

#### *Pre-Game: Paperwork and Reporting Procedures*

- Home team is responsible to:
  - Provide printed scoresheet from the website and an incident report ([click here](#) for directions).
  - Score sheet must be signed by all on and off officials as well as trainers.
  - The visiting team will distribute the documents to the off-ice official prior to the start of the game
- Players dressed for a game need to appear on the score sheet, cross off any player not dressed
- Injured players should be noted on the score sheet.
  - Note that players who are "sick" or have conflicts should be crossed out.
- Suspended players should be noted on the score sheet
- Players do not need to sign the score sheet
- We do not collect a gate fee at any games

### Game Time

- 5 minute warm-up, 3-15 minute periods (no OT in regular season)
- NFJV follows USA Hockey rules. Exceptions:
  - Teams are allowed one (1) :30 second time-out per team, per game
  - Teams are allowed to ice the puck while short handed
  - Tagup offsides is played
- 2:00 penalties are in effect
- 1.5 minutes is placed on clock between periods
- Home team chooses the jersey they want to wear.
- Each Team should supply a parent to work the penalty boxes
- Cancellations due to weather: General rule is that if the Rink is open, we play. However, if a game is cancelled by a school, that team must secure a new ice time/date. The League will not

provide ice. For any and all cancellations, the League President needs to be notified in order to cancel off-ice, on-ice officials and Trainers. St. Francis, and Canisius do not play on the date if school is cancelled due to weather. SJ's ability to play in inclement weather is dependent on the decision of the Athletic Director.

#### **Post-Game**

- Teams should meet at center ice to shake hands
- HomeTeam is responsible for submitting scoresheet and incident report to Joe Spano ([jaspano@boisite.com](mailto:jaspano@boisite.com)), Allen Demski ([ajcdembski@gmail.com](mailto:ajcdembski@gmail.com)) and Nate Streicher ([npstreicher@gmail.com](mailto:npstreicher@gmail.com)) within a few hours of game's end.
  - Home team is also responsible for scanning/ photographing and emailing the score sheet, and incident report (if there was an incident in the game) to the opposing coach.

#### **Supplemental discipline- *Niagara Frontier Junior Varsity Hockey Association Supplemental Discipline***

1. All major penalties result in an automatic disqualification
2. Player Penalties
  - a. A player receiving 5 penalties in the same game will automatically receive a game misconduct.
  - b. A player receiving a game misconduct for the 5 penalty rule is suspended for the next game of his team. This first time incident will NOT count towards his cumulative suspension incidents as described in #4. If a player received a 2nd game misconduct for the 5 penalty rule he is suspended for his teams next game and it will count towards cumulative suspension totals.
3. During the NFJVHA regular season & playoffs, a player receiving a game misconduct for fighting or abuse of officials will be suspended for his next 2 games. A player receiving his first major penalty (other than fighting or abuse of officials) is suspended to play in the next game.
4. Every subsequent disqualification or game misconduct results in a cumulative suspension of 1 game for each game the player has been suspended. Example: Player A receives his second game disqualification of the season; therefore he is suspended for 2 games.
5. During the NFJVHA regular season & playoffs a player receiving his 3rd game disqualification, 3rd game misconduct, 3rd major penalty is suspended for the remainder of the season and playoffs upon the review of the discipline committee.
6. During the NFJVHA regular season & playoffs a player receiving his 4th misconduct is awarded a game disqualification. said player is then suspended to play in the next game or games, dependent on whether he had incurred any previous game disqualification. a violation of #1 and #4 in the same game will count as 2 violations. If the 4th misconduct is one of 5 penalties in the game for a player and it is his first 5 penalty rule infraction, it will not be counted as 2 separate incidents.
7. Coach Misconducts
  - a. A member of the coaching staff receiving a game misconduct is suspended from coaching in the next 2 games of his team.
  - b. A member of the coaching staff receiving a 2nd game misconduct is suspended to coach for the remainder of the NFJVHA regular season & playoffs and a review by the discipline committee.
8. If a team receives 15 or more penalties in 1 game the head coach shall be suspended for the next game of his team. If it occurs a second time the head coach is suspended for the next 2 games of his team. If it occurs a third time the head coach is suspended for the remainder of the NFJVHA regular season & playoffs and is subject to review by the discipline committee.
9. These penalties will carry over to the next season should the violation occur in the final games of the season.
10. Coaches and players should be aware that these disciplinary actions carry over to non-league game