

MAGIC CITY ADULT HOCKEY ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS



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Mission Statement

The MCAHA strives to provide patrons with the opportunity to play ice hockey in a competitive, but recreational, organized league environment that is founded on the emphasized principles of fair play, sportsmanship, camaraderie and safety.

Governing Executive Board

The MCAHA is governed by an Executive Board of adult volunteers. Executive Board members are elected by active members of the MCAHA. Please see separate Governing Body (Executive Board) document (in appendix) for more information on board structure, positions and responsibilities.

Season Playing Guides

The Season Playing Guides (see appendix) will be reviewed prior to the beginning of each season and will be modified as necessary. The Guide will contain all information regarding league structure, formation of teams, player/goaltender rating systems, length of season, playoff structure and player/goaltender fees.

Sportsmanship and Code of Conduct

All MCAHA players are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner. This includes, but is not limited to, respect for the officials, the scorekeepers, teammates, opponents, the patrons and Centennial Ice Arena Employees and facilities.

The MCAHA Executive Board reserves the right and the authority to disqualify, suspend, or remove any player, spectator, or team which behaves in an unsportsmanlike manner before, during or after a game. Players, spectators, and teams are expected to clean up after themselves and refrain from leaving a mess or otherwise damaging arena facilities.

MCAHA enforces a zero-tolerance policy for abuse of officials and scorekeepers. Abuse includes verbal, physical or otherwise.

Equipment

All players are required to wear a helmet, shin guards, protective cup, hockey gloves, hockey pants (breezers), and a matching team jersey. Shoulder pads, elbow pads, mouth guards, and visors/cages are not required, however, they are highly recommended. All equipment must be in acceptable condition to help prevent/reduce injuries.

Players

All players must be registered with USA Hockey. Players can register online at usahockeyregistration.com. No player will be allowed on the ice without his or her USA Hockey number submitted and approved by the League. Players must be eighteen years or older to register for MCAHA. To become a member of the MCAHA you must complete the following:

- USA Hockey Registration
- MCAHA Registration through MCAHAbillings.com.
- All past league fees paid in full.

Player Ratings

All players will be rated on an A, B, C, D, E scale. Ratings are developed by the Player Ratings Subcommittee with input from the previous season's Captains, referencing the USA Hockey rating system, established hockey evaluation guides, and previous season statistics.

Letter Grade	Rating Definition	Previous MCAHA Rating	USA Hockey Resource Guide Level
E	Considered a Novice Level of Player. Generally, players started as adults, have a limited hockey background, or who's skating abilities have not yet progressed to the next level	1,2	Novice
D	Considered a developing Intermediate level player. Generally, players in this category may have experience as Adult Recreational Players, or early youth hockey. Still developing positional play, strategies, and fundamentals. May include more experienced players who have started slowing down, or looking for a slower pace.	3,4	Bronze
C	Considered an upper Intermediate level player. Generally, players in this category are more experienced Adult Recreational Players or may have played up to Midget or High School in a non-traditional hockey area.	5,6	Intermediate
B	This Player is an Advanced Level Adult Player with high basic hockey skills. Generally, players in this category played High School Varsity Level, Junior C, or Competitive Midget	7,8	Silver
A	Players that have mastered the skills of the game and would be considered an Elite Level Adult Player. Players in this category include players who participated at the highest levels of organized hockey, or professionally.	9,10	Gold

Captains

Any person may apply for captaincy subject to the applicable Season Playing Guide (see Appendix). All Captain assignments will be subject to Executive Board approval. If additional captains are needed, the Executive Board may recruit or nominate an individual. Captains will be held to a higher standard than players, as their role is vital as a facilitator of communication between their team, the referees and the MCAHA Executive Board.

Officials

Officials are required to be registered and certified in accordance with all USA Hockey requirements. Non-certified referees will not be used for any MCAHA games. Officials serve at the discretion of the MCAHA Referee Subcommittee, which is responsible for scheduling, discipline, education, and evaluation of league officials.

A two-man system is employed during game play, where both officials have equal authority. Officials will make calls in accordance with the events on and off the ice during game play. The officials will maintain control of the game and discipline players and fans accordingly.

Officials are required to be on time and present for all games they are scheduled to work. If there is one referee, the game will proceed as scheduled. They additionally should conduct themselves in a businesslike, sportsmanlike, impartial and constructive manner at all times.

Officials will be prompt in filing any necessary on-line game reports and will forward copies of any such report to the Hockey Operations Director and League Vice President immediately. Referees also may be required to provide additional information regarding any situation the Executive Board may be reviewing for supplemental discipline.

Referee compensation is determined prior to the beginning of each season. Pay rates and other applicable information is contained in the season playing guide.

Scorekeepers

Scorekeepers are scheduled at the discretion of the MCAHA Referee Subcommittee. The MCAHA Referee Subcommittee or their designee will ensure scorekeepers are properly trained on score clock operation and use of the League approved scoring system. Scorekeepers are expected to be on time and present for all games they are scheduled to work. Scorekeepers will fill out player attendance and game statistics accurately and will ensure all equipment used for scoring is returned to proper locations for next games.

Scorekeeper compensation is determined prior to the beginning of each season. Pay rates and other applicable information is contained in the Season Playing Guide.

Rules and Regulations

MCAHA Games are USA Hockey sanctioned and are played according to the current season's official USA Hockey Rule Book. The League reserves the right to add additional rules and regulations as deemed necessary.

No player can enter onto the ice surface until the 'Zamboni' doors have been shut. After one warning from a referee, a bench minor penalty will be assessed to any team whose player(s) have entered the ice surface while the 'Zamboni' is operating on the ice surface or while the 'Zamboni' doors are open.

Any player not listed on a team's roster is ineligible to take the ice for any reason. In addition, the opposing team may not "ok" a non-rostered player to play in a game. **This rule is vital in maintaining insurance coverage though USA hockey for everyone on the ice. A violation of this rule will invoke an automatic 3-game suspension for both the unauthorized player and team's Captain (per occurrence). Teams do not have the option to forfeit and use non-rostered players.**

Teams are expected to help maintain the cleanliness of Centennial Ice Arena's Benches and Locker rooms. The locker rooms are a privilege, so please show respect to the employees and the other patrons by cleaning up after your team and putting all trash in the proper receptacle. Bottles or cans of alcohol are not permitted on the benches at any time.

In the event no referees are present for a scheduled game, the game will be scheduled at a later time. Teams may utilize the ice for half ice practice or scrimmage. Teams will be expected to monitor themselves during these times and may be subject to disciplinary action if an incident occurs.

While efforts are made to avoid alterations to the schedule, the MCAHA reserves the right to cancel or alter any game due to facility malfunction or other circumstances. In the event a scheduled game is canceled, the MCAHA will attempt to reschedule the game prior to the season ending.

Penalties

MCAHA enforces a zero-tolerance policy for abuse of officials and scorekeepers. Abuse includes verbal, physical or otherwise. Any player receiving a Game Misconduct penalty for Abuse of Officials will be assessed at minimum a one game suspension on top of any suspensions required by USA Hockey rules. Repeat offenders will receive additional suspensions up to and including dismissal from the league.

There are three categories for penalties; Minor, Major and Match. See details in the applicable League Playing Guide for more details.

In accordance with USA Hockey rules, any player receiving a Game Misconduct will be ejected from the current game and is suspended for the next scheduled league game. The MCAHA Executive Board

will review all Game Misconduct penalties and will determine if supplementary disciplinary action is warranted.

Fighting

Any player(s) receiving a Game Misconduct for fighting will serve a three-game automatic suspension for the first occurrence. Any player engaging in a second fight during a single season will receive an automatic 5-game suspension and will be required to attend an in-person hearing with the MCAHA Executive Board. The League strongly discourages players from engaging in fights. All fighting incidents will be reviewed by the Executive Board and are subject to supplementary discipline depending on the circumstances.

Supplementary Discipline Meeting Procedure

Should a player receive a penalty necessitating a suspension or is otherwise engaged in actions that the Executive Board wants to review, the League Vice President will call and serve as Chairperson for that meeting. The Vice President will present the officials game report and will interview both game officials as well as the scorekeeper for additional information to be provided at the meeting. The Vice President will recruit a third person who will be an uninvolved player from a team not involved in the incident (also preferably from a different division whenever possible).

The involved player may select any person currently registered with MCAHA to assist them during any disciplinary meeting. The involved player's captain will also be required to be in attendance. Disciplinary meetings will be closed meetings between the MCAHA Executive Board and the player(s) in question. The presence of any other individuals must be requested and approved by the Executive Board.

If a Executive Board member is captain, alternate captain, is on the team of the player in question, or is otherwise involved in the incident, he/she will be excused from any official vote on the matter. An excused Executive Board Member may give witness statements in regard to incidents, but all efforts should be made to ensure the Executive Board member is not the sole provider of information. Other members of the Executive Board can be excused from the disciplinary proceeding at the discretion of the Executive Board. If a Executive Board member is suspended from play, he/she is still expected to perform all Executive Board duties assigned to their current Executive Board position.

No more than 72 hours may have elapsed from the time of the infraction and the initiation of contact between Executive Board members on the matter. The Executive Board's written decision must be given or sent to the involved player within 24 hours of the formal disciplinary meeting and **there is NO appeal of the Executive Board's decision.**

All disciplinary incidents will be logged in MCAHA's Disciplinary file. These records can and will be referenced in any future disciplinary actions involving the respective player(s).

Refunds

Prorated refunds may be issued for two reasons:

- Season ending injury.
- Relocation outside playing area.

The Executive Board will review each situation individually and notify the Player of the approval/denial of the request. Refund will be calculated based on remaining scheduled games for the season. In order to receive the refund, the player must turn in their jersey (if borrowed) and understand that they will not be allowed to play in any game or league tournament for the rest of the season.

Certification

The above Bylaws are agreed upon by all currently elected members of the Executive Board and confirmed by signatures and dates below:

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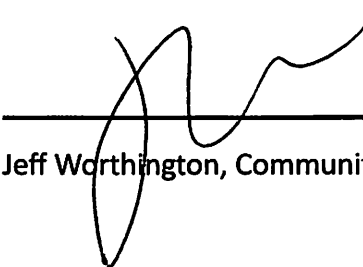
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