



# 2012-2013 UWHL ANNUAL REPORT

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## **2012-2013 UWHL LEAGUE SECRETARY REPORT**

29 league teams with 506 rostered players and 84 registered coaches. 84 Supplemental Roster submitted including coaching additions and goalie substitutions.

**Blue Division:** 4 Teams; 81 players (18 double rostered); 11 coaches.

**White D1:** 7 teams; 132 players (18 double rostered); 17 coaches.

**White D2:** 7 teams; 117 players; 11 coaches; 1 trainer.

**White D3:** 7 teams; 141 players; 25 coaches.

**Red:** 4 teams; 71 players; 20 coaches

## **2012-2013 UWHL TEAM FINAL STANDINGS AND RANKING NOTES**

Blue Teams and White Division 1 Teams played cross division games this year due to a shortage of teams in the top division. Statistics for cross division games did not count for White D1 teams but did count for Blue Division teams.

A new level of membership was created in the UWHL this year. Exhibition teams were allowed to double roster players from other teams. The players' exhibition teams were not eligible for playoffs. The players' "primary" teams were eligible for playoffs. There were at least 18 double rostered players on 3 exhibition teams (Honor, Voodoo and Bobcats D3).

The shortage of Blue Division teams (primary) resulted in an abbreviated playoffs for the division. The Freeze and Quarry Cats were the only two teams eligible for play-offs. These two teams played one Championship Game on Sunday.

<b>RED DIVISION</b>	<b>Total Wins</b>	<b>Total Losses</b>	<b>Totals Ties</b>	<b>Total Points</b>	<b>Goals For</b>	<b>Goals Against</b>	<b>Total Assists</b>	<b>Total Penalty Minutes</b>	<b>*Final Division Rank</b>
<b>Philadelphia Freeze</b>	11	2	1	23	54	12	45	16	1
<b>Mighty Moose</b>	6	7	1	13	35	36	34	38	3
<b>Delaware Bobcats</b>	0	13	1	1	11	63	10	36	4
<b>Hawks</b>	9	4	1	19	40	29	44	28	2

<b>WHITE DIVISION D-3</b>	<b>Total Wins</b>	<b>Total Losses</b>	<b>Totals Ties</b>	<b>Total Points</b>	<b>Goals For</b>	<b>Goals Against</b>	<b>Total Assists</b>	<b>Total Penalty Minutes</b>	<b>*Final Division Rank</b>
<b>Americans</b>	4	8	2	10	35	33	43	46	5**
<b>Blades</b>	2	12	0	4	19	88	14	112	6
<b>Bobcats</b>	1	13	0	2	9	67	8	41	7***
<b>Flames</b>	10	3	1	21	68	21	60	76	2
<b>Freeze</b>	9	4	1	19	50	20	54	30	3
<b>Hawks</b>	13	1	0	26	57	19	59	28	1
<b>White Lightning</b>	8	6	0	16	34	24	35	30	4

\*\* The White D3 Americans team finished the season as an exhibition team per a player review decision in November/December. The final division ranking reflects where the team would have finished if completing the season as usual.

\*\*\* The Bobcats White D3 team played as an exhibition team the entire season. They were allowed to cross-roster players from their Red team and other UWHL teams in equal or lower divisions. The final division ranking reflects their true final stats.

<b>WHITE DIVISION D2</b>	<b>Total Wins</b>	<b>Total Losses</b>	<b>Totals Ties</b>	<b>Total Points</b>	<b>Goals For</b>	<b>Goals Against</b>	<b>Total Assists</b>	<b>Total Penalty Minutes</b>	<b>*Final Division Rank</b>
<b>Black Widows</b>	9	4	1	19	60	37	74	36	2*
<b>Freeze</b>	9	4	1	19	60	35	73	36	3
<b>Patriots</b>	14	0	0	28	95	37	100	52	1
<b>Predators</b>	4	9	1	9	49	51	58	26	6
<b>Queenston</b>	6	7	1	13	30	41	35	38	4
<b>Senators</b>	0	14	0	0	18	111	22	10	7
<b>Wings</b>	5	9	0	10	46	54	53	38	5

<b>WHITE DIVISION</b>	<b>Total Wins</b>	<b>Total Losses</b>	<b>Totals Ties</b>	<b>Total Points</b>	<b>Goals For</b>	<b>Goals Against</b>	<b>Total Assists</b>	<b>Total Penalty Minutes</b>	<b>*Final Division Rank</b>
<b>D1</b>									
<b>Americans</b>	4	6	2	10	22	18	29	54	5
<b>Bobcats</b>	3	3	6	12	23	47	33	38	3
<b>Demons</b>	2	4	6	10	20	25	24	32	6
<b>Hawks</b>	4	5	3	11	18	21	30	50	4
<b>Quarry Cats</b>	6	1	5	17	34	25	32	67	1
<b>Thrashers</b>	6	2	4	16	23	14	29	64	2
<b>Storm</b>	2	6	4	8	21	31	23	56	7

<b>BLUE DIVISION</b>	<b>Total Wins</b>	<b>Total Losses</b>	<b>Totals Ties</b>	<b>Total Points</b>	<b>Goals For</b>	<b>Goals Against</b>	<b>Total Assists</b>	<b>Total Penalty Minutes</b>	<b>*Final Division Rank</b>
<b>Freeze</b>	11	1	0	22	93	11	79	22	1
<b>***Honor</b>	1	9	1	3	34	25	13	64	DNF
<b>Quarry Cats</b>	10	3	0	20	62	25	44	64	2
<b>Voodoo</b>	9	4	1	19	38	25	39	48	3

\*Final ranking is end of regular season.

\*\*\* Honor was removed from the UWHL in February and forfeited most of their season due to USAH rule violations and conduct issues.

### **LEADING SCORER AWARDS**

Red Division - Chelsea Cipriani (Freeze)

White D3 Division- Nichole Nolan (Flames)

White D2 Division - Kelsey Guldin (Patriots)

White D1 Division - Aubrey Piechoski (Bobcats)

Blue Division - Frankie Male (Freeze)

## **PLAYOFFS RESULTS**

Blue Division Champions - **Freeze**  
White Division 1 Champions - **Thrashers**  
White Division 2 Champions - **Patriots**  
White Division 3 Champions - **Hawks**  
Red Division Champions – **Freeze**

## **GENERAL ITEMS OF INTEREST**

The UWHL Classic event was held at Giant Center in Hershey on January 12, 2013. The Giant Center is home to the AHL Hershey Bears (farm team of the Washington Capitals.) 15 teams and 39 players participated in 2 games. The games were 1 hour slots with 12 minute stop clock periods and time for warm ups and photos. Players were given jerseys as part of the playing experience. Tickets were sold at \$25 for lower level seats and \$20 for upper level seats. A league profit of \$6.50 was made off each ticket. Teams not participating in the event paid the \$100 buyout fee as approved by team representatives at the annual meeting. The Treasurers Report will reflect profit and expenses for the event.

A major undertaking by the league this year was review and reconstruction of the league By-Laws, policies, procedures, and guidelines. As the UWHL grew, it became apparent that the By-Laws were outdated with some sections no longer fitting the intent of the league. A motion was passed to retain the legal services of Hopkins Bromberg LLC. The budget supported this venture and it was felt that securing these professional services would provide the UWHL with a legally current set of By-Laws and meet the expectations of our corporation requirements within the state of Delaware. Jill Roberts, of the Philadelphia Freeze organization, referred us to Hopkins Bromberg and she co-chaired the By-Laws Review Committee. Other committee members were Cassandra Pugh (Demons), Joanne Borolla (Blades), Kim Cooper (Flames), Sue Downing (Voodoo) and the Executive Committee. A draft version of the By-Laws and new Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines document was presented to all the Team Representatives in May for review. The new documents will be formally adopted at the 2013 Annual Meeting.

Divisional Meetings via conference calls were once again held this year in February. The divisional meetings began in the 2011-2012 season and were recommended again for this season. A variety of topics were discussed with the teams including an update on the by-laws development process, a suggestion to think about needed revisions to the Players of Concern Policy and other league guidance documents, and reminders on a few USA Hockey requirements for officials. Generally speaking, the meetings were well attended for each of the respective divisions.

A continued discussion point amongst the Executive Committee and Team Representatives is the proper placement of teams/players in divisions and how to handle complaints as they arise during the season. In the fall 2011 and again in 2012, Team Representatives approved the “Players of Concern Policy” in an attempt to bring a middle ground to the review of rosters and to better address concerns about “fair play” within divisions. In 2012-2013, there were two cases where complaints were filed and the “Players of Concern” policy was enacted. In working

through the process, the Executive Committee felt there were still significant gaps in the policy and more questions to be answered. There was one threat of a lawsuit against the league/league board in the fall 2011 and again in the fall of 2012. These lawsuit threats were in response to

decisions made for player placement in the divisions. The Executive Committee was able to resolve both situations through conference calls with the involved teams. The Executive Committee though does feel that the threat (no matter how serious) of lawsuits is extreme, and feels that there are better ways to work things out before they escalate to that point. The Executive Committee, to the best of its ability, tries to enact those policies and guidelines adopted by the Team Representatives. The Executive Committee, to the best of its ability, also tries to serve the league in a good-faith effort and to promote fair play and balance recreational hockey with the rules established by our league and USA Hockey.

Forfeits were among the top concerns during the 2012-2013 season. 11 games were forfeited from October through March with 6 being due to rules/regulation violations and five being due to a team's lack of ability to field a team. 3 of the 5 forfeited games required payment of ice forfeiture fees to the non-offending team. Discussion with USA Hockey stemming from a forfeit issue resulted in USAH suggesting that the UWHL look into adopting an "ice bond" policy.

Possibly for the first time in the history of the UWHL, the Discipline and Conduct Committee was convened in February to review the Philadelphia Honor, both as an organization and for individuals on their roster. The Philadelphia Honor failed to comply with several USA Hockey and UWHL rules, including the requirement to have two properly certified on-ice officials for league games. The Philadelphia Honor also owed a significant amount of money to the South Jersey Demons (forfeit - no show) and to the league (payments/fines/penalties). The individuals reviewed were Rachel Miller (Team Representative), Anthony Houlis (coach), Brian Smith (coach) and Mercedes Rutherford (player). Miller, Houlis and Smith were reviewed for their roles in the management of the Honor organization/team and Rutherford was reviewed for a conduct issued that occurred in a February game. The Committee ruled that the Honor would not be allowed to enter the UWHL for future seasons until financial debt issues were resolved, and the Committee revisited the conduct issues with the team. Miller was suspended from the UWHL for the remainder of the 2012-2013 season and through December 2013 (if she chooses to join another team). Houlis and Smith were suspended for the remainder of 2012-2013 and for the 2013-2014 UWHL seasons. Rutherford was suspended for the remainder of the 2012-2013 season and will require review by the Committee to rejoin the UWHL in the future. The Philadelphia Honor's season was suspended in late January due to player safety concerns, and the Committee ruled that the remainder of the Philadelphia Honor's 2012-2013 season would be cancelled. Their opponents were given enough notice to find other teams to play and were able to use their ice slots.

The Philadelphia Honor still owe the UWHL \$250.00 in late payment fees and fines. The South Jersey Demons are still owed \$615.00 for the Honor failing to show for a scheduled league game. The amount owed includes ice costs, referee costs and scorekeeping costs. Each player rostered with the Philadelphia Honor through the 2012-2013 season owes \$39 (payable to the UWHL) in order to play on any team (unless otherwise suspended) for the 2013-2014 season. The \$39 covers the money owed to the Demons and to the UWHL. The \$39 payment was calculated by totaling the amount of money owed (total to the UWHL and Demons) divided by the number of rostered players. The payment decision was handed down from the Conduct Committee.

Two volunteers from outside of the UWHL offered their media services to the league. Rick Woelfel (Rick Woelfel Productions), a freelance writer and reporter for newspapers in the Bucks County area, wrote several articles featuring UWHL teams, players, and referees. Rick promotes women in sports through his articles.

Christian Miller, coach and founder of a women's recreation hockey team in the Hagerstown Maryland area, designed our updated UWHL logo, the UWHL Classic logo and our t-shirts for this season. Christian was given 2 tickets to the Bears game and a t-shirt for his services to the UWHL.

## **PLAYOFFS REPORT**

Playoffs were held March 23-24, 2013 at Ice Works. This is the second year of a three-year contract with Ice Works. Ice Works has expressed interest in extending the contract for additional seasons. The 2013 Playoffs featured the League parties in the Pub area and the return of popular food options including drink specials at the Pub's bar. Each participating playoff team paid \$400.00 to cover the costs of the playoffs.

For the second year in a row, Ice Works had a conflict (last year a circus and this year the Pennsylvania State High School Championships) which resulted in Saturday's games being split across the building with games on Rink 1 and Rink 4. This split caused a need for additional volunteers.

One additional Championship trophy was purchased for the fifth division and a high scorer trophy was purchased.

Referees were selected again this year through team recommendations. A majority of the games involved women officials.

Scorekeepers/Timekeepers were scheduled through Ice Works at minimal cost to the League. There were some issues with time keepers being on time and with the accuracy of scoresheets. This may lead to discussion of providing our own scorekeepers in the future.

Volunteers from most of the participating playoffs teams helped out once again at the registration table and with party setup. Thank you for assisting the Executive Board in making the 2012-2013 Playoffs another great success!

The Red Division featured the Freeze vs. Bobcats and the Hawks vs. Mighty Moose in the first round. The Freeze and Hawks played the Championship game with the Freeze winning 6-1.

The White Division 3 featured the Hawks vs. White Lightning and the Flames vs. Freeze in the first round. The Hawks played the Freeze in the Championship and won 5-2.

The White Division 2 featured the Patriots vs. Queenston and the Black Widows vs. Freeze. The Patriots played the Black Widows in the Championship and won 5-4.

The White Division 1 featured the Quarry Cats vs. Hawks and the Thrashers vs. Bobcats. The Hawks and Thrashers faced-off in the Championship with the Thrashers winning 2-1.

The Blue Division only had two teams qualifying for playoffs. The championship game was played on Sunday between the Freeze and Quarry Cats. The Freeze won by a score of 6-1.

## PLAYOFF BUDGET REPORT

### UWHL Playoffs Proposed Budget and Previous Season Costs Summary

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>2010 (Actual)</b>	<b>2011 (Actual)</b>	<b>2012 (Actual)</b>	<b>2013 (Actual)</b>
Ice Fees	\$4,680.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,485.00
Referee Fees	\$1260.00 (\$53/ref/game)	\$1720.00 (\$72/ref/game)	\$1680 (\$70/ref/game)	\$1,560.00
Scorekeeper Fees	\$180.00	\$180.00	\$180.00	\$195.00
Party (Food/Beverages)	\$577.03	\$658.98	\$1,140.60	\$1,756.50
Supplies/Admin	Not Available	\$123.71	\$158.77	\$88.97
Trophies/Medals	\$785.45	\$547.00	\$626.75	\$535.35
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$7482.48	\$7755.69	\$8,286.12	\$8,620.82
<b>Cost Per Team</b>	\$623.54 (12 teams)	\$484.73 (16 teams)	\$517.89 (16 teams)	\$478.93 (18 teams)
<b>Fundraising Profits</b>	Not Available	\$3028.25	No Fundraiser	\$2,098.80
<b>Cost Per Team (w/Fundraising)</b>	\$527.00	\$335.00	\$325.00	\$400.00

**Notes:**

**2011-2012** - All referees were scheduled through the UWHL directly, eliminating the “finder’s fee”.

**2011** - Two team parties were added to accommodate more teams and fans. The two party format was continued in 2012 with the addition of the new Ice Works Pub food options. The changed was that teams/players/fans purchased their own beverages (Soda/Tea/Water was provided in the food costs).

**2011** - Changed trophy companies to save costs and continued with the same company for 2012.

**2013** - Playoffs will mark a \$10.00 per hour increase in ice costs per our 3 year contract with Ice Works. The cost will increase to \$245.00 per hour in **2014**.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report Jun-12		Treasurer's Report Jun-13	
<b>Starting Balance</b>		<b>Starting Balance</b>	
	<b>\$11,805.45</b>		<b>\$9,917.86</b>
<b>Income/Profit</b>		<b>Income/Profit</b>	
League Fees (\$75)	\$1,850.00	League Fees (\$100)	\$2,900.00
Playoff Monies (\$325)	\$8,125.00	Playoff Monies (\$400)	\$10,000.00
Fines /Appeals	\$475.00	Fines /Appeals	\$140.00
Flyers Fundraiser	\$0.00	Hershery ASG Fundraiser	\$9,685.00
T-Shirt Fundraiser	\$0.00	T-Shirt Fundraiser	\$1,480.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$22,255.45</b>	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$24,205.00</b>
<b>Expenses/Loss</b>		<b>Expenses/Loss</b>	
		Attorney/Bylaw Fees	\$825.00
DE Tax and DE Agent	\$148.00	DE Tax and DE Agent	\$148.00
Web Site	\$0.00	Web Site	\$0.00
Flyers fundraiser	\$0.00	Hershery ASG Fundraiser	\$6,784.50
All star jerseys	\$0.00	All star jerseys	\$1,343.00
Trophies	\$626.75	Trophies	\$535.35
Administrative: (envelopes, stamps, postage, survey monkey)	\$406.64	Administrative: (envelopes, stamps, postage, survey monkey, scoresheets)	\$492.85
Certified Letter		Certified Letter	
Travel Expenses	\$324.83	Travel Expenses	\$0.00
Bank Fees	\$0.00	Bank Fees	\$0.00
Return Playoff Monies	\$2,925.00	Return Playoff Monies	\$3,200.00
Playoff ice	\$4,500.00	Playoff ice	\$4,485.00
Referee	\$1,680.00	Referee	\$1,560.00
Scorekeeper	\$180.00	Scorekeeper	\$195.00
Tournament Fee	\$0.00	Tournament Fee	\$0.00
End-of-year Party	\$1,140.60	End-of-year Party	\$1,480.00
Team Snacks	\$158.77	Team Snacks/Tips	\$276.58
Mailing Trophies	\$0.00	Mailing Trophies	\$0.00
Beer	\$0.00	Beer	\$0.00
Misc. Expenditure -Printer Ink	\$247.00 (tshirts from last years meeting to team resps)	Misc. Expenditure Banner for ASG	\$88.97
T-Shirt Fundraiser	\$0.00	T-Shirt Fundraiser	\$938.70
<b>Total Expenses Paid</b>	<b>\$12,337.59</b>	<b>Total Expenses Paid</b>	<b>\$21,527.95</b>
<b>Balance in Checking</b>	<b>\$9,917.86</b>	<b>Balance in Checking</b>	<b>\$12,594.91</b>
<b>Difference from 2011</b>	<b>-\$1,887.59</b>	<b>Difference from 2012</b>	<b>\$2,677.05</b>