

Official Rules
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PREFACE

Mission Statement

High Plains High School Hockey League (HPHL or the League) was established in December of 2000 to promote and advance High School Ice hockey in the State of Colorado, specifically, in the Denver metro and north area (commonly known as the Front Range).

As an affiliate of USA Hockey, we agree to be guided by their core values. These are Sportsmanship, Respect for the Individual, Integrity, Pursuit of Excellence at the Team, Individual, and Organizational levels, Enjoyment, Loyalty, and Teamwork. By affiliating the sport of hockey with a player's local community, we hope to encourage the healthy expression of "school pride" in a positive environment.

The League realizes that participating teams/clubs (also referred to as Members) may not be sanctioned or recognized as bona fide representatives of a particular high school(s) or by that school's administration. Such recognition shall not be a requirement to participate in the League. We further recognize that not all schools will have enough students within their own student body to field their own pure team. Therefore the League will determine the appropriate pairings of schools, including private, charter and home schooled students, to allow for the highest level of participation possible. These "combined" schools will compete on an equal basis with the pure schools during league play.

RULE 1 - APPLICATION OF RULES

HPHL is affiliated with CAHA and USA Hockey and will abide by and act in accord with the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, Playing Rules and decisions of the Board of Directors of CAHA and USA Hockey. All coaches, managers, board members and volunteers participating in HPHL are required to register with USA Hockey. All Members are required to conduct themselves in accordance with established HPHL, CAHA, and USA Hockey standards of conduct.

RULE 2 – LEAGUE STRUCTURE

The League is governed by a Board of Directors (the "Board of Directors" or the "BOD"). The HPHL BOD is currently comprised of the following divisions: the South Division, the South Central Division, the North Division and the North Central Division. The Club Coordinators (or their designee) from each team elect one director per division ("Division Director") to serve a two (2) year term. There is also a Girls Division, which is also overseen by one director elected to a two (2) year term. The Division Directors elect a President, Vice President, and additional BOD officers as needed that serve as the Executive Committee. In the case a Division Director position becomes vacant during the

year, the BOD shall appoint an interim director, who shall be up for election to a two year term at the next Annual Meeting. The Executive Committee appoints the Grievance/Disciplinary Committee, Tournament Committee, and any other committee deemed necessary each of which is to be chaired by a member of the Executive committee or their appointee. In addition, the Board of Directors appoints an Ice Scheduler and CAHA Representative. The Board of Directors also adopts the rules for the HPHL, which are contained herein.

RULE 3 - TEAMS

3.1. Formation of New Teams. A petition to join the League must be made in writing to the BOD. Selection will be made based on:

- 3.1.1. Number of teams that can be added to the League for the upcoming season. (See 3.2.1)
- 3.1.2. Sufficient number of players available to make up a team.
- 3.1.3. Identified Manager and Coaches.
- 3.1.4. “Readiness” to play in the League, i.e. financial plan, jersey plan, etc.
- 3.1.5. The order in which the petitions were received.

3.2. Team Registration.

3.2.1. All teams, their players, and team officials shall be registered and in good standing with HPHL and USA Hockey prior to the start of League play.

3.2.1.1. HPHL does not require players to obtain financial release forms from their fall or winter teams in order to be eligible for the HPHL season.

3.2.1.2 Players that were placed on a HPHL team other than their school’s affiliated HPHL team the prior year WILL need to obtain a financial release from that team in order to return to their designated team for tryouts. It is the responsibility of the team that is owed money to notify the league and the delinquent family of the amount owed and explain that prior to being placed on a roster next season they will need to settle the outstanding debt. It is the responsibility of the player’s home team to verify that the player has been released financially from last year’s team.

3.2.1.3. If signed up for and financially committed to two teams for same season (coed and girls) the player must be in good financial standing with both teams in order to play for either team.

- 3.2.2. Each team shall have a copy of the USA Hockey (1-T) team roster that has been certified by the designated Affiliate Registrar on file prior to the start of League play. Roster changes shall be made in accordance with the rules of the CAHA and USA Hockey. Failure to do so may prohibit start of League play and/or possible forfeiture of games.
- 3.2.3. Each Member club will be required to field a Varsity team. Additional teams fielded by member clubs will be assigned to Varsity or JV divisions by the HPHL Competition Committee.
- 3.2.4. Member clubs will be required to declare the number of teams they will be fielding by the declaration date assigned by HPHL.
- 3.2.4.1. Each declared team must have a minimum of 13 skaters and one goalie registered. If a team wishes to proceed with lesser numbers they must sign a waiver indicating they will not forfeit games due to insufficient players.
- 3.2.5. Any Member association registering more than one team at the Varsity level shall assign players so as to field these teams in different tiers unless other arrangements have been approved by the BOD.
- 3.2.6. Any Member association registering more than one team at the Junior Varsity (JV) level shall assign players so as to field these teams in different tiers. In the case that only one Junior Varsity tier is available then Members registering more than one JV team will assign players so that these teams are split as evenly as possible.

3.3. Team Officials.

- 3.3.1. The Club Coordinator is elected/approved by the team (parents).
- 3.3.2. The Club Coordinator is responsible for the selection of the head coach(es) and manager(s) as necessary. The Club Coordinator may also choose to assume the role of coach or manager.
- 3.3.3. The head coach selects the assistant coaches.
- 3.3.4. Team management decisions are made by the club coordinator (and/or team manager) and the coaching staff.
- 3.3.5. Team staff are responsible for the advertising of their team(s) to eligible players.
- 3.3.6. Team staff demonstrate an understanding of the HPHL philosophy regarding “players playing for their school” and do not recruit or promise spots on their team(s) to out of area players. Team staff should contact their Division Director

anytime there is a question of where a player should tryout. HPHL makes all final decisions on which team a player is able to play for.

3.3.7. The Club Coordinator acts as a liaison between league officials and players, parents, and other team staff.

3.3.8. The Club Coordinator coordinates registration, collects player fees, assigns / delegates responsibilities such as team treasurer, scorekeeping, ordering apparel, etc. for each of the club's teams.

3.3.9. The head coach or his/her designee is responsible for the team's behavior before, during, and after league games. This includes being responsible for any facility damage caused by the team.

3.3.10. Team staff support all rules and decisions made by HPHL.

3.3.11. Team staff support requests and decisions made by the various facilities.

3.3.12. Each Club Coordinator (or designee) has one vote (one per school including JV and Varsity) at the HPHL Annual Meeting.

3.4. Team Fees.

3.4.1. Each team will be responsible to pay team fees to HPHL.

3.4.1.1. Team fees and due dates will be set by HPHL on an annual basis.

3.4.1.2. Teams that do not meet the HPHL payment deadlines will be subject to game forfeiture and possible league suspension until delinquent fees are paid.

3.4.1.3. Teams collect "player fees" from individual players to cover team fees and other expenses. Player fees and refund policies are set by each team/club.

3.5. Scholarship Policy. Division Directors shall approve scholarships based upon need and availability of funds as determined by the League on an annual basis.

3.6. Probation/Suspension Guidelines.

3.6.1. A simultaneous fight involving multiple players (three or more from the same team) may result in the team's appearance before the Grievance/Disciplinary committee and could result in the team's suspension or probation for a minimum of one season. The Grievance/Disciplinary committee may specify who the representative or representatives of the team will be that appear before the committee.

3.6.2 A player on a team that is on probation, who receives a fighting game misconduct penalty while playing for that team (615 a, d, or f), may be asked to appear before the HPHL Grievance/Disciplinary committee for supplemental discipline.

RULE 4 - PLAYERS

4.1. Player Eligibility.

4.1.1. Each player must pay an online registration fee to HPHL in order to be eligible for placement on a roster.

4.1.1.1. HPHL player registration fees are NOT refundable.

4.1.2. Dual Rostering. Players cannot be on the USAH 1-T roster of more than one HPHL coed team or more than one HPHL girls team.

4.1.3. Player Movement.

4.1.3.1. A player cannot play on a lower or other equal level team than the team he/she is rostered on. The only exception to this rule is in the instance where the other team has no goaltender (ie; the goaltender is on vacation, not academically eligible, injured and provides a doctors note, etc.). In this type of situation the Goalie or Division Director may approve a goaltender from another equal or lower level team if no other substitute can be found to play in place of the absent goaltender.

4.1.3.2. A player can move back and forth between his/her club's higher level and lower level team if they are rostered on the lower level team (ie: Varsity Tier 1 and Varsity Tier 2, Varsity and JV, JV Tier 1 and JV Tier 2) until he/she has played 4 games on the higher of the two teams. Once a player has played in 4 games at the higher level, the player is no longer eligible to play on the lower team. Substitute players from other clubs may not be used. Goaltenders are subject to rules 4.3.1.1 and 4.7.

4.1.3.3. Players participating in a game with a team other than the team they are rostered on (pulled up to their club's higher level team, substitute goalie from another team) should be added to ESS as an "affiliated player".

4.1.3.4. Participation in any League games involving unapproved player movement may result in a game forfeiture for the offending team.

4.1.4. Billeted Players.

4.1.4.1. Any billeted player that plays in HPHL for the first time is eligible to play for the school where the player is registered.

4.1.4.2. Any returning billeted player for subsequent years is eligible to play for the same team. Exceptions to this rule (such as a significant change in the billets new address) must be approved by the Player Placement Committee.

4.1.5. Player suspensions. Any player suspended by another association or League shall be ineligible to play in HPHL for the remainder of that season as defined by USA Hockey (September 1 – August 31)

4.1.6. Team Suspensions - See Rule 3.6.

4.2. Grade Policy. A player must be in good standing at their school to play in the HPHL. All players rostered in the HPHL shall adhere to the academic standards described in this rule. Players/Members agree to provide copies of grade reports when requested by the League. Any player refusing to provide proof of academic eligibility will be considered ineligible. Grades/report cards are to be provided prior to the season and prior to playoffs.

4.2.1. All players participating in the HPHL must show a minimum of a 2.0 GPA, with no “F’s” in the current semester (not the cumulative GPA). No Pass/Fail grades shall be included in the calculation of GPA. Officially designated Honors or AP classes will count one grade higher with the exception of F’s (ie; Honors or AP C = B, B = A, however, F=F).

4.2.2 All players with the exception of seniors must be registered as full time students. Seniors do not need to carry a full time class schedule, but must be on track to graduate in the spring. Seniors that have fulfilled graduation requirements but not yet received their diploma are also eligible to play.

4.2.3. Players must provide the most recent proof of grades when requested by the League, or team representative. Where possible, grades may be obtained directly from schools as a part of their sports team and club eligibility programs.

4.2.4. Players refusing to provide proof of academic eligibility will be considered ineligible.

4.2.5. Grades will only be accepted when printed on official school letterhead.

4.2.6. Players who are ineligible for games can still practice with the team.

4.2.7. 1st semester grades or current progress reports showing a 2.0 GPA or above with no failing grades are to be used for the start of season credential check.

4.2.8. 3rd quarter grades or current progress reports are to be used for playoff eligibility.

4.2.9. Grades will only be audited by Division Directors before the first official game and again prior to playoffs.

4.2.10. Should a player be ruled ineligible due to grades, they can regain their eligibility immediately upon providing the team representative (who will forward this to the Division Director) with official documentation from the school that shows the player is now within the HPHL guidelines. The player then remains eligible until the next officially scheduled HPHL review date.

4.2.11. It is the responsibility of the team representative to inform the team's coach and the Division Director of ineligible players, and to make sure their names do not appear on a game sheet during their ineligibility. If a team has played an ineligible player, they will forfeit that game and may face additional sanctions by the League.

4.3. Team Composition. Players must tryout for their school or the team their school is affiliated with. If their school does not have its own team or is not affiliated with a team they will be assigned to a near by team by the Player Placement Committee. Players that homeschool, attend open-enrollment, charter, or private schools without a team affiliation are assigned to teams based on the public school attendance area they live in. Private, charter, open-enrollment, and homeschooled players living in the attendance area of schools that are not able to take players from outside of their school due to district or school policy will be assigned to a nearby team by the Player Placement Committee.

4.4. Varsity Division. The Varsity teams are expected to compete at the highest competitive level possible.

4.4.1. Players must play for their assigned team/school. After tryouts are over any player without a team will be assigned to another team by the Division Director.

4.4.2. Reassigned players will return to their original team for tryouts the following season.

4.5. JV Division.

4.5.1. JV teams are encouraged to focus on individual skill development, equal playing time, and sportsmanship.

4.5.2. Players rostered on a Varsity team are not eligible to play on a JV team as per rule 4.1.3.2.

4.5.3. Players on Junior teams are not eligible to play on JV teams. Youth AAA players on with the exception of 9th graders are NOT eligible for JV teams. Players on a Girls AAA team may be rostered on JV.

4.5.4. Clubs that do not have enough players for a complete JV roster will be allowed to form “combined JV teams” composed of players in the same general geographic area. The formation of “combined” JV teams will be facilitated by the Division Directors.

4.5.5. It is recommended that JV players on “combined teams” be allowed to wear their own club’s home or away jersey depending on their designation of home or away.

4.5.6. Players placed on a team other than one associated with their school’s affiliated team will return to their original team for tryouts the following season.

4.6. Girls’ Division.

4.6.1. Girls may play on a co-ed team, a girls’ team, or one of each.

4.6.1.1. Girls playing on a coed and a girls team must abide by 3.2.1.3.

4.6.2. Surplus players will be referred to the Division Director for placement on another team.

4.7. Goalkeepers

4.7.1. It is recommended that all (Varsity and JV) teams have at least two goalkeepers on their official (1-T) team roster. In the event that a team is unable to roster two regular goalkeepers, the use of a “backup” is authorized according to the rules described below.

4.7.1.1. A club’s higher level goalie may serve as a backup goalkeeper in a lower level game, but may not take the ice unless the regular goalkeeper for the lower level team is unable to continue.

4.7.1.2. A goalkeeper rostered on a club’s lower level team may serve as a backup goalkeeper in a higher level game. That game will not be counted against the goalkeeper’s higher team game count unless the goalkeeper takes the ice.

4.7.1.3. If all of the goalkeepers on the team’s game roster are unable to continue, a temporary goalkeeper may be designated per Rule 203 d (see the Glossary of the USA Hockey rulebook). Otherwise, another player may be placed on the ice who shall not have goalkeeper’s privileges (per Rule 203 d).

4.7.2. The Goalie Director shall have the authority to investigate the circumstances that require the use of a backup. In the event that the Goalie Director determines that the backup was used in an effort to gain a competitive advantage, the Goalie Director shall have the authority to invalidate a game in which the backup was used or to suspend the responsible coach. The decision of the Goalie Director shall be subject to appeal to the Grievance/Disciplinary Committee.

4.7.3. In the event that a team has no regular goalkeepers available to participate in a league or playoff game, the team's coach or manager may request permission to use a replacement until either the regular or backup is able to participate. The permission to allow the use of a replacement must be approved by the Goalie Director. If the goaltender is approved by the Goalie Director, the game will count in the standings or for advancement in tournament play just as if the regular or backup goalkeeper had played.

4.7.3.1. Anytime a replacement is approved and used the scorekeeper must add the goalie to ESS as an "affiliated player" and also indicate in game notes that the player is a substitute goalie.

4.7.4. The use of a backup who does not meet the rules described herein shall cause the game in question to be forfeited to the opposing team and could lead to suspension of the head coach by the Grievance/Disciplinary Committee.

4.7.5. Goalies released from their team will be placed in a goalie pool. The Goalie Director will make every effort to place the goalies from the pool on a team in need of goalies.

4.7.6. Goalies released to the goalie pool and placed on another team will return to their original team for tryouts the following season.

RULE 5 - GAME ADMINISTRATION

5.1. League Games.

5.1.1. Team Responsibility. An adult coach and/or team representative shall accompany each team at all League games.

5.1.2. Conduct. The head coach or head coach designee shall be responsible for the conduct of their team(s) before, during, and after League games, particularly in regard to the use of dressing rooms. Incidents of damage or other conduct prohibited by these Rules and Regulations, the rules and regulations of CAHA or USA Hockey, or by law, should be brought to the attention of the League Grievance/Disciplinary Committee. The head coach or head coach designee shall be held responsible for damages or other loss caused by their team(s).

5.1.3. Spectators. Each team's representative shall take action to insure that spectators are not abusive to officials, players, team officials, or other spectators. Failure to do so could result in team suspension or game forfeiture.

5.1.4. Home Team. The home team shall furnish official game pucks, an optional paper score sheet (to be filled in and saved as a back up), a penalty box attendant, and a time/scorekeeper.

5.1.5. Away Team. The away team shall furnish a penalty box attendant.

5.1.6. Jerseys. Home teams shall wear matching jerseys, which are primarily white in color. Visiting teams shall wear matching jerseys, which are primarily dark in color. The colors of home and visitor jerseys shall be approved by the HPHL Board of Directors. Jerseys for combination JV teams can either be matching or as per rule 4.5.5.

5.2. Referees.

5.2.1. The League shall provide officials for all games.

5.2.2. If the teams start the game with less than the proper qualification of officials the game will be played to conclusion. If the proper officials are not on hand, then the game is to be rescheduled by the HPHL Scheduler unless both teams are in agreement to proceed with the game using existing officials. Agreement would need to be documented on the scoresheet prior to the start of the game. There will be no exceptions or appeals.

5.2.3. Whenever possible, referees who are immediate relatives (parents or siblings) of players or coaches shall not officiate in games in which their relative plays. Exceptions may only be granted when the teams have been made aware of the relationship of an official to a player or coach and document their agreement to proceed with the game on the score sheet prior to the start of the game.

5.3. Cancelled Games.

5.3.1. Cancellation of a game must be approved by the Ice Scheduler at least two weeks before the game date.

5.3.2. Cancelled games will be rescheduled by the Scheduler and played prior to the end of the League season.

5.3.3. In the event these rescheduling conditions cannot be met, the Scheduler and the Executive Board will consult in order to take appropriate action.

5.3.4. Failure to comply with the above-stated rules may result in forfeiture, fines, and disqualification from playoffs.

5.3.5. All Championship League games must be played on the dates scheduled by the Board of Directors.

5.3.6. Any team that fails to show up for or refuses to play a scheduled game will be subject to a \$775 fine, payable before their next scheduled game, and will be ineligible for playoffs. The \$775 deposit will be cashed and a new deposit will be required prior to playing in any further games.

5.3.6.1. A shortage of players does not constitute a reason to cancel a game.

5.4. Curfew Rule for League Games. At the end of the second period or at any time during the third period, it shall be determined whether there will be enough time to complete the game by the curfew time. If not, the remaining time for third period shall then be played under running time. Enforcement of the curfew should be noted on the scoresheet.

5.5. Mercy Rule. A six (6) goal spread during the third period will result in running the clock until either the game ends or the score differential is less than 6 goals at which point the game reverts back to stop clock.

5.6. After Game Procedure. When only one exit from the ice surface is available or where locker rooms are similarly situated, the visiting team shall proceed first to their locker room upon instructions from their coach. Once the visiting team has entered their locker room, the home team shall proceed directly to their locker room upon instructions from their coach

5.7. Electronic Scoring. All teams shall be required to properly record the participants, goals, penalties, etc. of any game in ESS to ensure disciplinary oversight for game misconducts and match penalties. The Club Coordinator or designee for the home team shall be responsible for ensuring all scoresheets are processed correctly and within the timelines outlined in this section.

5.7.1. The home team shall be responsible for providing a scorekeeper and timekeeper for all games.

5.7.2. The scorekeeper shall be responsible for recording the names of the ice officials in ESS and designating players and coaches as either “playing”, “sitting out” or “suspended”.

5.7.3. The individual listed on the official (1-T) roster as the head coach shall be designated as the head coach on the scoresheet if they are present for the game. If the head coach is not available for the game the team shall appoint and designate the individual acting as head coach prior to the start of each game. The designated head coach shall be noted as such on ESS.

5.7.4. The scorekeeper shall make sure that any coaches and/or players serving a game misconduct are identified in ESS as “suspended”.

5.7.5. The game MUST be scored live, so that the official can sign off on ESS at the conclusion of the game. Games should be uploaded within 2 hours (preferably as soon as the official signs off) of game completion. Teams that fail to enter the game are subject to a \$100 fine. Fines will be assessed per CAHA P&P, Section 10 Disciplinary Actions, Hearings, and Appeals.

RULE 6 - GAME PROTOCOL

6.1. Number of Periods-Period Length. Varsity games will consist of three (3) periods, 17 minute stop time each. The ice will be cleaned between the second and third periods. JV and Girls' games will consist of three (3) periods, 15 minute stop time each (with no ice make between 2nd and 3rd periods).

6.2. Game Start/Warm-up. The time listed in the League schedule shall be the time that both teams are to take the ice. A five minute warm-up period shall be allowed for both teams (whether or not they are on the ice) commencing at the designated starting time, or at the time the ice becomes available, whichever is later. There is no game warm-up following the second intermission. A bench minor penalty may be imposed at the discretion of the game official for delay of game to the offending team who causes a delay in the start of the third period.

6.3. Over Time during the Regular Season. Regular season games that are tied at the end of the third period will switch ends and play one (5) five minute stop time 3 v 3 extra period. If still tied at the end of the extra period the game will be over and recorded as a tie.

6.4. Equipment. Each player participating in a League game shall wear the proper equipment at all times while on the ice prior to during and following a League game as required by USA Hockey rules. This includes a full facemask or shield.

6.5. Hand Shake. Teams will shake hands after each game.

6.6. Missed Games/Make-ups. Failure to appear as scheduled may result in forfeiture. Failure to appear as scheduled because of adverse traffic and/or weather conditions necessitates that the game be rescheduled by the Scheduler and played prior to the end of the League season.

6.7. Refusal to Compete. Refusal to compete in any game is considered to be immediate forfeiture of the game. Also see 5.3.6.

RULE 7 - PENALITIES

7.1. Penalty Times. Players in all divisions shall be assessed 2 minutes for minor penalties, 5 minutes for major penalties, and 10 minutes for misconduct penalties.

7.2. Game Misconduct. A player or coach who receives a penalty requiring sitting out a game shall be suspended for at least his team's next League game. If the team has a non-league game prior to their next league game then CAHA and USA Hockey rules apply this may result in the suspended person sitting out the non-league game as well. This includes game misconduct and match penalties. A player, coach or team representative

who receives 2 game misconducts in a HPHL season (including non-league games) may be called before the Grievance/Disciplinary Committee for possible further action.

7.3. Supplemental Action by Board Member. Any Board Member observing inappropriate action(s) on or off the ice can raise the observed issue with the Board and supplemental action may be imposed in accordance with USA Hockey Rule 410.

7.4. Association Member Self-Discipline. All Member associations shall also be required to comply with the CAHA rules pertaining to supplementary discipline.

7.5. Supplemental Penalty Rules.

7.5.1. Fighting and Abuse Penalties. The following are League rules that impose supplemental discipline to *game* misconducts issued under USA Hockey rules 601d, 601e, 615a, 615d and 615f. They are intended to reduce the amount of fighting and abuse occurring at the High School Division. These rules will be imposed for violations that occur during League and/or Playoff games. The League hopes that this will reduce the amount of fighting and abuse during non-League games as well. The League may at its sole discretion apply these rules to include non-League games. Individual Clubs may impose additional penalties and suspensions at their own discretion.

7.5.1.1. Fighting or Abuse Game Misconduct. Any player in the HPHL who receives a game misconduct for violation of Rule 615 a or d (Fighting) or Rule 601 d or e (Abuse) during a HPHL or playoff game shall be subject to the following: (i) For the first offense the player will be suspended from one (1) HPHL game. (ii) A fine of \$200.00 shall be levied against the player's team. A game misconduct under 615 f results in a 3 game suspension per USA Hockey rules and also results in a \$200 fine levied against the player's team per HPHL policy. Payment arrangements must be made with the Division Director or authorized designee prior to the team participating in the next HPHL game. Failure to make payment arrangements prior to the next scheduled game will result in the team forfeiting that game. 601 e (3) is an automatic match penalty per USAH rules. There is no additional fine associated with the match penalty.

7.5.1.2. Second Fighting or Abuse- Game Misconduct. A player who receives a second game misconduct during the HPHL season for a violation of rule 615 a, d, or f or Rule 601 d or e will be suspended three (3) games. The player's team will be fined another \$200.00, which must be paid (or payment arrangements made) before the next scheduled League game. The player must also appear before the HPHL Grievance/Disciplinary committee before being allowed to play in another HPHL league or playoff game.

7.5.1.3. Leaving the Bench. Any player who leaves the bench to engage in a fight and receives a game misconduct under USA Hockey Rule 629 will be

immediately suspended pending a hearing before the HPHL Grievance/Disciplinary committee.

7.5.1.4. Simultaneous Fight. Any team / players participating in a simultaneous fight involving multiple players will result in the team being immediately placed on probation for the remainder of that season and for the following season, as provided in Rule 3.7.

7.6. Suspended Players. Players that receive a game suspension will serve the suspension during the next game according to the schedule for the team the player is rostered on. The player may not play in any games for teams at other levels until the penalty has been served.

7.7 Suspended Coaches. Coaches that are coaching more than one team and receive a suspension must serve the suspension with the team they received the game misconduct. They are eligible to continue coaching the other team(s) with which they are rostered.

7.8. Suspensions in non-HPHL games. HPHL will recognize suspensions received by players during games that are played by any USA Hockey sanctioned team, such as a Tier team. The CAHA discipline committee will coordinate the serving of suspensions when a player is playing on multiple USA Hockey sanctioned teams.

RULE 8 - ABUSE POLICIES

Abuse, harassment, screening and hazing regulations will be enforced in accordance with HPHL and USA Hockey Rules and Policies as defined in the HPHL and USA Hockey Safesport Program Handbooks (available on the USA Hockey and the HPHL web sites). Upon proof of violation of these policies, the violator may be permanently or temporarily banned or suspended from league programs and events and/or the program of its member teams. Please refer to the HPHL SafeSport Handbook for more information.