



# 2021-2022 UWHL ANNUAL REPORT

## **Commissioners**

Vacant

## **Elected Officers**

President: Kristen Iattarelli

Vice President: Lauren Solski

Treasurer: Nancy McGuire

Secretary: Karen Shull-Archer

Red Conference Liaisons: Jen Lyle

White Conference Liaisons: Kara Weber / Lisa Cervo

Silver Conference Liaison: Melanie Myers

Blue Conference Liaison: Anna Gardner

## **Appointed Positions**

Referee in Chief: Madeleine Weeks

Statistician/Webmaster/Scheduler: Charlie Hood

## **2021-2022 Season Notes**

Two Requests for Player Reviews were received, both for players in the Red Conference. A Roster Committee was formed at the start of the season, but no one from said committee was able to attend this game, which conveniently featured both players on the ice. The UWHL Referee in Chief was able to witness a game for both of these players and deemed the first player (EL) appropriate for the Red Conference. However, the second player in question (VW), was deemed too skilled for the Red Conference and subsequent action was taken to have her moved.

Roughly two months into the season, the Executive Committee became aware of a recently retired NWHL (National Women's Hockey League/ now known as the Professional Hockey Federation or PHF) player competing in the Silver Conference. The PHF is a professional women's hockey league, so this player's most appropriate Conference should have been our top conference, Blue. When faced with the swift ultimatum from the Executive Committee to move up to a Blue team or discontinue playing the rest of the season, this player opted instead to discontinue playing and remain with her Silver team as a coach.

Going forward, the Executive Committee will be spending the off-season working to amend the Conference skill level descriptions, update the Player History Survey and restructure the Roster Committee in an attempt to better enter players at appropriate levels.

The third notable item that occurred during the season was the allowance of two teams to play under Exhibition Status. Exhibition teams still play their full game schedule in their conference, but are not eligible for playoffs. Generally, team Exhibition Status needs to be decided at, or prior to the Annual meeting we hold with the Executive Committee and Team Representatives. The Executive Committee voted amongst ourselves to override that rule mid season due to a shorter game schedule, and the lingering effects of the pandemic potentially impacting attendance and roster sizes.

Vice President Lauren Solski and I notified teams in our end-of-season email to Team Representatives that our exception to the Exhibition Status deadline was for the prior season only. Teams need to consider declaring Exhibition Status at the May 31st deadline if they are starting the season off with a short roster to begin with, as to account for any mid-season player attendance issues. This will be firm for the coming season.

Lastly, we did not do fundraising of any kind this season. We are expanding our Executive Committee to include Appointed Positions, one of which will hopefully focus on fundraising endeavors.

## **2021-2022 UWHL Secretary's Report**

The UWHL had four Conferences – Red, White, Silver, and Blue. One new team entered the Red Conference for the 2021-2022 season, the Jaguars Red. One new team entered the Silver Conference for the 2021-2022 season, the Quarry Cats Black. No new teams entered the White, or Blue Conferences. The Bridgewater Wings of the Silver Conference were unable to field a team for the 2021-22 season. No teams switched Conferences from the prior season.

### **League Statistics**

Conference	Teams	Total Rostered	Skaters Rostered	Goalies Rostered	Players/ Team	Average Age	# Coaches	Coaches/ Team
Red	7	134	116	11	18.1	38.2	8	1.0
White	11	230	194	26	20.0	41.9	10	0.9
Silver	5	108	91	13	20.8	37.1	4	0.8
Blue	4	80	66	9	18.8	30.0	5	1.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>59</b>			<b>27</b>	
Average					19.5	36.8		1.0

Unique Skaters 451\*

Unique Goalies 41

Unique Coaches 27

Total Unique Individuals 519

\*Skaters Rostered (467) exceeds Unique Skaters (451) due to dual rostering on exhibition teams

### **Player Review Statistics**

New this season was the allowance of “Probationary” in the Player History Survey votes. Players voted “Probationary” by the Team Representatives were allowed to play in their requested Conference for three games or Dec 1, 2021, whichever came first. The Player History Surveys of the Probationary Players were then re-voted as “Approve” or “Deny” by the Team Representatives.

34.5% of players were reviewed/submitted histories this season

170 Total Reviews

492 Active Players (Goalies and Skaters)

	# Reviewed	# Approved	% Approved	# Denied	% Denied	# Probationary	Re-Vote Result
Red	60	54	90.0%	2	3.3%	4 (6.7%)	1 to White; 2 not rostered; 1 denied
White	48	47	97.9%	0	0%	1 (2.1%)	Approved
Silver	26	25	96.2%	1	3.8%	0	N/A
Blue	37	37	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>95.3%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>5 (2.9%)</b>	
<b>Total (Excluding Blue)</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>94.0%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>5 (3.7%)</b>	

## **2021-2022 UWHL Treasurer's Report**

The UWHL bank account as of season end has a balance of \$15,481 which is a decrease of \$1,960 versus the end of last season. This reflects an increase in expenses versus revenue over the length of the season. Non-profit corporations are generally advised to carry at least 3 years operating expenses in reserve (to make sure the corporation can thrive even if there was a change to revenue). Our current season expenses average about \$22,000 per season (over the last 6 seasons), and our bank balance therefore represents less than one season of expenses. The goal of the corporation each season is to come as close to \$0 as possible when balancing revenue and expenses.

The greatest impact financially for the organization this season was not having a fundraiser. It will be important to have one next year.

Recurring expenses for this season included \$111.94 in website costs for Sport Engine, \$99 to Diamond Scheduler and \$70.00 in corporate tax fees owed to the State of Delaware.

## **2021-2022 UWHL Final Standings and Ranking Notes**

<b>Red</b>	<b>PTS</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Record</b>
Americans Honor	21	12	9	0	3	54	22	9-0-3
Bobcats	17	12	7	2	3	38	18	7-2-3
Mighty Moose	16	12	7	3	2	58	31	7-3-2
Jaguars	12	12	6	6	0	26	36	6-6-0
Reapers	12	12	5	5	2	25	26	5-5-2
Freeze	6	12	3	9	0	16	41	3-9-0
Patriots	0	12	0	12	0	7	50	0-12-0

<b>White</b>	<b>PTS</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Record</b>
Hawks White	20	10	10	0	0	33	14	10-0-0
Queenston	15	10	7	2	1	21	15	7-2-1
Freeze	13	10	6	3	1	31	18	6-3-1
Jaguars	12	10	4	2	4	17	18	4-2-4
Hawks Black	11	10	5	4	1	20	15	5-4-1
Lightning	11	10	5	4	1	18	16	5-4-1
Quarry Cats	10	10	4	4	2	15	24	4-4-2
Predators	9	10	3	4	3	9	13	3-4-3
Flames	6	10	2	6	2	22	36	2-6-2
Americans Valor	2	10	0	8	2	0	8	0-8-2
Patriots	1	10	0	9	1	0	9	0-9-1

<b>Silver</b>	<b>PTS</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Record</b>
Voodoo	16	12	6	2	4	39	33	6-2-4
Quarry Cats	14	11	6	3	2	39	17	6-3-2
Black Widows	13	11	6	4	1	45	32	6-4-1
Bobcats	8	12	3	7	2	46	65	3-7-2
Thrashers	7	12	3	8	1	23	45	3-8-1

<b>Blue</b>	<b>PTS</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Record</b>
Freeze	12	9	5	2	2	35	19	5-2-2
Jaguars	11	9	5	3	1	40	30	5-3-1
Patriots	10	9	5	4	0	30	26	5-4-0
Phoenix	3	9	1	7	1	13	43	1-7-1

## **Playoffs Report & Results**

UWHL Playoffs were held March 19-20, 2022 at Hatfield Ice Arena in Colmar, PA. This is the fourth year the UWHL has held playoffs at Hatfield. The rink provided and scheduled scorekeepers as well as let us borrow tables, microphones, and other various supplies. The UWHL Vice President Lauren Solski, along with Brian Peca, the General Manager of Hatfield Ice Arena, took care of all game scheduling and the UWHL Referee in Chief, Madeleine Weeks oversaw the scheduling of all referees. All playoff eligible teams submitted a player to volunteer for an hour time slot on either Saturday or Sunday. This was extremely helpful to the Executive Committee members running the event.

Three days prior to the start of playoffs, the Executive Committee was informed that the Lightning, a playoff eligible team in the White Division, would no longer have the required number of players necessary to play. (See PPG Section 6.8) The Lightning's playoff spot would be forfeited and the next eligible team, the Concord Flames, would take their place as the 8th seed in the White B Division.

A problem occurred Saturday morning upon arrival at Hatfield Ice Arena. The rink had been double-booked with a youth tournament unbenounced to the Executive Committee. This tournament took up our normal registration location in the lobby and made it difficult to adapt without the General Manager being present.

All players were required to sign in for each game at the registration table in the main lobby. The volunteer working the check-in table checked each player's name against a printed eligibility sheet before allowing the player to sign the scoresheet. An Executive Committee member at the table double-checked the sign-ins against the eligibility sheet before the sheet went to the game. Later on, it was decided that the scoresheets would be pre-filled out with eligible player's names to save time.

This season's playoffs featured catering by the café at Hatfield. Food and drinks were available for all teams to enjoy throughout Saturday from 10:30am-7:30pm. This included food trays with take away boxes, grab and go snacks, and a variety of drinks. The catering was stationed in the Blue Rink Meeting Room. The room was brand new and was located upstairs off the catwalk. Players were able to watch games from the room as well as come and go freely as it had an open door to the rink.

PhilMar Photography continued his ongoing relationship with the UWHL by taking photos of all playoff games and providing prints to the championship teams. Team photos were taken before each semi-final game on Saturday. All photos from the weekend are posted and available for purchase at: <https://www.philmarphotos.com>

The Executive Committee decided to give free t-shirts to all players and coaches on playoff eligible UWHL teams. They were designed by UWHL Vice President Lauren Solski and Julia Plescia and printed by Jaguars Red Director, Dawn Yergey. The t-shirts were available for pickup at the registration table and each team's order was grouped together for pickup.

At the conclusion of every Championship game on Sunday, there was an award ceremony. Teams were respectful of this process except for a minor incident in the Red Division when both teams were asked to line up on the blue lines. All of the winning team's coaches and/or Captains were prepared to call up and announce the names of their players to receive medals from the Executive Committee. Losing teams were then formally dismissed by the Executive Committee and the Champion's trophy was presented to the Captains of the winning teams. All winning teams had time with the trophy and took it back to their locker rooms to celebrate. The trophy was returned to the registration table after each celebration in time for the next game.

There were not enough Executive Committee members assisting with playoffs this year. Those that were around to direct the event were put in positions where they were understaffed and had to rely on the assistance of players, family and friends to run the event successfully. We will be making changes to our Executive Committee requirements in order to avoid situations like this in the future.

In the Red Division, the Jaguars beat Americans Honor 4-2 and the Mighty Moose beat the Bobcats 3-0. The Mighty Moose played the Jaguars in the Championship and won 3-2

In the White A Division, Hawks White beat the Jaguars 5-1 and the Freeze beat Queenston 3-0. Hawks White played the Freeze in the Championship and won 4-3

In the White B Division, the Concord Flames beat Hawks Black 7-5 and the Lady Predators beat the Quarry Cats 3-2. The Lady Predators played the Concord Flames in the Championship and won 3-1

In the Silver Division, the Voodoo beat the Bobcats 3-0 and the Quarry Cats beat the Black Widows 6-5. The Quarry Cats played the Voodoo in the Championship and won 3-0

In the Blue Division, Phoenix beat the Freeze 1-0 and the Lady Patriots beat the Jaguars 2-4. The Lady Patriots played Phoenix in the Championship and won 1-0.

Red Division Champion	Mighty Moose
White A Division Champion	Hawks White
White B Division Champion	Lady Predators
Silver Division Champion	Quarry Cats
Blue Division Champion	Lady Patriots

## **Website Report**

SportsEngine HQ Premium (Billed Annually) expires on August 24th 2022. It is set for renewal again for a price roughly estimated to \$1,111.94.

GoDaddy domain hosting was extended until October 21, 2026.

DiamondScheduler will need to be renewed for another year at a price of \$99.

## **Statistician's Report**

Hatfield assigned scorekeepers did a less than adequate job at filling out the scoresheets for Playoffs this year. Many games had incomplete data which made goals/penalties/SOG/etc difficult to accurately track.

Several teams had issues with USPS delivering scoresheets via the mail so the Executive Committee discussed the priority of sending a digital copy of the white scoresheet via SMS/email before sending it in the mail.